

HELP JAPAN!

As the result of earthquake and fire the people of Japan have suffered unprecedented loss of life and property. The number is not yet known, but certainly more than a hundred thousand human lives have been snuffed out and many millions of dollars' worth of property has been destroyed. It is the most terrible catastrophe of modern times. Millions of survivors are left without food, clothing, homes, or means for securing subsistence. Their pitiable condition cries out for sympathy and aid.

President Coolidge has appealed to the American people for \$5,000,000 and indicates the Red Cross as the agency through which contributions should be made.

Through our own Bishop Atkins and Dr. Pinson, secretary of our Board of Missions, the authorities of our Church urge all our pastors to take a free-will offering in their churches and forward it immediately to the Board of Missions at Nashville, Tenn.

In some churches the offering was taken last Sunday. Where it has not already been done, the offering should be taken next Sunday. This is a cause which should meet with instant response. Japan was our ally during the war. She has accepted the terms of the Disarmament Agreement. Our relations have always been friendly. When San Francisco was stricken Japan contributed more liberally than any other nation. We have tried to help her people spiritually. Now they are in dire need. If we do not respond speedily and generously, the Japanese would have a right to doubt the sincerity of our profession of interest. We are wasting our substance in riotous living. Unless we hear the cry of the needy, stop our own folly, and help our afflicted brothers across the sea, we are in grave danger of softening of the brain and hardening of the heart. "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Now is our opportunity to be abundantly blessed, and to make our God glad that He has prospered us.

HONOR THE CONSTITUTION.

As the Fourth of July is the natal day of our deliverance from kingly tyranny, so is September 17 the birthday of genuine constitutional government, because on that day 136 years ago the Constitution of the United States came into being.

Although it embodies English concepts, it was unlike the so-called English Constitution, which was a gradual growth and not a creation. No other nation had ever possessed such a definite and practical fundamental law. Every nation that has since that day adopted a constitutional form of government has been consciously affected by the example of our Constitution.

William Pitt, one of England's greatest statesmen, said, after reading our Constitution: "It will be the wonder and admiration of all future generations and the model of all future constitutions."

William E. Gladstone, the greatest Englishman of the Nineteenth Century, said: "So far as I can see, it is the greatest piece of work ever struck off at a given time by the brain and purpose of man."

When the Constitution was framed in 1787 the original thirteen colonies were in a weak Confederation whose perpetuation seemed almost impossible. During the sitting of the convention there were periods of such difficulty that a successful issue was at times improbable. Of that occasion George Washington two years later said: "I can almost see the divine hand of Providence during those days when the Constitutional Convention was assembled, and we had all reason to fear that misery, confusion and darkness were coming upon us."

When our government was organized under the Constitution, instead of a divided and unstable group of struggling States, our people became a nation capable of a united and coherent life.

The temporary defects were remedied by ten amendments, suggested largely by Thomas Jefferson, who was in Europe when the Convention was deliberating. This improved instrument, with only one additional amendment, served to maintain our institutions until it was further modified as a result of the War between the States. In recent years, as new conditions have required, several other amendments have been adopted.

The Constitution is notable because of its brevity and its simplicity. It embodies merely the principles upon which our government is founded. It brought our government into existence, but leaves

BUT YE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, AN HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PEOPLE; THAT YE SHOULD SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELOUS LIGHT; WHICH IN TIME PAST WERE NOT A PEOPLE, BUT ARE NOW THE PEOPLE OF GOD; WHICH HAD NOT OBTAINED MERCY, BUT HAVE NOW OBTAINED MERCY.—I Peter 2:9-10.

the government free, under a few guiding principles, to adapt itself to changing conditions and needs.

As the Constitution is fundamental and laws of Congress and Legislatures are secondary and auxiliary, it became necessary for the Supreme Court, from time to time, to interpret the Constitution and decide whether the laws were in harmony with the fundamental law. It has been charged by men impatient of delay that thus the Supreme Court has usurped power and become an irresponsible law-making body. This is not true. This power is inherent in the Court and its occasional exercise has been absolutely necessary to maintain the integrity and authority of that primary instrument which was intended to protect minorities and the weak from hasty and ill-considered action. The people are not thereby thwarted. If they desire that which the Court declares is forbidden by the Constitution, they can in due time and by a legitimate method so amend the Constitution as to empower Congress or Legislature to enact the desired law. This is well illustrated in the process by which it became possible for Congress to pass an income-tax law.

It is this rigidity, with the opportunity to modify by carefully considered action, which has enabled our people to make such marvelous but sane political progress. Human rights and property rights (which are only a disguised form of human rights) have been so clearly understood that men and organizations have usually been able to move forward with safety. When a new and unforeseen condition would arise, the Constitution was not an insurmountable barrier, but a safety brake restraining until the situation could be grasped and comprehended. Then, if an amendment seemed necessary to accommodate the Constitution to changed conditions, it has been adopted. Thus we have government, not by first impulse, not by prejudice, not by revolution, but by deliberation, by convinced and approving majorities so great that they cannot be questioned nor ignored.

The prohibition situation demonstrates the value of our process. If prohibition had come through action of a bare majority of Congress, instead of two-thirds, and by ratification of a mere majority of the States, instead of three-fourths, its desirability and perpetuity would be open to question. It is the resistance of the dissatisfied and desperate minority which now arouses real patriots, men who the study of history realize that our stability and believe in constitutional government and who by prosperity as a people depend upon allegiance to our Constitution. These men, in recent months, have organized a Constitution Anniversary Association, and are asking that Sunday, Sept. 16, as being nearest to the natal day of the Constitution, shall be used by the Churches of America to present the lessons of the Constitution and appeal for recognition of its sacredness and authority. This is well. Too many of our people know nothing of the influence of the Constitution upon the life of our nation. It is necessary that we honor our any sense a law-abiding people. Let us remember that ours is a government of the people organized under a Constitution, by a people who have agreed to principles embodied in a Constitution, for a people who have developed under the protection of a Constitution. Other forms of government may be good for other peoples, but, under our Constitution, we have become the most powerful nation on earth, and, with all our weaknesses, we have more people with real liberty and greater opportunity than ever gathered before under one flag. It behooves us to perpetuate the institutions which have enabled us to enjoy more of the blessings of

life than have any other people in human history.

While we are considering the Constitution of the United States let us also consider the Constitution of our own State, which is for us a part of the Constitution of the United States, since it and all laws under it must conform to the principles of the Federal Document.

Our Constitution, adopted in 1874, is the result of experience and political wisdom. It has been amended from time to time, as new issues demanded.

Amendments are valid only as they receive a majority of all the votes cast in a regular election. Repeated attempts have been made by radicals or men anxious to accomplish some specific purpose, to change the Constitution or interpretation so that a majority of votes on an amendment (no matter how few) will adopt the amendment. This is an attempt, however well meaning, to take advantage of the less alert and less informed citizens, the weak and helpless whom a Constitution is intended to protect. It is argued that this is necessary to secure progress. That is a disingenuous fallacy. The proper way to secure progress is for the progressive people to present strong measures and then convince a majority of citizens of their worth. Practically every man who votes is capable of understanding a reasonable and worthy amendment. Those who desire it should be compelled to prove the value of their measure. If they cannot do it today, the measure is premature. If our Constitution may be changed by any little scheming minority, it ceases to be a Constitution in the true sense. It is no longer fundamental.

We mention this matter now, because the call for a special session of the Legislature suggests the amending of our present law "affecting voting upon constitutional amendments." We know that this is intended to make it possible to amend the Constitution by counting for the amendment all who do not think to vote against it. This is a virtual conspiracy against the Constitution and against the people. We warn our readers, and urge them to confer with their representatives and senators and request them to oppose such an undemocratic law. The people in their wisdom have defeated dangerous amendments in the past. If the law which will be offered is passed, hereafter practically every amendment will be adopted. Do you want that? Are you willing, in order to get one amendment which you seek, to take every amendment submitted? Will you take heed before it is too late?

THE GRAECO-ITALIAN IMBROGLIO.

The occasion of Italy's attack on Greece was provoking, and we could not blame Italy for demanding proper reparation for the injury; but the extraordinary ultimatum and the attack without giving Greece time to act are nothing less than vindictive, brutal, and cowardly. Greece is weak and almost helpless. Italy is relatively strong. Her conduct is that of a big, blustering bully threatening a defenseless boy. Why did not Italy pick on a nation comparable in size? Would she have acted so hastily and arrogantly if England or France had been the offender? Is there not some ulterior motive? Does Mussolini, who knows nothing of foreign diplomacy, seek to consolidate his forces at home by raising a row with a weak rival nation? Is it not a big game of bluff?

Greece has acted with commendable patience and dignity, perhaps, because of her weakness. She, too, has the reputation of being a "scraper" when dealing with the minor nations. Now she has opportunity to "try the shoe on the other foot." If Greece were strong, she would not be meek; it is not her nature.

In view of the past sins of Greece, we are not shedding tears over her humiliation; but we are profoundly stirred by the conduct of Italy, and her apparent desire to start another war. We might suppose that, impoverished and not yet recovered from the desolating effects of one war, Italy would hesitate before plunging into another. But, no; instead of ending war, one war seems only to gender hate that leads to another war.

We are not arguing that it was not the duty of the United States to intervene in order to give victory to the more righteous cause; but we might have known that our engaging in that particular war would not end all war. Only such readjustments and alliances as will reduce friction and rivalry, on the one hand, or insure swift and certain punish-

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. J. L. Dedman is assisting Rev. S. C. Dean at a meeting at Wilmar.

Rev. A. C. Rogers assisted the pastor, Rev. Van Harrell, in a revival meeting in Redfield last week.

Rev. W. C. Watson, Blytheville, assisted Rev. R. A. Teeter at Lepanto in a meeting the past week.

Rev. J. P. Lowry of Henderson Church, Little Rock, is spending a short vacation with relatives in Fort Smith.

Born on August 7, to Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Riggs, of Lavaca, a son. They have named the new arrival James Harold.

Mrs. J. F. Simmons, wife of Presiding Elder J. F. Simmons, and daughter, Mary Ellen, spent the summer in Fayetteville.

Rev. J. D. Hammons, pastor of First Church, Texarkana, will next Sunday preach the opening sermon for Hendrix College.

Pastor E. D. Galloway is reported to be in a great meeting at Keo this week, with eight to ten conversions at each service.

Rev. C. E. Whitten of Strong, has just closed a good meeting at Rhodes Chapel. Rev. J. B. Sims of Huttig did the preaching.

Dr. O. E. Goddard closed a meeting at Beebe last week. There were 42 additions to the church, 11 of whom were heads of families.

Miss Mildred Louise Fitzhugh, daughter of Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, pastor at Eudora, is entering Henderson-Brown College this fall.

Rev. O. L. Cole of Clarendon writes: "Have had a good summer. Helped four of my brethren in meetings. Received 106 into the church."

Rev. Doyle T. Rowe of Hatfield has been released from his charge by Bishop Atkins and Rev. L. A. Alkire has been appointed to this charge.

Rev. L. C. Gatlin of Richmond and Rev. J. D. Hammons of First Church, Texarkana, Forded it out west this summer. Each reports a great trip.

Miss Minnie E. Kennedy of the General Sunday School Board has been granted a five months' leave of absence for special study in Columbia University.

After nine happy months as pastor's assistant at First Church, Pine Bluff, Rev. Neil Hart resigned last week to continue his studies in Hendrix College.

In addition to filling the important pastorate at Arkadelphia, Rev. J. L. Cannon has an afternoon appointment at Caddo Valley where he conducted revival services all last week.

Mrs. W. C. Watson of Blytheville and two daughters, have recently returned from Boston where they spent a delightful two months visiting Rev. and Mrs. Watson's married daughter.

Rev. Robert L. Jackson is visiting in Arkansas en route from Dallas to San Francisco where he goes as pastor of Fitzgerald Memorial church. He is a Hendrix College man and always succeeds.

While returning from the Training School at Forrest City last Monday night Rev. J. H. O'Bryant of Earle was taken suddenly ill and at this date is said to still be in a very serious condition.

First Church, Blytheville, will be hostess to the Standard Training School for the Jonesboro District, September 30-October 5. Bishop Atkins has promised to be there and they are expecting great results.

Hon. James B. Reed of Lonoke, who has been nominated for Congress in the Sixth District to succeed the late Hon. L. E. Sawyer, is a former student of Hendrix College and has been prosecuting attorney.

Among other pastors answering the call of the college this fall are Rev. W. J. Clark of Sheridan who enters Drew Theological Seminary, and Rev. H. A. F. Ault of Sparkman who returns to Henderson-Brown.

Rev. C. N. Clark, who has been pastor of Lafayette Park Church, in St. Louis, for four years, has been transferred to the West Virginia Conference and stationed at First Church, Ashland, Ky.—St. Louis Chr. Advocate.

Rev. Edwin Bruce, of Texarkana, who received the B. D. degree at Yale last June, is home visiting his parents. He has filled the pulpit at First Church while at home. He will return to do some special work this winter.

Dr. J. T. Buchholz, professor of Botany at the University of Arkansas, has been doing advanced work at the Carnegie Institute, Cold Springs Harbor, Long Island, in connection with his theory of developmental selection in plants.

Among other preacher families making the trip to Mt. Sequoyah by auto this summer was the Whaley family of First Church, Pine Bluff. The Whaleys made the trip from Rogers via the Eureka Springs, Harrison, Jasper route to Conway in eleven hours.

Ex-Governor H. S. Hadley has been elected president of Washington University, St. Louis. After the expiration of his term as governor of Missouri he became professor of law in the University of Colorado, and was counsel for the Colorado Railroad Commission.

There may be better appointments in the conference than the one you are now serving, but appointments are pleasant or hard only as preachers and people adjust themselves or do not adjust themselves to each other and a workable program.—St. Louis Chr. Adv.

Among the callers at Methodist Headquarters last week were Dr. O. E. Goddard, Conway; Rev. H. H. Griffin, Newport; Rev. W. B. Hays and Rev. R. C. Morehead, Conway; Rev. Lester Weaver, Corning; Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Dumas; and Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, Eudora.

The youth who fails in appreciation and kindly consideration of his parents and brothers and sisters is missing the finest cultural influences this world knows and has doomed himself to a life of loneliness. Congeniality is the basis of all friendships.—St. Louis Chr. Adv.

In the death of Hon. Jack Walker of Fayetteville the State has lost one of its wisest and best public men. As collector of internal revenues and member of the Legislature he was always faithful to duty and the interests of the people. We need more such men in public life.

Lieut. Mason E. Mitchell, formerly of Conway, who has been on duty at the Boston Navy Yard for three years has been assigned to the U. S. naval station, Virgin Islands, West India, and will be supply and disbursing officer at St. Thomas. He is an old Hendrix College student.

Dr. Paul B. Kern of S. M. U., with his family spent last Thursday night in Little Rock enroute by auto from a vacation in the East to Dallas. Dr. Kern is engaged to teach one of the courses in the Arkadelphia District Training School to be held in Hot Springs, October 15-19.

The influence of the church paper is directly as the mass of its circulation. Where every family has it the total influence on opinions in the church is distinctly felt. Where only a few take it, it may aid the opinions of the few, but how can it command the attitude of the church as a whole.—Selected.

Rev. Don C. Holman and his family have our deep sympathy in the loss of their oldest boy who was buried in Memphis by Rev. William Sherman

last Thursday. At the time another son was in the hospital for an operation for appendicitis. May God hear the prayers for these dear friends.

The Cleveland-Culpepper party closed a great meeting at Bastrop, La., September 3. The churches were wondrously revived and over 100 applied for church membership, either on profession of faith or by letter. Their present engagement is at Lake Village, where they are now in the midst of a meeting.

Extensive repair work is under way at our Methodist Orphanage buildings in Little Rock. Among other improvements will be noted the addition of spacious sleeping porches to the dormitory. The work is under the direction of Dr. James Thomas who recently succeeded Bro. Thornburgh as president of the Orphanage.

A newspaper has only two things to sell—subscriptions and advertising. It must get an adequate rate for both if it is to live and serve the community. It cannot give its papers and advertising space away and pay bills. Its service to the community is such that it is worth all and more than it asks.—Danville Democrat.

The United States Steel Corporation has notified J. S. Wannamaker, president of the American Cotton Association, that it would contribute \$25,000 a year for three years to be used in fighting the boll weevil. This is done because the officers of that corporation believe that the cotton industry is vital to the progress and prosperity of the whole nation.

The following pastors are among those who forwarded ten or more subscriptions and renewals from their charge during the campaign just closed, but were too late to be counted in last week's issue: Rev. W. R. Harrison, Twenty-eighth St. Church, City; Rev. V. A. Higgs, Spring Hill; Rev. C. D. Meux, Mt. Ida; Rev. C. E. Whitten, Strong; Rev. M. R. Lark, Pea Ridge.

Rev. R. E. Nollner, after spending two weeks at Mt. Sequoyah, where he directed the Epworth League program, has been spending a few days with friends and relatives in Missouri. He spent a few days in St. Louis en route to Nashville. He reports a great League Conference at Mt. Sequoyah and speaks in highest praise of the assembly and the improvements.—St. Louis Chr. Adv.

The many friends of Prof. and Mrs. Ed McCuiston deeply sympathize with them on account of the death of their baby, James Fred, at Wilson last week. The baby had been sick all summer, but it had been hoped with the approach of cooler weather he would recover. They had just moved to Wilson where Prof. McCuiston takes up his duties as superintendent of the Wilson High School.

Rev. J. L. Dedman and his choice people of McGehee have completed a beautiful parsonage costing approximately \$5,000. It has a sun parlor, sleeping porch, breakfast room, attractive electric fixtures, and other modern features. It is thoroughly modern in architectural design with hardwood floors throughout. Bro. Dedman says that they are going to build a new church in the near future.

Last Friday Rev. H. H. Hunt of Vilonia, accompanied by three of his boys, called. He had just returned from Greenbrier where he had helped in a meeting resulting in 19 conversions. During the summer he and his junior preacher, Rev. J. L. Rowland, have held meetings at Vilonia and the country appointments, and have had about 200 conversions and over 100 additions to the church. Bro. Hunt is one of our most successful pastors.

Most of the articles on the states, which have appeared in *The Nation*, have been severely critical, and, as in the case of Arkansas and Alabama, positively libelous. The last article is on Nebraska and is a eulogy, but the principal ground for commendation is that most of the settlers of that State were of foreign birth. Such great citizens as J. Sterling Morton and W. J. Bryan are not mentioned, and yet without these names Nebraska would be less known than any State in the Union.

It is announced that Dr. Bradford Knapp, dean of our College of Agriculture at Fayetteville, has accepted the presidency of the Oklahoma A. & M. College. We regret exceedingly to lose him, as he is a strong man and has been magnifying the cause of agriculture, but he goes to a position of great opportunity and usefulness with a larger salary. Thus by our failure to support our State University and because of the agitation for removal, we cannot hold the men we need in our institutions.

If the work on any charge has not been satisfactory during the year, if no revival meetings have been held, if the number of additions has been very small, if the Sunday school has made no progress, do not put all the blame on the pastor. There are probably several hundred members in that church who might have been more regular in attendance, more sympathetic and helpful. The failures of any charge with two or three hundred members can

hardly with justice be placed upon the one lone preacher.—St. Louis Chr. Adv.

Mrs. E. T. McDermott, after having spent the summer in New York studying, has opened her studio of Expression of Dramatic Art at her home, 1117 West 23rd. Mrs. McDermott, who was formerly Miss Dell Parke, is a graduate of Galloway and a reader of rare ability.

In a recent letter from Miss Mary Tinney, secretary to J. L. Neill, Prague, Czecho-Slovakia, she says in part: "Our evangelistic campaign has opened and we are having even greater success than we had last summer and the work seems to be of a more constructive nature. Our Biblical Seminary will open about the first of October. Last year we had only the first year of the Course of Study as gotten out by the College of Bishops. This year we will also have a class in the second year's work. We are hoping for even greater success this year in this school."

Be sure to read, on page 14, the article, "Our Arkansas Hero." Our people should be proud of the record made by Herman Davis, the modest soldier, who was selected by General Pershing as one of the 100 World War heroes, and especially of the fact that he was fourth on the list. The movement to raise \$100,000 to mark his grave and erect a shaft in memory of all the Arkansas veterans and establish a Herman Davis scholarship at our State University, is worthy of hearty support. Let all be ready to respond to the appeal which is made by H. W. Dunning, director of the Herman Davis Memorial Association, Little Rock.

HOME FROM CANADA.

After an absence of one month on my trip to Canada, I returned last Friday. My trip cost the paper not a penny and was very pleasant and profitable to me. The weather was ideal. I was uncomfortably warm only a few hours one day. I gained in weight ten pounds. Many delightful acquaintances were formed. My travel letters will continue for several weeks, and the results of my observations will be given. I trust that they may be helpful to my readers and promote a better understanding of our Northern neighbor.—A. C. M.

CANADIAN NATIONAL SCENERY.

From the international boundary through Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Edmonton, the country is prairie, in some places as level as a floor, in others gently undulating, nowhere much broken. West of Edmonton for 150 miles it continues level and open, although there is a gradual ascent of 1,000 feet.

I traveled this last stretch at night, but, rising with the sun, I was observing the rapid changes. A range of mountains now appears high above the plain, and the turbulent Athabaska River displays its milky current. Following its curves, we come to an expansion of the river called Brule Lake. Ahead are seen towering peaks, and as the valley opens we seem to be in a wide park fenced with sierras. The outlook is magnificent, as from an altitude of 3,400 feet we see nearby peaks 11,000 feet high.

We stop at Jasper, board an automobile, and soon are at Jasper Park Lodge three miles away, on the shore of Lac Beauvert, an arrow-shaped body of water so deep and clear that it reflects in heightened tints the images of forest, rock, and sky. It is nature's inverted picture gallery.

The Jasper Park Lodge, owned and operated by the Canadian National Railway, is a one-story building of fir logs peeled and oiled. It is artistically rustic. The foundation and pillars are of big boulders and the decorations are of gnarled and twisted limbs and trunks. The mail-box is the butt of a hollow log gnawed half through by beavers. There is a large lounging room, big dining room, and bed rooms with wide verandah along the 300 feet of front. The ceiling of the lounge is the high roof. An immense stone fire-place adds warmth.

Grouped at either end are log cottages, very tasteful in appearance. Each has four rooms, hall, bathroom, toilets, electric light, and steam heat. They are nicely furnished and are thoroughly comfortable in all kinds of weather. The menu and service are excellent. The lowest price per day is \$5, but compared with similar advantages and accommodations elsewhere the charge is moderation itself. There is ample opportunity for rest, recreation, and social life of a high type.

Provision is made for motor trips to objects of special interest. In the morning I went out six miles to the Maligne Canyon. Above, the water flows into Medicine Lake, but a part escapes through some subterranean channel. That which is visible pours into a chasm from 75 to 200 feet deep and in places only ten feet wide. Here and there a rock has fallen in and bridges the abyss. Leaping, dashing, foaming the water thunders down, making a 500 or 600 foot fall in a few miles. Although the volume of water is small, the depth and narrowness of the canyon lend peculiar charm.

After noon I took the trip to Mount Edith Cavell, named for the martyr English nurse. The road follows the Athabaska River about six miles, and then rapidly ascends by a series of hair-pin curves

some 2,000 feet. All around are pointed peaks and serrated ranges with canyons and valley between and the river far below. At the end of the road Mt. Cavell, six miles away, towers 11,033 feet high with snow across the brow and a glacier sheltered in a depression in the side, while a multitude of minor mountains keep faithful vigil through the passing aeons. Below a snow-fed torrent rushes madly over giant boulders and hastes to join the Athabaska in its wide tree-carpeted valley. Here earth and firmament seem to meet and declare their Creator's power over his handiwork. There are many other spots where nature is lavish; but the Jasper Park has a beauty all its own. So many are the peaks that man has failed to furnish fitting names to all.

After a refreshing night I entrained for Prince George. The railroad leaves the Athabaska and follows a small tributary to Yellowhead Pass where a sign indicates the transit from Alberta to British Columbia. Here, at an altitude of only 3,712 feet is the continental divide and the water on the west flows into the Fraser River which empties into the Pacific. Except for the size of the mountains the situation is almost a counterpart of that at Black Mountain on the K. C. S. Ry. a few miles west of Mena, Ark.

Soon the train stops at Mt. Robson station for ten minutes so that passengers may alight and view Mt. Robson, 13,068 feet above sea level, the highest peak of the Canadian Rockies. As it towers in rugged massiveness nearly two miles above the floor of the valley it is an impressive object. Its head is partially crowned with a glacier, as are many other neighboring peaks. For a whole day we descended, but the grade is easy, as it follows the river practically all the way. Where the valley is narrow one looks down on the river as it wends its sinuous course, constantly increasing in volume as minor streams pay their tribute. Often the mountain ridge seems cut from top to bottom and beyond lofty peaks momentarily appear. Occasionally the river widens and becomes a lake. Finally the valley broadens and Mt. Sir Rider, with the Haggard Glacier, appears, and remains the dominant feature even when we are fifty miles down the valley.

At rare intervals miniature farms are seen. Most of the stations are not towns but merely the station-house and two or three cottages. The firs and spruce and poplars become denser and increase in size, and finally sawmills are in evidence, at first quite insignificant, but finally large modern plants with great stacks of fine lumber. At certain places the logs are dumped into the river or lakes and collected and held in big booms. Vegetation becomes rank, and hanging moss, ferns, and swamp grass are found. After leaving the rampart-like ranges the Fraser River resembles our White River, but before Prince George is reached it becomes very wide and shallow and is spanned by an immense steel bridge. All day the scenery, with its kaleidoscopic changes, keeps the travelers alert. The only person who was oblivious to the charms of nature was a strident-voiced, loud-mannered girl who persisted in flirting with the "news-butcher." —A. C. M.

SIGHTS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Hoping to see some rural life, I stopped at Prince George and spent the night and part of a day, but it rained, and I was advised against using the rural roads.

Prince George is about half way between Edmonton and Prince Rupert, and is easily the most important town on the way, because it is a division point and because here the Fraser River and Nechako River meet, and because it is a distributing center for many interior industries. It has a population of 3,500, and good schools and fair business houses. The Prince George Hotel is excellent for a small place. There were efforts to lay out three separate towns, hence the residences are scattered. The lands around are excellent for farming and stock raising and prices are moderate. It is said that hunters of international reputation report that in no other part of America is game so plentiful and hunting conditions so favorable as north and east of Prince George.

On the train I was introduced to a judge whose position was equivalent to our circuit judge. He told me that his district was about 300 miles long and 200 miles wide and most of it off the railroad. He would travel fifty miles north to a lake and buy a cheap boat and hire a boatman, sail across the lake, float down a river, have the boat portaged around a dangerous canyon, and then go still further out, and at last sell the boat and come out on a railroad many hundreds of miles from where he had started. The country is sparsely settled, and this judge carries justice to the people. Most of his cases are tried without a jury.

When I arose early next morning after leaving Prince George we were near Smithers, a town of some importance because of the rich valley, the mineral wealth and the lumbering. During the night we had passed out of the Nechako valley and were following the Bulkley River. It is a swift-flowing stream, running between high banks, and, as the railroad is far above, a fine view is had of river and mountains. The train stops and passen-

gers alight to see the Bulkley Gate. This is a perpendicular stratum of rocks eight feet thick that has been broken by the stream and the river becomes very narrow as it rushes through this opening.

Further down the Bulkley River debouches into the Skeena River which our railroad follows to the Pacific Ocean. Sometimes the valley is narrow, sometimes wide, and mountains 5,000 to 8,000 feet high leap into sight as a new bend is turned. At one place nine peaks surround an immense glacier and hold it in their embrace. At Kitwanga our train stops for passengers to see an Indian village and a score of ingeniously carved totem poles 25 to 40 feet high. They have lost their paint and are beginning to decay, and some are prone on the ground. Broadfaced Indian women and children stare at us, and a rather pretty half-breed girl offers all sorts of curios and pictures for sale. She was musical-voiced, patient, and courteous. A mission church and school are there. The river widens and fishing villages appear, and the salmon canneries with groups of shacks filled with Indians and Japanese who catch the fish. We come to tide water, cross an inlet of the ocean, and we are on the island where Prince Rupert fronts the Pacific Ocean.

I go ashore and find letters from home announcing that all is well, but the heat intense. It is hard to realize that there is hot weather anywhere when I have been comfortably cool since I entered Canada. I immediately start on a tour of exploration, and discover a well located modern city of 8,000 where was only a trading post thirteen years ago when the great Canadian National Railway connected it with the East. The railway and Dominion Government have the greatest floating dry-dock in America and terminal facilities costing \$3,000,000. There is a shipbuilding plant where two ships of 8,800 tons have been completed. The principal industries are fishing, lumbering and mining. One of the largest cold-storage plants in the world is here. A school building that would be a credit to any town of like size in Arkansas was built in 1920. The handsome brick courthouse looks almost like a statehouse. There are hospitals and churches, nice residences, and substantial business houses filled with the latest merchandise. A public library and reading room suggest culture. The Prince Rupert Hotel is as large as the Hotel Pines at Pine Bluff. Water is brought by gravity from a lake in an adjacent mountain. The most peculiar feature is the streets. The city is set on a hill and bluffs. Much blasting and grading were necessary, and the rapidly growing city could not wait for pavements; hence, as lumber was plentiful and cheap, the streets were paved with plank. Bridges and trestles cross all depressions. Some are twenty feet high. Houses are often reached by suspended sidewalks. I saw one house on wooden posts twenty feet high. A spring branch ran under it. In the yards were much grass and flowers. The native grass, where allowed to grow, was often four feet high and ferns where even higher. The business streets are now hard-surfaced. The topography, in some respects, reminds one of Eureka Springs. The location is strategic. It is midway between Vancouver and the Yukon, and is 500 miles nearer the Orient than is any other Pacific Port. It is far west of San Francisco. The harbor is deep, thoroughly protected from storms, and always ice-free, although 550 miles north of the United States. As the Canadian National Railway has the lowest grade thru the Rocky Mountains and reaches the East by the shortest line, the importance of Prince Rupert may readily be appreciated. It is certain to become a great city.

It was my privilege, while in Prince Rupert, to meet Rev. Hugh Grant, the "Sky Pilot" of Ralph Connor's stories. He is a large, handsome virile man of frank and genial manner who instantly wins one's favor and confidence. He is pastor of a Presbyterian church and believes in the union of Canadian Protestant churches. I met also Mr. Pullen one of the editors of the Prince Rupert Daily News, who graciously gave me much valuable information.—A. C. M.

THE GRAECO-ITALIAN IMBROGLIO.

(Continued from Page 1.)

ment of the aggressor, on the other hand, will end war.

As long as cupidity and hate inflame human hearts there will be strife. As long as courts are necessary to settle disputes between individuals so long will leagues and international courts be needed to adjust the differences among nations.

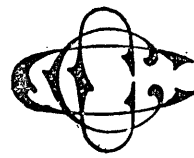
It seems probable that the mediation of other nations, possibly through the League of Nations, will settle this international imbroglio. If that happens, we should take heart. The League of Nations will have justified the hopes of its creators. The day will surely come when Christian men will be able, through a perfected League, to restrain quarrelsome nations as they have, in some measure, restrained quarrelsome men. The Graeco-Italian incident, although uncomplimentary to Italy and humiliating to Greece, may, after all, have its value as an object lesson.



The Call of the Conference Claimants

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE CHURCH CONCERNING A VITAL MATTER.

Dear Brethren: When the contents of this letter come to your attention, the Annual Conferences will have begun their meetings for the fall of 1923. The General Conference provided that the cause of superannuate endowment should have right of way for presentation at these meetings. The Directing Committee of the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment has arranged a schedule for the presentation of the plan of the movement at every Annual Conference. I expect personally to visit twenty-six of the thirty-eight Annual Conferences to be held in the homeland, and at the other twelve I shall have strong representatives to take care of our work. In order that our plan may be properly presented, this open letter is given to the Church, calling attention to some things that are of supreme importance in connection with our presentation of the plan, as follows:

An Appeal to the Bishops.—It is commonly known among us that the bishop of an Annual Conference is in position to do effective service in behalf of any subject presented under his presidency for the consideration of the body. All of our bishops, as far as I have been able to observe, try to give due consideration to the presentation of any matter having a place in the crowded program of the Annual Conference. Therefore it can be expected that every bishop will be thoughtful and considerate of the superannuate cause when its representatives appear. However, in the light of the fact that the plan of the special effort for the worn-out preachers is one that rests its hope of success entirely with the Church's regular organized forces without any supplementary organization whatever, am I presuming too much when I request our bishops to give through their presidency of the Annual Conference unusual attention and direction to the superannuate program? Since this special effort comes after the Church has been strongly in the grip of two other great financial movements, wherein the first and choice strength of all of us was wholly consecrated for the success of those movements, I believe that our bishops will find a hearty response in the hearts of all of our people if they will give special attention to a forceful presentation of the plan looking to provide an old-age comfort for the worn-out servants of the Church.

An Appeal to the Presiding Elders.—The Church has approximately three hundred presiding elders. They

are always busy, but at the meeting of the Annual Conference they work under a strain from start to finish. The temptation of a presiding elder to leave the Conference room to get a drink of water when some connectional cause is about to be presented is one that is difficult to resist. How do I know? Well, you see, I have been a presiding elder. Now, my dear brothers, may I urge you to get that drink of water this year before you come to Conference? When the Secretary of the Board of Finance or any of his representatives stand before the Annual Conference this fall to plead the cause of superannuate endowment, it is desired that every man who has been a presiding elder for the Conference year 1922-23 and every man who might be a presiding elder for the Conference year 1923-24 will take his place on the front pew (or all the pews) and listen intently to every word spoken on the subject. We are depending on these three hundred leaders of the districts of the whole Church to accept much of the responsibility for the success of the special effort for superannuate endowment in their respective districts. No man can successfully guide a movement unless he knows the plan of it in detail. The only chance that the presiding elders will have to come into a thorough knowledge of the special effort plan as explained by those who know it will be at the Annual Conferences this fall. I am not preaching but pleading. I am not pleading for myself but for the old-age comfort of my preacher brothers. By the way, let me remind you that superannuation often comes to those who have been presiding elders. Remember, brothers mine, to be on the front seat bright and happy-faced, interested, expectant, and eager to go—not needing a drink of water.

An Appeal to the Pastors.—Now I am getting into my class for I have done everything, everywhere, any time that any of you pastors have done. My first appointment as a supply pastor was to a hole in the ground. It had been an under-ground ice house, and it was donated (as a joke) for a church lot. Bishop W. F. McMurry, then presiding elder, appointed me as a supply pastor to nothing but this hole in the ground and the infidel. I have ridden the hard circuit and caught malarial fever; have served the half station, the small station, and other stations. No pastor has had a burden that I have not felt, a disappointment that has not stung me, or been poorer than I in this world's goods. Boys, I am one of you. I know your habits too, especially at Annual Conference time. It is so much easier to stand under the big

shade trees on the lawn talking in groups than it is to swelter inside the church listening to long speeches that are sometimes dull. But hear me. I am going to your Annual Conference this fall, or some one else whom I shall send, to talk to you about the time when you will go up to Annual Conference for an appointment and get the superannuated relation instead. I want to present to you a plan that will make provision for your comfortable living after that dreadful day. If you stand on the lawn under the shade trees, lay out on me while I am trying to get something started for the benefit of yourself, wife, and maybe an invalid son or daughter, you are a different sort of man than I have taken you to be. Come along to Annual Conference, every one of you, and come with the determination to get everything that is said concerning the plan for adequate superannuate endowment. Then go away from Conference with the avowed purpose to carry through so far as you are concerned. There are about sixty-five hundred pastors in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and all of you are making time for the day of superannuation, not knowing just when it will come. Some of you will enter the list this fall, and some will barely squeeze by. Come on to Conference, men, and let us put our heads and shoulders together for a supreme effort in behalf of the most sacred cause that was ever brought to the attention of Southern Methodism.

An Appeal to the Lay Members.—I have been a layman too. I was reared on the farm, plowed corn and shocked it, sowed wheat and reaped and threshed it, worked in the oat fields and hay fields, set out tobacco on the hillsides and later cured it in the barns, worked with cattle, hogs, sheep, etc., and know how a farmer feels when his interest is due on the mortgage and three months to go before the crop can be sold. My brothers and sisters, they have been telling me that you are ready to make proper provision for the superannuates when the Church gives you the chance. Thank the good Lord, the Church has voted you the chance! At the Annual Conference held this fall there will be present representatives of the Board of Finance to tell you all about the plan. I do hope that many of you will attend Conference so that you may hear all about it and that, having heard, you will go back to your homes and get behind the movement with the same determination that you handle your personal business affairs. There is a class of worn-out people in our Church that we have been calling by the name the "forgotten man." I do not like the name and am anxious to change it. To make the change will cost the Church ten million dollars, to be used as superannuate endowment. But the reproach upon us for forgetting our worn-out preachers and widows of preachers is so great that we can well afford to raise the ten million dollars to get rid of the ugly name. I want to see the lay members at the Annual Conferences this fall, and I trust they will receive the plan of the special effort for superannuate endowment with great enthusiasm. For more than twenty years the Church has been promising to do something extraordinary for her superannuates, but nothing much has been done. Now we have come to a time when the Church authorities give liberty to proceed with a real program. What a shameful disgrace it will be if we fail to use this chance to the best advantage! Therefore I

CONTRIBUTIONS

"THE EVANGEL OF LIGHT WE NEED."

By Bishop W. A. Candler.

The source of all the ills of mankind is in the souls of men. Without just minds and pure hearts the best conditions do not bring peace and contentment, and the worst circumstances are soon relieved. Nevertheless, the human soul is always disposed to look upon conditions outside itself as the cause of all its distresses. Hence men need to be reminded often of the teaching of Shakespeare that "the fault is not in the stars, but in themselves."

The fearful conditions now prevalent in Europe wait for correction and cure upon the recognition of this truth. Bad as they are they are not as bad as the state of European minds. This fact is set forth most clearly by Mr. Bush, the president of the New York Chamber of Commerce, who has recently returned from a tour of observation in Europe in which he visited nineteen countries. He says:

"It is my opinion that the chief difficulty in the reconstruction of Europe is the state of mind of the people in the various countries through which I passed. They are all doing much better than they did before the war, but do not realize it. Their prosperity is covered over with a froth of hysteria, of discontent, of suspicion, envy and hatred toward their neighbors. In some countries they hate other people so much that they have got to hating themselves. Yet under that artificial surface there is an economic recuperation that the masses of the people cannot see. Farmers who two years ago had only one or two cows now have three or four cows, and the grain and fruit production has increased in the same ratio unnoticed by the owners of the soil. The state of mind is perhaps more serious than anything else and little headway has yet been made toward curing it."

Amid the sufferings and terrors of the world war many people comforted themselves by saying that it was "a war to destroy war and bring in an era of enjoyable peace." But they have been disillusioned by the events which have followed. Strife abounds everywhere and contentions prevail between nations with the same bitterness that has always characterized them. The most carefully considered and most elaborately constructed treaty of peace has availed nothing because human hearts have not been changed.

And now comes Mr. Robert Lansing, formerly secretary of State, saying any effectual treaty of peace must be conformed to this over-charged human nature. His exact words, as reported in a press dispatch, were as follows:

"Particular emphasis should be laid on practicability. Theories which ignore the selfishness and frailties of human nature and are based on conditions which ought but do not exist in this present-day world, are of little real value. We have suffered enough from dreamers and visionaries."

"What the United States needs is a practical working plan based on the lessons of history and on a just appreciation of human nature."

This utterance of Mr. Lansing has the accent of worldly wisdom, but at bottom it means that peace among nations must be established by agreements which recognize human frailties as incurable and organize human selfishness by some sort of ingenious scheme of equalization. But Mr. Lansing's suggestion is no better than the proposals of "the dreamers and

appeal to the lay members of the Annual Conferences to attend the meetings of these bodies this fall and come with the avowed purpose to give the representatives of the "forgotten man" rapt attention.

Faithfully yours,
Luther E. Todd, Secretary,
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visionaries" which he condemns.

The difficulty lies at last in the hearts of men and the most skillfully devised programs for peace can avail nothing until the souls of the nations have been cleansed of selfishness. With reference to both individuals and nations the words of St. James are applicable: "From whence came errors and fightings among you? Come they not hence, even of your lusts that was in your members?" (James IV:1).

Mr. Bush and Mr. Lansing arrive at the same conclusion, though discussing different subjects and viewing conditions from different points of observation. Both recognize that the chief source of trouble is in unregenerate human nature. Neither has any theological thought in mind, but both reach a theological principle that apostles, prophets, and preachers have unceasingly proclaimed for centuries.

And the editor of the *Chicago Tribune* in an editorial on "What Ails Us?" affirms most emphatically and forcibly the same principle. Commenting on what Mr. Bush had said about the "State of mind" in Europe the editor of the *Tribune* says:

"A state of mind. That truly is what chiefly ails Europe and, curiously enough, it ails us likewise. Our state of mind is mild in comparison to that of Europe, as certainly it ought to be, and yet it is an astonishing and malevolent phenomenon. We have recently commented on it, but it must continue to impress any observer of American life today. Our economists remark upon economic maladjustments in the United States, but they are as nothing to the maladjustment between our material conditions and our mood. There is nothing more apparent than that on the whole America is substantially prosperous; that, with inevitable individual and even group exceptions, Americans are living on a high level of physical comfort and enjoyment. But it does not bring them content. It does not save them from envy of their neighbors. It does not save them from unjust suspicions and prejudices or from a vague and foolish disposition to meddle and tear down.

A frequently acute commentator upon affairs ascribes this in great measure to the preaching of a fallacious notion of universal equality, and we think he is right. Men are not equal in qualities and every attempt to make them equal in condition of life has been destructive. But in our day it is growing more and more difficult to convince "A" that he is not as good as "B" in every respect or at any rate that he ought not to have everything that "B" has. "A" has been told that "B" does not and cannot deserve more than he and that if "B" has more it is because he is the beneficiary of some injustice to "A." There is no end to the mischief of this fallacy, which cheats the individual out of satisfaction in his own achievements and enjoyment of his own possessions.

There is a discontent that has been called divine; a discontent that energizes effort and directs it forward. But the discontent which is so prevalent today even in America has nothing divine about it. As Mr. Bush notes of the Europeans, it is blinding Americans to the good things they possess, discouraging activity and endangering, not assisting, progress.

We do not pretend to know how this state of mind can be cured. It is a moral disease that should be studied.

Probably it is a price we are paying for a materialistic conception of happiness. We need an evangel of light.

Truly "we need an evangel of light." And we have such an evangel, if we will hear it and heed it. The Christian religion is, now, as it was in the first century the only hope of a ruined world. We must put away the materialism which always and everywhere has blasted human life and blighted civilization. We must accept the teachings of Jesus when he said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness; for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth." (Luke XII:15). But this principal is flatly contradicted by the "practical" doctrines of this materialistic era. In truth, all its tenets are at variance with the teachings of Jesus. It esteems Him as "a visionary" and depreciates both his person and his principles. But if the world is to be purified and pacified, Jesus must be its Savior.

The times call for a revival of religion in which the majesty of our divine Lord is made to appear, and in which men fall in penitential submission at his feet. This is the evangel of light which is needed in our day throughout the world.

The doctrines of materialism have been tried out at the awful cost of sacrificing more than 7,000,000 of the young men of the world and burning up above three hundred billions worth of the fruits of human toil. The preachers of the evangel of light, whom the "practical" apostles of materialism have delighted to deride as "visionaries" could not have led mankind to a more terribly disastrous end. No man, or set of men, could have done worse than that. Now let the materialists stand aside, and make way for a world-wide revival of religion. If such a heavenly visitation should fall upon the United States, it would burn its way speedily throughout the habitable globe. Let the churches and the preachers consider this fact. This is "the evangel of light" we need.

WHY HAVE A MISSIONARY TRAINING SCHOOL FOR LAY WORKERS?

By Mary Moore McCoy.

"Where is the Scarritt Bible and Training School to be relocated? What type of work is it to do in the future?" These are the liveliest matters of interest in the thinking of our Church at this time. Three questions concerning this important matter have been asked me frequently, and, on request, I am going into print, not assuming to write in ex cathedra style, but merely to express such views as I have come to hold on the subject.

The first is, "Why have a school for training lay workers?" Thirty years ago Miss Belle H. Bennett left the comfort and culture of her own sweet home to travel through the towns and cities of our connection in order to raise funds to build a training school for lay women workers—missionaries and deaconesses. Miss Bennett believed the call of the missionary and deaconess to service was a unique call, demanding preparation and training different from that demanded by those engaged in the customary avocations of life. However, it was not her thought that the woman missionary, and the woman life-service Christian worker needed specialized training for her unique task any more than did the man missionary and Christian life-service worker. She attacked the proposition of specialized training for women missionaries, because limitations were upon her which prevented her from promoting an institution which would include the training of men as well as women. Long before her death many times she lamented the fact that our church sent five young laymen to the foreign fields as educational and professional missionaries, men highly trained in certain technical lines, yet without any special preparation for the unique task of winning a pagan intellectual people to Jesus Christ. It was this same woman, this same missionary states-

man, who "first advocated the removal of Scarritt and its reorganization for a broader and larger service to the Church."

As our Home Mission Work has developed and our knowledge increased concerning the vast areas in the Home Land that have not accepted the Jesus Way of thinking and living, the tremendous need for men definitely trained to give full time life-service in solving the problems of our own undertaken fields has become so apparent to the most casual student of the times that the matter hardly needs to be mentioned in this connection. It is a self-evident argument for a school in which lay workers may receive training. Take the question of the opportunity offered by the Week-Day Religious School for the training of 15,000,000 children in our land not enrolled in any church or Sunday school. Assume that only 1,000,000 of these children are the responsibility of Southern Methodists; in order to have only one full-time teacher to each one-hundred children ten-thousand teachers would be required, almost double the number of active preachers in the Southern Methodist itinerancy. Very likely most of these teachers would be women. Where are they to be trained? Specific pedagogical training will be required by the public schools if their work is recognized and credit given the pupils. Into the hands of this new group of Christian lay workers will fall the largest opportunity of any group for making the next generation ardently missionary as well as intelligently Christian.

We need a school for training lay workers for the Home Mission task in the industrial and foreign born communities. Many of our best opportunities for winning the foreigner and industrial worker are through the purely social contact in boys' club work, in the gymnasium, in night school and in special clubs and classes for older men. Our laymen have the good will, but not the technique for the service. Women workers in crowded city communities are able to lead the boys until they reach the teen age, or a little beyond. After that the boys will not follow a woman.

Another question I have been requested to answer is, "Why should Scarritt be regarded as church-wide in its scope?" The missionary constituency on which the Scarritt Bible and Training School depends for maintenance is composed of 275,000 women scattered through the 38 Conferences of the connection. The constituency is church-wide. The patronage of the Scarritt and Bible Training School is also church-wide. The enrollment for 1922-23 shows 19 states represented, ranged from Virginia to California. The Scarritt situation differs in this respect from the two universities, which are regional in their supporting constituencies, and to a degree in their patronage. Should the Scarritt Bible and Training School be affiliated with one of the two universities, as loyal as are Southern Methodists, especially Southern Methodist missionary women, partisanship would quite likely show itself in the constituency. This would be disastrous to a school, which in reorganizing plans for a larger and broader service to the Church. It seems highly advisable that the new school be erected on its own foundation, and in a location that shall be satisfactory both to the Eastern and Western constituencies. I have been informed that Southern Methodists within the regional area served by Emory University would feel offended should Scarritt be located in Dallas, Texas, and I have also been informed that it would not be well received by Southern Methodists in the regional area served by the Southern Methodist University should the proposed school be located in Atlanta, Ga.

The last question I was asked is, "What would be the relation of this new Scarritt to the Educational System of the Church?" As far as I have been able to see into the minds of those to whom the settlement of this question has been committed, it seems that the consensus of judgment points to the school remaining as one of the

schools of the Board of Missions, at least for a period of time. Clearly the purpose is to grant it the standards and privileges of a college of the first rank, with the right to confer the Bachelor and Master Degrees, in line with the privileges granted other colleges. I believe that certain of our strong Southern Methodist colleges, those peculiarly for women, and also those for men, in no sense aspiring to the work of the university, sometimes grant the Master's Degree following a year of work after the Bachelor Degree has been conferred. As I recall the sentiments oft expressed, of those who have worked most faithfully on this proposition, the new School of Missions should be a college, accomplishing for the unique training of the missionary and other Christian lay workers what a strong teachers' college attempts to do for teachers.

The facts are inescapable that the ongoing of the Church depends on a more numerous and better prepared personnel in the field forces both at home and abroad. Physicians seek out medical colleges for their specialized training; engineers the technical schools; teachers flock to the normals; preachers to the theological schools; why should it be thought singular that those most intense in their purpose, the most highly specialized of all groups, the lay missionary, should seek a college of missions, where others, like-minded with himself may be found, and where he may enjoy in an institution of profoundly sympathetic atmosphere the benefits of specialized training for his peculiar field of service?

MINISTERIAL MODESTY.

My library contains a larger number of volumes on the minister's life and work than on any other subject.

As comprehensive as many of these volumes are I do not recall any discussion of the subject of ministerial modesty.

Pulpit manners, minister's dress and his address are brought under review and in some cases elaborated.

If there is such a thing as "ministerial sin" I am inclined to think it is lack of modesty of expression.

Dr. Charles E. Jefferson might say that laziness is the chief offense of the preacher.

Whether in a preacher or layman laziness is a sin, whatever may be the graver aspects in the case of the disciples who asked for first places in the kingdom, it certainly was not a modest request. It was "shot" through with selfishness.

I am always interested in the "field notes."

Often marvelous progress is reported and in these notes of victory all good men rejoice. Not unfrequently, however, there are statements that reflect the spirit of the ambitious sons of Zebedee.

Statements to the effect that church attendance has doubled within a short time after the new pastor takes charge, or that the Sunday School has increased a hundred per cent and the prayer-meeting three hundred per cent. That a more commodious building must be enterprised for the accommodation of the crowds and, lastly, that the collections have broken all previous records.

To sum it all up: the charge is in a blaze of glory. This is not the Master's way. The prophet said of him, "He shall not cry, nor lift up, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street." He was not noisy of speech.

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nor declamatory in style. God taught the fiery prophet that it is the still small voice that pierces the heart. It is not wind nor earthquake nor fire. Noisy men, whether in church or state, as a rule are weak men. The spring brook makes more noise than the "gentle river." Gravitation is a great force, but so noiseless that it does not disturb a baby's sleep. Modesty is a Christian virtue. We believe in modesty of dress, of manner and expression and the greatest of these is expression and particularly ministerial expression.

The last place in the world for a four flusher is in the ministry.—J. M. Williams, Plainview.

THE VALLEY SPRINGS TRAINING SCHOOL.

This school will open its second session at Valley Springs, Arkansas, September 18. It is being established by the Board of Missions, and the Sunday School Board of the North Arkansas Conference for the purpose of aiding the boys and girls of the mountain counties of this State, where there are few high schools, to obtain

a high school Christian education at a small cost. The school is ideally situated in an open hilly country directly in touch with the mountains. Only three miles to the south the Boston Mountains begin. These mountains extend almost across the state from west to east and hundreds of boys and girls who have practically no public school advantages live among them. The Ozarks lie to the north and around Valley Springs in such a way that there is no way out except over mountains. The climate is very healthful and the springs among the most beautiful and the best in the state.

During the session that closed in May one-hundred-twenty-seven pupils were enrolled, sixty of whom were in the high school department, and about half the entire enrollment from towns and communities other than Valley Springs. Six counties were represented in the student body. More pupils would have been in the school if work or cheaper board could have been given them. Many more this year are appealing for admission and an opportunity to work their way through school.

The school has a farm of a hundred-sixty acres which it is just beginning to operate, a building site of fifteen acres and a nine-room dwelling which is being furnished for a girls' dormitory to be run on the co-operative plan. This will enable about twenty girls to make their board cheap. An effort is being made to furnish some dwellings and run them for boys on the same plan. The boys will help with the farm work and in this way make part of their own support. The different boards interested in the school have made liberal appropriations for its support. Some books have been sent for the library, the largest and best selected collection coming from the Woman's Missionary Society of Batesville. These books have enabled the young people of Valley Springs to have the use of a small library during the summer months. Several organized Sunday School classes have given scholarships to needy pupils. A ladies' class of Jonesboro taught by J. P. Womack and the Baraca class of Batesville taught by Sydney Pickens being the first to begin this.

Letters are being received in every mail by the principal of the school from boys and girls who want to enter school, and say their only hope of attending depends on working their way through. The school is doing its best to take care of such boys and girls, but its means are limited and it must have more help or turn them away. The Sunday School Board has no way of making a regular appropriation to the school, but it has recommended that all organized classes that can, take a scholarship of a hundred dollars and those that are not strong enough to do this take either three-fourths, a half, or a fourth of a scholarship to be used in helping pay the way of worthy boys and girls who are not able to pay all of their expenses. We appeal to all organized classes to seize this opportunity of doing something worthy of them and of helping some one who is yearning for an education and struggling to get it.

Another way that individuals, missionary societies, and other organizations can help just now is by furnishing a room in the girls' dormitory. The need is for furniture for the rooms or money to purchase it with, not for bed linen, covers, or spreads.

The school is being taught in the Methodist Church building, and the old Valley Springs Academy building which now belongs to the public school district. This district is in debt so heavily that it cannot run a public school this year and this is the reason the building can be obtained. The teaching body consists of five members, including the pastor who teaches the Bible and devotes the remainder of his time to the religious life of the community. Every teacher has received his education or part of it in a church school, is in sympathy with this kind of work, is religious, and interested in the religious life of the pupils.

During the year that has just passed the school has done its best with no building equipment of its own. It is being established by men and women who believe it is needed. There are hundreds of strong young men and women who are anxious to attend school whose only hope of getting an education is in a school of this kind. They will make some of the finest and strongest characters in the State if this opportunity is given them. If it is not, the Church and the State will be the losers. The problem is not how to get students for this school, it is how to make provision for those who are ready and anxious to enter it.

The people of Valley Springs and the communities surrounding it, and a large part of Boone County have subscribed seventeen-thousand dollars in three payments to the school. The property which the school has, with the exception of the nine-room dwelling mentioned above, was bought with part of this subscription. The school must have some buildings of its own. One building at least must be erected at once if the school fills its mission and we keep faith with the people of this section. We need the sympathy and prayers of our people and we need a building now.—M. J. Russell.

PRaising PRESIDING ELDERS.

Much has been said of late about the presiding elders, especially pointing out his mistakes and passing severe criticism upon his work.

I have been preaching longer than I want to think, and have known P. E.'s all my life. I take off my hat to every one I have ever known as a good man. Some better than others, but all good.

Those whom I have worked under as pastor have all been good faithful men. Their visits to our home have meant more to my family than I can express in words. I would not miss their fellowship and counsel for twice the price paid for their services. They are welcome guests at any time to this pastor's house. I am of the opinion if some of our pastors who do not have a welcome (if such there be) for the P. E., would give him a chance to free himself from embarrassments that he encounters on his arrival in the charge and give him to understand that the field is wide open for him, and that co-operation would begin and that as an undershepherd his attitude would be that of cooperation in carrying out the plan of the whole district and his plan being a part of the plan of the whole Conference, and thus contribute to the success of the whole church, since

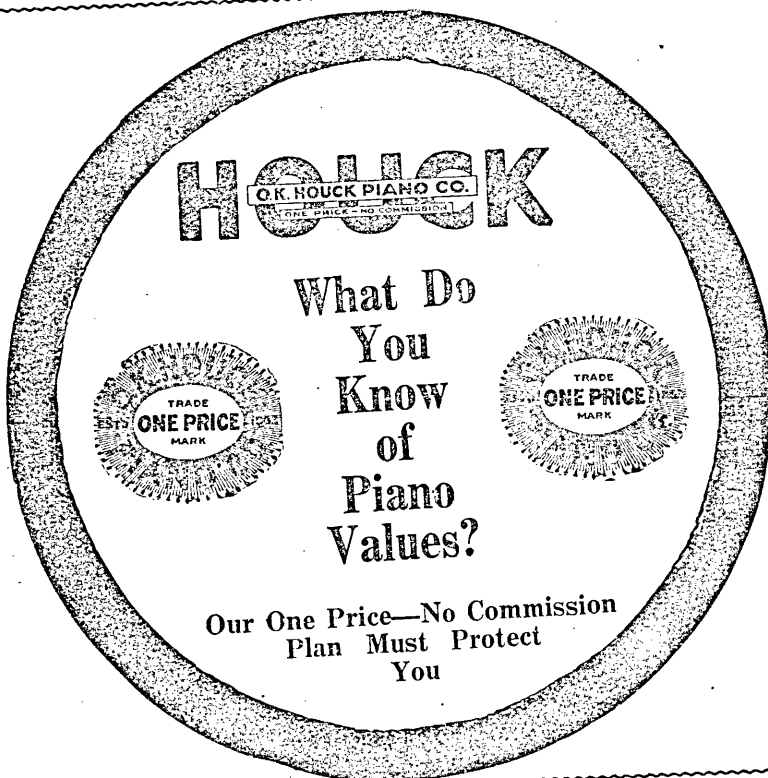
"We are not divided, but one body we, One in faith and one in hope, and one in charity;" then and then only can we cry out, "Onward Christian Soldier, marching as to war with the Cross of Jesus going on before." We have a great brotherhood. Let us be brothers. Here is my hand.—Chas. F. Hively.

TRIBUTE TO REV. Y. A. GILMORE.

Rev. Y. A. Gilmore was born in Vernon, Ala., Nov. 10, 1858; died April 24, 1923. When about twenty-one years old he came to Arkansas. Some five years later he was admitted on trial into the Arkansas Conference. On Dec. 24, 1894, he was married to Miss Mattie Blocher.

Brother Gilmore was a successful circuit preacher and presiding elder. No interest of the church was neglected under his administration. He was especially devoted to saving souls and his fervor for that never left him even in his years of superannuation.

He was a success in rearing his family. His oldest son, Rev. O. T. Gilmore, after being graduated from Hendrix and S. M. U., accepted a position as student pastor in the University of Virginia, which he is now filling with credit to himself and profit to the church. Harlan Gilmore was graduated from Hendrix last June and is now preparing for graduate work in Columbia, after which he will enter missionary work for his church. Charles, the third son is a student in Hendrix College. A man, who with



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the help of his good wife, can rear three such sons is entitled to the commendation of men and a "well done" from on high.

Brother Gilmore was loved by the brethren. He showed himself friendly, and, therefore, had friends. His great robustious frame, his smiling face and his uproarious laughter will not soon be forgotten by the many of us who loved him so tenderly. He leaves a good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches and has no doubt received an abundant entrance into the city of God.—O. E. Goddard.

GALLOWAY STUDENTS.

A roster of women indebted to Galloway College at Searcy for all or part of their college training reveals an impressive array of talent as witness to the efficiency of a certain slogan familiar to all students at the school under the regime of the present administration. Any Galloway girl will greet with a reminiscent smile, an admonition to "Do Your Level Best," presenting to her mind's eye, as it does, a picture of the virile, sympathetic personality which for the past 16 years has influenced the characters and fired the ambitions of hundreds of Galloway students.

Into every walk of life these girls have gone; quietly and earnestly "doing their best," with results worthy of note in numerous instances. Space would forbid enumeration of all of them. The following are but a few who have brought credit upon the institution whose influence has been projected into the world of affairs through their achievements:

Mrs. S. P. Davis of Little Rock enjoys the distinction of the highest office in the gift of the National D. A. R.

Miss Maude Hayes is doing a great work for the college itself in her capacity of field secretary for the Greater Galloway movement recently launched.

Misses Mary Tinney and Margaret Quayle have borne the college standard to faraway Czecho-Slovakia, the one as secretary to the superintendent of the Methodist mission; the other as field worker in the World Student Volunteer Movement. Others who have served in mission fields are: Miss Jennie Howell and Miss Virginia Garner, and this number will be increased by the addition of Miss Lucy Fletcher of Augusta, now in training in New York.

Miss Ruth Hughey of Jonesboro, having secured her Master's degree at Columbia University within one year after graduation from Galloway, has just been elected acting dean of women at Henderson-Brown College. Henderson-Brown also profits by Galloway training in the service of Mrs. J. M. Workman, wife of President Workman of the college and daughter of the late Col. Geo. Tornburgh.

Miss Lila Ashby, Little Rock, credit manager of the C. J. Lincoln Company, is secretary of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Mrs. Edwin Bevens, Helena, as president of the Federated Clubs of Arkansas, is usefully employing talents cultivated at Galloway, as also is Miss Allye Belle Wadley of Texarkana, state president of Business and Professional Women's Clubs. Miss Faye McRae, president of the Federation of Galloway Clubs, is also superintendent of publicity for the Little Rock Conference of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist Church.

Miss Myrtle Greenhaw is the secretary-treasurer of the "Arkansas Methodist," and Mrs. R. A. Dowdy of Batesville is conference secretary of the W. M. S. for the North Arkansas Conference. Dr. Grace Tankersley, graduate of the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia, has been employed as specialist by the Bell Telephone Company, Philadelphia, in addition to holding a position on the faculty of the Woman's Medical College, while the same school now has a student Lillian Malone, D. O., from Kirksville, and field secretary for the Florence Crittenton Foundation.

Miss Ethel Key Millar holds a position of responsibility as librarian at Hendrix College, having won the degree of B. L. S. at the University of Illinois, while one of the latest achievements of distinction by a Galloway graduate is the recent appointment of Mrs. V. S. McLellan as librarian of the newly created state library service.

So these and many others, as business women, social service workers, public officials, professional women and church workers, are exemplifying the high standards maintained by the College faculty. But, after all, any former Galloway girl will tell you that President Williams and his staff have emphasized most the necessity of fitting the minds and hearts and bodies of girls for the great profession of womanhood, home making and motherhood, and among the large number successfully filling these positions are found many who formed in other days habits of giving one's best to the world serene in the conviction that the "best will come back again."

—Arkansas Gazette.

SAVED HIS FARM BUT LOST HIS BOY.

A thrifty farmer had a farm and a boy. He saved money and bought another farm. He paid for it and bought a third farm, on which he still owed some money.

By and by the boy grew up. He finished the course in the little school at his home, and wanted to go away to school. The father said he could not afford to send him to school. "I am in debt for the farm which I have just bought, and I must pay for it."

The boy waited another year. He was no nearer college, for the father was still in debt.

Finally the boy, with ambitions crushed, went off to work for himself, and a life was lost to the cause of Christ.

The man saved his farm, three of his farms; he had the last one paid out now, but he lost his boy.

Just now there are multitudes of boys and girls who want to go to school, but have no assurance that they can go. They have been looking over the catalogues of our Baptist schools. They have dared to say something to their fathers about the possibilities of realizing their ambitions to get an education. Their fathers have answered that they could not afford to send them to school. Some of them are unable financially to help their children. But there are many others who are better able to send their children to school than they realize. They cannot afford not to send their children to school. They

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OUR SCARRITT BIBLE AND TRAINING SCHOOL.

In order that the women of our church and indeed all Methodism may know why the Woman's Missionary Council desires to re-locate the Scarritt Bible and Training School our secretaries are giving for publication fine articles on the subject. The one from Mrs. F. F. Stephens, president Missionary Council, in the Arkansas Methodist of August 2 was followed by that from Miss Mabel K. Howell, Sec. Oriental Fields. In this issue we are giving Mrs. Mary Moore McCoy's presentation of the matter. These articles are forcibly written and the women of Arkansas will find them interesting. Each one should be read carefully that a clear understanding of the subject may become widespread.—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

ALL TOGETHER NOW!

Mrs. C. F. Elza.

September! The word itself is tonic. It vibrates with thoughts of renewed activity, new plans, new zeal, new enthusiasm. To our missionary workers, it means, first, to see just where we are, and then where we want to go between now and December 31, and to start immediately for the goal. No more time for delay. The final "lap" of the race is upon us. What are some of the main issues for the fall of 1923-24. Let us enumerate them in Arthur Brisbane fashion.

- (1) District Meetings.
- (2) The Belle H. Bennett Memorial.

may be in debt to their farms, but they owe a bigger debt to their children and to the world. Paul did not shrink from owing money. When he wrote to Philemon, he urged Philemon to charge him with any amount due him by Onesimus. But the biggest debt which Paul owed was to his fellow-man: "I am debtor both to Greeks and to the Barbarians, both to the wise and unwise." The biggest debt which many a father owes is not on his farm or his house and lot, but his debt to his own family and to a lost world.

You have only one chance to give your boy or girl an education. Five years from now you may be out of debt, but where will that fine boy or girl be? It may be better not to own an acre of land and equip them for life, than to own thousands of acres and not send them to school.

When you are gone the land will be left behind. It will not be yours. It will belong to somebody else. If you help your children to go to school, they will be equipped for the largest possible service in the Kingdom of God, and when you are gone you will live over again in them and bless the world.

I am thinking now of a father who had a little home. The time came for his sons and daughters to get an education. The decision must be made. Opportunity could not wait. He put his home into the Christian education of his sons and daughters. The father and mother have gone to the Heavenly land, but the children live to bless the ends of the earth. The father has done ten thousand times more for the world in the sacrifice he made when the opportunity came, than if he had kept his property and denied his children Christian training.

What shall it profit a man if he gain the world and lose his children?

If at all within the range of possibility, send that ambitious boy or girl to school. You say you cannot afford it. Can you afford not to?—Baptist Standard.

- (3) The Financial Round-up.
- (4) The Doubling Campaign.
- (5) Something New in Mission Study.
- (6) Our New History.
- (7) The Year's Record.

District Meetings.

Prescott District heads the start-off on September 18th and 19th, in the beautiful mountain village of Glenwood. Pine Bluff leads the October line-up with a meeting at Rison on the 2nd and 3rd. It is going to be a great meeting, because Mrs. Myers has put weeks of preparatory work and prayer into it. Arkadelphia District will meet in Arkadelphia, the third week in October. If you want to know "When is an Annual Meeting not an Annual Meeting, it is when it is an Arkadelphia District Meeting." Mrs. George Hughes of Benton, the new District secretary, will be in charge, and expects her district to meet her there. Mrs. L. K. McKinney is hastening in from the far West to get ready for the Camden District meeting. Monticello and Texarkana have not announced their dates yet, but Monticello has a "new broom" so we anticipate some clean-sweeping, and Mrs. Reynolds writes that the Belle H. Bennett Memorial is going well in Texarkana District, and that they will raise \$1,500 this year.

The Belle H. Bennett Memorial.

How is it going in your District? Your Auxiliary? Your personal subscription? Our Conference has pledged \$7,500 and we are going to raise it. Let us pick it up now and make it a cheerful, enthusiastic offering. My home Auxiliary will double its quota. Yours will double theirs if you are 100 per cent enthusiastic and sacrificial. Lead off yourself and begin now.

The Financial Round-Up.

But do not forget your regular budget. Arkadelphia District, last year, made an eleven per cent increase. What District will match it this year? How is your pledge for the three quarters? We will publish a comparative record of District collections at the end of this quarter. Help your District to be prepared for their report.

The Doubling Campaign.

Every District meeting will ask for reports on the "Doubling Campaign," which is a new way of saying "Each one win one." So put it on now, if you have not already. Give these returned tourists and vacationists and the really rested ones who stayed at home the task of bringing a new member to the meeting next time. Launch it with faith and energy and you will get returns. If we are not missionary enough to bring in our next-door neighbors, why support Christian agents (for a missionary is an agent) at \$1,000 per annum, in China. Think it over, and put on the Doubling Campaign now.

Something New in Mission Study.

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ter-mediate, and the high-school-ites and the young men and young ladies and the men and women, especially the men! We used to have a preacher who always referred to the women as "the good women" and to our work as "the work of the good women" but he didn't know one concrete fact about us or our work, so as some woman said "to induct the brethren into the mysteries of missions" would be a stimulating process. Let your church be the first to put on "The Church School of Missions." Write for the leaflet by that name, if you haven't it. Mrs. E. R. Steel will supply you.

A Special Meeting for the Minutes.

The Minutes are now in your hands. Yes, they were late, but so were the Council Minutes, where they had their own press. The delay was in the printing office. But now that we have them, let us study them. Plan a special meeting for the study of the minutes. Let each officer review the recommendations of the committee pertaining to her department, and be ready to recommend from their study the policy for that department for 1923-24. One other thing! Write Mrs. McDermott the thing you like best about the new minutes. I would ask for criticisms, but it isn't necessary. Those are spontaneous with most people. But do you ever sit down and write a word of real appreciation to a busy editor for her hours of work, or do you just find one oversight, one typographical error, one flaw and join the chorus of the "knocking bird?" I will guarantee that a chorus of appreciation will bring greater returns than the ever-prevalent carping.

And Soon "Our New History."

Minutes are interesting to the real worker, but how much more interesting will be this compilation of the outstanding events of fifty years, as beautifully and skillfully interpreted by our historian, Mrs. Williams. It will be off the press in five weeks. Every woman in our church will want one. Every intelligent woman, at least, and the others should invest as a camouflage for their lack of mentality and loyalty. But I don't believe there is such a woman in Little Rock Conference. Appoint your history-woman now and plan to incorporate the study of our history into this year's mission study.

The Year's Record.

If you will consider these recommendations for your fall procedure,

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earnestly and prayerfully, I believe it will mean a better record for your auxiliary, for your district, for your conference and for your Council. It is time for intelligent, prayerful, concerted action. All together now. All together in the early morning in a great upgoing of prayer to Him! All together in plans! All together in action! Some one suggested that "together" meant "to-get-her"—that other woman. We need her this year as never before, but most of all we need to surcharge with power and purpose and prayer, the two-hundred-thirty-six auxiliaries we now have. Will you be the dynamo? You are responsible.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Mrs. Preston Hatcher, N. Ark. Conf. Loving Greetings to the women of the W. M. S.

In reading together this day Psalm III. may we not unite our hearts in renewed praise and sincerest gratitude for the privilege of service. May we know that "the works of the Lord are great" and "His work is honorable and glorious." There is no better place in the church for its women to serve than through the channel of the Woman's Missionary Society. May each District secretary urge every auxiliary in her district to observe the Doubling Campaign, that the ranks may be strengthened. Let the harvest at close of the year be an abundant harvest, which will mark the greatest advancement ever made in North Arkansas Conference. Literature for this Campaign can be gotten from Miss Ellasue Wayner, 520 Lambuth Bldg. Nashville, Tenn.

As the year 1923 draws to its close it behooves every auxiliary to pick up the loose ends, and make haste while it is yet day.

The Conference earnestly prays for a report of one-hundred percent in Mission and Bible Study classes; in payment of all financial obligations; in observance of Harvest Day and Week of Prayer; in pledging for Belle H. Bennett Memorial; in sending of supplies.

The group meetings through all the year have been extremely helpful and are growing in popularity. The programs at these meetings have been varied, including the spiritual, educational and social activities of the W. M. S.

Intensive work has been done by Mrs. A. B. Haltom, Supt. of Children's Work. She has toured many of the Districts and perfected new organizations. Her enthusiasm and strenuous labor will undoubtedly reap an unfailing harvest. The messages she delivers always grip the mother heart and make stronger the chords of affection with the children.

Mrs. J. H. O'Bryant, Supt. of Young People, has done no less for our Young People. Her Conference was a decided success and her girls all sing, "Mrs. O'Bryant, you're a wonder." These two departments are the greatest asset to the Missionary programs.

The Council has fixed the goal of Belle H. Bennett Memorial fund to average \$5.00 per adult member, payable during the years 1923-24-25. The conferences reaching this goal will have their names on the memorial slab which is to be placed in the Bennett Building of Greater Scarritt. Will every woman "hitch your wagon to a star" and help raise something like \$20,000 for Greater Scarritt?

The missionary society has been asked to co-operate in the newly planned Church School of Missions, that calls for a period of six weeks to be given to intense study of missions, including every organization of the church. A wonderful plan of education for the entire church. We "dare not falter nor fail" to do our part. Will the president of each auxiliary consult with her pastor relative to the work and assure him of her heartiest co-operation.

Our hearts have been saddened by the news of the continued illness of our own Alice Furry in the Foreign field. Fall not to pray earnestly for her recovery. God is using her wonderfully, and we esteem it a blessed privilege to intercede for her. The

Conference rejoices that three more of its young women will enter Scarritt this fall. Miss Pearl McCain of Searcy, Miss Leona Scott, of Vilonia and Mrs. A. M. Moore of Paragould. Miss Eunice O'Bryant of Earle will enter her senior work.

Miss Minnie Lee Eidson, second rural worker of North Arkansas Conference, has been joyously installed by the splendid people of Shiloh, Helena District. Forget not the two rural workers, efficient and capable as they are, they can do little without our cooperation and prayers. Their problems are numerous and perplexing. "Lest ye forget" the third rural worker has been offered North Arkansas Conference for next year. Which District would like to undertake this work?

Mrs. A. H. Dulaney of Searcy has been appointed Leader of the Bennett Prayer League for this Conference. Every auxiliary will soon be given information also instruction through Mrs. Dulaney. Let us remember "Prayer is the heaven ordained way of bringing things to pass in the Kingdom of God."

The relocation of Scarritt is of tremendous importance and surely every woman is praying with that confident faith that God will overrule in all proceedings and will locate Scarritt according to His great need and great plan of administering to the world.

Dear women, let us fail not to contribute our lives and entire activity to the dire distress of the Kingdom of God on earth. The Father can do little without the help of his household. Our place is an ever unchangeable place. It touches the youth, the home and society. May we be true and faithful to our sacred obligation.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SOCIETY.

Dear Friends: Good News! The History will soon be out, and "Builders of a Kingdom" will soon be in the hands of the women.

I know you have thought we had given it up but we have been waiting on publishers, etc. till our patience has almost been exhausted.

But we have done the very best we could. Book-making is very expensive and we have tried to get a price that would not hurt the sale of the book.

Some publishers said we should sell the book for \$2.00, but we thought many would not buy, and have worked to get a price that would be acceptable to the women. We are happy to state that \$1.25 will be the sale price for the book which will be from 300 to 350 pages, have many pictures, cloth and stiff board back, no paper covers, and a record of the work of the women for the past fifty years, written in a readable form.

The best and liveliest woman should be appointed book agent and take subscriptions at once and report the number to me. Every Methodist woman should have a copy, and the whole Church should be canvassed at once. It will be easier to send the books in large quantities than in small numbers.

This is a Conference enterprise, the money goes into the Conference treasury, and we must not fail in this any more than in any other enterprise fostered by the Conference. I am counting on you to place the history of our work in the hands of the women. We did not publish the book to lie packed in boxes, but to be sold to every woman and read by them that they may appreciate the work of our pioneers and receive inspiration for greater service for our Lord in establishing His Kingdom in the earth. Sincerely and with love, your friend, —Mrs. F. M. Williams.

TILLAR.

Mrs. S. V. Tillar writes of some interesting programs and unusually good work done by the Clayton auxiliary during the summer months.

The study-class finished the book, "Building with India," in June; then to keep up interest and make their work continuous in July they reproduced the Council Meeting of 1923 in an interesting and unique program.

Their August meeting was made "Stunt Day." Each number of this program, beginning with the Bible lesson and going throughout the afternoon, was dramatized. At the September meeting they are planning to give "The Preeminent Christ" in dialogue. These plans are well worthy of mention and may be a stimulus to some of the larger societies who have been asleep all summer. Mrs. Clayton adds that with each program they have enjoyed a social hour with light refreshments. The interest has run high and not a single member has withdrawn on account of the heat. They will study "Creative Forces in Japan" this fall. Hats off to Tillar.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT MEETING GLENWOOD, SEPTEMBER 18-19.

Tuesday, 2:30 P. M.

Organization.
Report of Dist. Sec'y.—Mrs. Geo. F. Cress.
Some new Plans for the Fall work.
(a) The Doubling Campaign.
(b) Circuit Missionary Societies—Mrs. C. F. Elza.

Tuesday, 7:30 P. M.

Music by the Choir.
Worship—Rev. Roy Farr.
Music
Forward Plan for Missionary Education—Mrs. E. R. Steel.
Belle H. Bennett Memorial—Mrs. C. F. Elza.

Hymn, Benediction.

Wednesday, 9 A. M.

Worship—Rev. W. C. Yancey.
Delegates' Hour.
Supply Work—Mrs. N. B. Nelson.
Keeping the Societies Missionary—Mrs. D. B. Thompson.
Quiet Hour—Mrs. C. F. Elza.
Wednesday, 2 P. M.
Junior Work—Mrs. Jess Hill.
Young Peoples' Work—Mrs. McFerrin Gibbs.
Training a Social Conscience and Community Service—Mrs. E. R. Steel.
Closing Devotion.
—Mrs. Geo. F. Cress.

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CHILDREN'S WEEK.

What? A week to help parents and teachers in the religious nurture of the child.

When? October—preferably 14-21.
What is an adequate observance?

1. Home visitation (Teachers of children 12 years of age and under visit in homes of parents).
2. Parents' meeting (One meeting of parents and teachers at close of week).
3. Forward step.

Some 1922 Forward Steps.

The following is a list of some of the forward steps taken at the 1922 Parents' Meetings. These are given merely as a matter of information, and if they serve any churches as a helpful guide, we shall be glad. However, the forward step that is taken must be governed entirely by local needs.

A separate Beginners' Department.
Cradle Roll Organized.
Planned Departmental Sunday S. rooms.

Parents' Classes.
Playground with supervisor.
Introduction of Graded Lessons.
Piano for Primary Department.
Painting dingy walls and floors.
Establishment of family altar.
Church Nursery.

Plans for Home Cooperation and Visitation.
Organization of Mothers Club.
Teacher Training Class.
Plans to Refurnish Elementary Departments.

Story Hour for Children.
Paying Bill to Lamar & Barton.
Provide Screens for Primary Department.

Plans for securing better movies.
Grade Sunday School.
Vacation Bible School.
Reach and maintain elementary standards.

Workers and Mothers Library.
Observance of Quiet Hour in the Home Every Afternoon.

Annual Observance of Children's Week.

Separate Worship Service for Primaries.

Build New Church with Model Sunday School Equipment.

Build and Equip Cradle Roll Room.
Chairs for Primaries and Beginners.
Teacher Training Class.

Finish New Sunday School Building.—Mrs. F. T. Fowler, Conf. Ele. Supt.

FORREST CITY SCHOOL.

A week of continued rains militated against the attendance in the training school last week, many parties from surrounding towns who had planned to enroll being cut off by impassable roads. However the school was a good one, and some very fine things were said by the teachers regarding the character of work done by those in the school.

Prof. H. H. Harris gave a most illuminating course on the Educational Task of the Local Church, presenting some original matters which were of very practical character. The daily inspirational addresses delivered by William Sherman, W. V. Womack and Prof. Harris were all of very fine character. Not as many credits were earned in this school as last year, but in all sincerity we believe a much more thorough work was done. The Training work is yielding larger and better results everywhere.—H. E. Wheeler.

ROUND-UP CAMPAIGN IN HELENA DISTRICT.

On last Thursday morning of last week a large corps of workers, including District staff, Group Leaders, and others, called together by

the Chairman of the Sunday School work, gave careful consideration to all the plans for the FOLLOW-UP CAMPAIGN, and a most enthusiastic meeting was held. Assignments for work were accepted, credentials secured, plan interpreted, and in this District there will not be a Sunday School that will not have been helpfully visited during the time set.

We are busy in our office preparing the sets of instruction sheets and report blanks and other literature necessary, and during the Training Schools immediately ahead of us we will complete the work of organization for this far-reaching undertaking.—H. E. Wheeler.

LITTLE ROCK CONF. CALENDAR OF S. S. MEETINGS FOR THIS FALL.

Hope Training School at Hope, September 10-14.

Fall Meeting of Prescott District officers at Hope, September 11.

Prescott District Elementary Institute at Hope, September 14.

Texarkana District "Set-Up" Meeting for "Round-Up Meeting," at First Church, Texarkana, September 13.

Camden District Training School at Bearden, September 17-21.

Camden District "Set-Up" Meeting at Bearden September 18.

Camden District Elementary Institute at Bearden, September 21.

Pine Bluff District Training School at First Church Sept. 24-28.

Pine Bluff District "Set-Up" meeting at First Church, Sept. 25.

Little Rock District "Set-Up Meeting" at Winfield, Sept. 27.

Texarkana District Training School at First Church, October 1-5.

Arkadelphia Dist. Training School at Central, Hot Springs, Oct. 15-19.

Arkadelphia District Elementary Institute at Hot Springs, October 19.

"Round-Up Campaign" for Conference, October 14-28.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT READY FOR "ROUND UP" CAMPAIGN, OCTOBER 14-28.

The Arkadelphia District, led by Presiding Elder Hundley and District Secretary J. W. Lee, is ready for the big "Sunday School Round Up Campaign," October 14-28. The Set-Up meeting with the District officers was held at Malvern last Tuesday with all the workers present save two. Every detail of the campaign was carefully explained and plan of visitation worked out. This campaign will be a success in the old Arkadelphia District.—Clem Baker.

HOW THEY WILL DO IT IN THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

We give below the plan of visitation for all the Sunday Schools of the Arkadelphia District during the period October 14-28.

Rev. L. E. N. Hundley: Waverly on the Princeton Circuit and all the schools on the Cedar Glades Mission.

Rev. J. W. Thomas: Magnet Cove on the Malvern Circuit, Lonsdale on the Oaklawn Circuit, all the schools on the Percy Circuit, and Benton Station.

Rev. L. T. Rogers: All the schools on the Arkadelphia and Dalark Circuits.

Rev. J. A. Henderson: All the schools on the Malvern Circuit, except Magnet Cove, and all the schools on the Sparkman-Sardis Charge.

Hon. J. W. Lee: All the schools on the Carthage and Leola Circuits.

Rev. C. D. Cade: All the schools on the Holly Springs and Lono Circuits.

Rev. G. L. Cagle: All the schools on the Traskwood Circuit.

Rev. H. A. F. Ault: All the schools

on the Princeton Circuit, except Waverly.

Rev. F. N. Brewer: Arkadelphia and Malvern Stations.

Rev. Clem Baker: All the schools on the Hot Springs Circuit and all the schools in the city of Hot Springs.—Clem Baker.

WIDE-AWAKE SUPERINTENDENTS PREPARE FOR "ROUND-UP" WEEK.

"Round Up" Campaign, October 14-28, is a WINNER. During this period every one of the one-thousand Methodist Sunday Schools will be visited by a District or Conference officer. Everywhere our people are getting ready. The District Set-Up meetings are being held and the workers are taking up the campaign with the spirit that wins. Many wide-awake Superintendents are writing us that they are getting ready. Among this number we find such outstanding leaders as Adam Trieschman of Crossett and S. W. Rogers of First Church, Little Rock. Watch Arkansas Methodists show the way in this unusual undertaking.—Clem Baker.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL IN SESSION THIS WEEK.

The Prescott District Standard Training School is in session at Hope this week with every indication of an unusually successful session. The instructors are Mrs. Byron Harwell, Mrs. F. T. Fowler, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Rev. S. R. Twitty, Rev. Clem Baker, and Dr. W. A. Smart. During the week the Prescott District Officers will make plans for the "Round-Up" campaign October 14-28. Another outstanding feature of the week will be the District Elementary Institute conducted by Miss Mamie Bryant and Mrs. Fowler.—Clem Baker.

BEARDEN STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

The Standard Training School for the eastern half of the Camden District will be held at Bearden next week. The organization meeting will be held at 3:00 P. M. Sunday afternoon September 16 and the class work will begin Monday evening the 17. The instructors for this school are: Mrs. T. M. Salter, Mrs. F. T. Fowler, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Rev. F. G. Roebuck, Rev. Clem Baker, and Dr. W. A. Smart. Bob Cannon, Fred Roebuck, and the other workers down there promise that this school will even surpass the splendid school held for the western half of the district at Magnolia last April.

PROGRAM OUT FOR PINE BLUFF DISTRICT STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOL.

The program is just off the press for the Pine Bluff District Standard Training School which is to be held at First Church, September 24-28. The following courses will be given:

1. Beginner Lesson Material, Miss Hazel Covington, Instructor.
2. Primary Organization, Mrs. T. M. Salter, Instructor.
3. Junior Lesson Material, Miss Mary Alice Jones, Instructor.
4. Intermediate-Senior Agencies, Mrs. W. B. Nance, Instructor.
5. Principles of Teaching, Rev. C. M. Reves, Instructor.
6. Sunday School Management, Rev. Clem Baker, Instructor.
7. The Story of the New Testament, Dr. Thomas Carter, Instructor.

The Conference Superintendent spent last Thursday in Pine Bluff and finds every thing in readiness for the best session of the four we have had there. Pine Bluff Methodism will entertain out-of-town delegates.

HOT SPRINGS TRAINING SCHOOL OCTOBER 15-19.

The Arkadelphia District Standard Training School will be held in Central Church, Hot Springs, the week of October 15-19. This will close our fall series of Standard Schools in the Little Rock Conference. Already plans are being made for a great school with the Hot Springs people. Brother Hundley and his District officers are expecting to secure repre-

sentative groups from over the District to attend this school. Rev. M. S. Monk is the Dean. Among others secured for instructors are Dr. Paul B. Kern of Dallas, Rev. C. M. Reves of Little Rock, and Rev. J. F. Simmons of Texarkana.—Clem Baker.

JONESBORO DISTRICT STANDARD TRAINING SCHOOL, PARAGOULD, SEPT. 30-OCT. 5.

Quite a campaign is on in the Jonesboro District for enrollment of pupils for the Standard training School, and it is the objective of the Board of Managers to have a representative from every Sunday School in the District.

Liberal provision has been made for the entertainment of all who enroll for credit work. A fine series of courses have been published, and the school may be expected to satisfy maximum expectation.

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Intermediate-Senior Lesson Materials and Teaching.

Rural Sunday School Management for Pastors and Superintendents.

The Bible, Text in New Testament.

Be sure and write the educational director, Prof. H. H. Haley, Blytheville, Ark., that you are coming so that the committee may provide entertainment in advance.—H. E. Wheeler.

NON-STANDARD SCHOOL AT PEARIDGE.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley reports a good school just concluded at Pea Ridge in which the course on Sunday School Organization and Administration was offered. Six examinations were taken in the Class.—H. E. Wheeler.

NEWLY ORGANIZED CLASSES.

The following organized Wesley Classes have just been reported to our office: Merry Methodist Maids, First Church, Fort Smith, Senior Department. Teacher, Mrs. G. C. Hardin.

Daughters of Wesley, Alma, Arkansas, Senior Department, Mrs. A. E. Collins, Teacher.

Young Men's Class, Van Buren, Arkansas, Young Peoples Department, Mrs. Will Spradley, Teacher.—H. E. Wheeler.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT

MT. SEQUOYAH ASSEMBLY.

Very appropriate it was that the president of the North Arkansas Epworth League Board, Rev. H. C. Hoy, and the president of the Conference Epworth League, Rev. Byron Harwell, the president of the Little Rock Conference Epworth League, Rev. Neill Hart, and the writer, should all be present at the first session of the Western Methodist Epworth League Assembly, Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 16-26, 1923.

Rev. H. C. Hoy had charge of recreation assisted by Mrs. Byron Harwell. Rev. Byron Harwell had a class in Methods, Rev. Neill Hart took credit work and the writer was a sort of free lance, on enforced rest, holding the position on the faculty of "Advertiser to Men."

With no pressing duties, I stayed in the background and enjoyed the occasion to my heart's content, sleeping, and playing, and resting and driving, as the mood struck me.

The attendance was splendid for the first session. Every one of the twelve participating Conferences had representatives there. Mr. J. L. Bond, the genial superintendent, who so wonderfully cared for us all, making even the timid feel free and easy, stated that during the sixty-eight days of the summer session they had received visitors from twenty-five different states, and that twelve thousand visitors had passed through the gate. They counted no one twice. This we feel is a remarkable record, and is just a prophecy of the place which Mt. Sequoyah will hold in the life of the Church in the future.

The work done at Mt. Sequoyah in the Epworth League Assembly is really that of preparing leaders. There the leaders of our Conference received their training to better enable them to carry on the work of our Conference Assembly. However, it is open to every one who desires to do the work. It would be a splendid thing for all our pastors to take this work. It would be better for them to take the work at Mt. Sequoyah than at the Conference Assembly, for a number of reasons. They would come in touch with more of the great leaders of the Church. They would touch the League workers from other states, and get a perspective which all of our preachers need.

This year the following pastors from the Little Rock Conference were there part, or all, of the Assembly: Rev. W. C. Davidson of Hope, Rev. W. P. Whaley of Pine Bluff, Rev. M. S. Monk of Hot Springs, Rev. C. M. Reeves of Little Rock, Rev. P. C. Fletcher of Little Rock, Rev. Neill Hart of Pine Bluff, and the writer. There were a number of pastors from the other Conferences, and three presiding elders from Texas.

We had our tent, cots, cooking utensils with us and camped on Mt. Sequoyah during the entire time of the Epworth League Assembly. We had as neighbor campers, under the nearby trees, (for instead of saying "My next-door neighbor," we said, "My next-tree neighbor.") the following persons: Rev. and Mrs. H. U. Campbell of Kansas City, Mo., and three

girl friends; Rev. and Mrs. W. Harris on Baker of Van Alstyne, Texas, with their two-hundred pound negro cook; Rev. W. J. Morphis and family of Itasca, Texas; Mr. Geo. Hayes and young man of Dallas, Texas; Mr. Elmon McFarland and boy friend of Norman, Okla., who walked to the Assembly a distance of 175 miles, riding part of the way; Rev. Mr. White and family, Rev. Mr. Ricks, and Rev. Mr. Pope and their families, of Texas, were camped near us.

We enjoyed the stay very much and expect to go again.—S. T. Baugh.

BIG BANQUET.

First Church, Pine Bluff, has just completed an automobile race in their Chapter which has greatly increased the membership and stimulated the interest of all the young people in Epworth League work.

The members were divided into four groups represented by the Stutz, the Page, the Dodge, and the Ford, cars. Of course, the Ford won. The three losing cars gave the winning group a banquet, and which was a very fine occasion, in spite of the downpour of rain.

There were about fifty present. Musical numbers added to the variety of the program, and the toastmaster, Mr. C. Ray Monk, felicitously introduced the speakers, who responded briefly with appropriate remarks.

The pastor, Rev. W. P. Whaley, and his family had just returned from their vacation, and were present and added to the occasion. Brother Whaley is highly esteemed and loved by his young people, and also by the adult members of his congregation.

This was a very happy occasion. The ladies of First Church proved their ability to prepare a splendid banquet, and their love for the young people by their interest in them.

Rev. Neill Hart, the assistant pastor of this great Church, is going back to Hendrix and this banquet was really a farewell occasion to him. He is very much loved by First Church people.—S. T. Baugh.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was unanimously passed on Aug. 25 by the delegates at the first Western Epworth League Assembly held at Mount Sequoyah, August 16-26, 1923, and a copy was ordered sent to each of the Advocates in the Conferences served by this Assembly:

"We the members of the Western Epworth League Assembly heartily commend the work of the Rev. Ralph E. Nollner, as Dean of this our first Assembly on Mount Sequoyah.

"He has shown himself not only efficient in planning and carrying out our first program but in it all he has manifested a spirit of brotherliness that has endeared him to the heart of all.

"We further request that he be assigned to this Assembly in 1924.

—E. B. Hawk, C. M. Reeves, H. U. Campbell, Com."

NEW LEAGUE AT HOUSTON.

Bro. J. N. Wilford, pastor of the Methodist Church, organized an Epworth League here Wednesday evening with forty-five members. The officers selected were: H. M. Powell, President; Larkie Cobb, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Lala Jones, Recording Secy.; Miss Clara Thomas, Treas.; Mrs. Lulu Simms, Corresponding Secy.; Miss L. Jones, Supt. First Div.; Miss Madge Lively, Supt. 2d Div.; Miss Opal Lawson, Supt. 3d Div.; Claude Rhinehart, Supt. 4th Div.; Walter Thomas, Epworth Era Agent. Ten subscriptions for the Epworth Era were taken before the meeting adjourned. All the young people seemed very much enthused over the organization.—Lulu A. Simms.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE BROWN THRUSH.

There's a merry brown thrush sitting up in the tree;
He's singing to me! He's singing to me!

And what does he say, little girl, little boy?

"Oh! the world's running over with joy!"

Don't you hear? don't you see?
Hush! look! in my tree

I'm as happy as happy can be."

And the brown thrush keeps singing,
"A nest do you see,

And five eggs hid by me in the big cherry-tree?

Don't meddle! don't touch! little girl, little boy,

Or the world will lose some of its joy!

Now I'm glad now I'm free!

And I always shall be,

If you never bring sorrow to me."

So the merry brown thrush sings away in the tree,

To you and to me, to you and to me;
And he sings all the day, little girl, little boy:

"Oh, the world's running over with joy!"

But long it won't be,

Don't you know? can't you see?

Unless we're as good as can be!"

—Lucy Larcom.

BERT'S WILDCAT

"O Bert," cried Polly, "father says we're all going to the mountains for the month of August!"

That was good news to Bert, but he only said, "Huh! That's fine!"

The family arrived at the small mountain hotel early one evening, and the next day the brother and sister were all ready to explore the neighborhood. They made friends with Ben, an old man of all work on the premises, and asked him all sorts of

THE EMMET LEAGUE.

The Emmet Chapter of the Epworth League is making wonderful progress along all lines of League work.

The Chapter has used a special membership campaign during the summer and has more than doubled its list of members, both active and honorary.

This was stimulated to a great extent by the spirit of rivalry that grew out of the divisions "A" and "B." Different kinds of League work being used as determiners of the score. The losing division then entertained the entire League at the close of the month.

The socials were attended and enjoyed by larger crowds of enthusiastic young people than any other events on the social program.

The "A" and "B" divisions have now been displaced by the new system which makes four divisions with the superintendents of the several departments of a League as their heads.

This plan has added much to the advantage of the programs, especially that of Mission Study.

The Emmet Chapter has paid its pledges in full and found that a reasonable task under the pledge and envelope system which eliminates the payment of dues.

Emmet is wrestling with the question of a Junior League but with their determination and large number of willing workers they are sure to win. When they have established a Junior department they will be well on the road to the winning of the gold seal.

The Emmet Leaguers visited the Hope League on July 29, having charge of the program on that evening. The Hope League returned the visit on Sept. 9.

This practice, according to the Emmet Leaguers, is a wonderful generator of "That old Epworth League spirit."

Emmet's program for the year includes visits to churches in adjoining communities where they will give programs and organize other Leagues, thus helping the League to reach all young people and giving all young people a chance to enjoy League work.

—Mrs. D. S. Jordan.

questions about the big woods near the hotel.

"Yes," drawled old Ben, "thar's a few animals wandering round on the mountains; foxes and wildcats and now and then a bear."

Polly glanced over her shoulder at the dark forest, but Bert, who noticed her look, laughed.

"Ho!" he said. "Bears always run away, Poll. And as for wildcats, they're no bigger than ordinary good-sized cats. You can tell them by their stubby tails. I'd just as soon walk right up to one and stroke it."

Polly shook her curly head doubtfully, and Ben remarked that he should call a wildcat a "savage critter."

A few days after that Bert and his sister set out for a ramble up the side of Whiteface, the nearest mountain. After an hour or two of pleasant climbing they halted to eat the sandwiches they had brought with them. Afterward they stretched themselves out on the moss to rest a while.

After they had been silent and still for a long time, Bert said drowsily, "This is the jolliest place I ever saw."

Just as he spoke there was a slight sound like the crackling of a twig in the thicket just behind them. Bert sat up. "What was that?" he said.

They listened, and presently they heard the sound again. That time it was a little nearer. "Do you suppose it's a bear or anything?" asked Bert in a low tone.

"It might be a wildcat," Polly suggested rather shakily. "You said bears always ran away."

At that moment they both caught sight of two bright eyes shining in the shadows of the firs. "Look!" Bert said in a loud whisper. "It is a wildcat, I do believe. What shall we do?"

"Perhaps we'd better sit perfectly still," Polly whispered back. Nearer and nearer came the eyes. The two watchers, sitting like statues, but rather shaky statues—could now see plainly the animal's gray fur and erect, pointed ears.

The creature advanced softly, step by step, until it was only a rod away. "I can hear it growling," Bert said in a low whisper.

Polly listened a moment. "No," she said softly, "that doesn't sound like growling. It's more—why, it's more like purring."

As the big cat came slowly nearer they could hear it purring loudly. Suddenly Polly had an idea. She reached out one trembling hand, snatched up a fragment of beef from a left-over sandwich and tossed it toward the strange visitor.

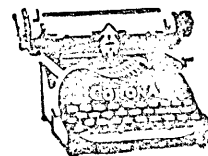
The animal halted and sniffed at the meat, then, crouching, began to eat it.

"I declare," said Polly in a louder tone, "it acts just like a common cat!"

When the cat had finished the morsel it came still closer, purring more affably than ever, and accepting another piece of beef. That finished, it walked over to the shrinking pair and

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began to rub against Polly's knee.

The little girl drew back at first; then all at once she cried, "Look, Bert, it has a long tail just like any common cat. It is a common cat!"

She put out a hesitating little hand and stroked the silky fur.

A little later two rather shamefaced travelers came stealing back to the hotel. They might have kept their adventure a secret, but the cat followed close at their heels and would not leave them.

As they walked into the back yard old Ben saw them. "Hey," he said, "where did you find Big Tom? In the woods, I suppose; he's a regular tramp. Didn't see any wildcats, did you?"

Then somehow the whole story came out. Old Ben was good enough not to laugh very hard, but he could not help giving Bert a little thrust. "When you saw the critter staring through the bushes did you walk right up to it and stroke it, son?"

Bert was honest. "No sir-e-e, I didn't," he said "Wildcats are easier to talk about, I guess, than they are to meet."—Willis Boyd Allen, in The Youth's Companion.

A RAILROAD STATION CAT.

Seeing the account in the Children's Department of The Christian-Evangelist of Mr. Fuller's wonderful cat, at Beaumont, Texas, I am reminded of one owned by my son, Guy Morgan Mann, agent-operator for the Atlanta and West Point Railroad at Gabbettville, Georgia. This is a young cat, a namesake of Senator Tom Watson, and surpasses his tribe in many characteristics and qualities.

He is simply devoted, in his love and loyalty, to my son. He will ride in the automobile, and take in the picture shows, as a deeply interested spectator at West Point and La-Grange. When he sees and hears the car cranked he makes his way to the seat beside my son, and shows his pleasure and interest by wagging his tail like a dog. Most cats at the approach of those rapid running trains, would lose no time in retreating to a place of safe seclusion, but this one goes with his master to meet them and follows, to and fro, in the delivery of the mail at the postoffice.

My son can tease this cat and have a tremendous noisy quarrel and not get hurt, but woe unto the stranger that attempts to lay hands on him. No rats nor other rodents habitate the depot at Gabbettville. Although "Tom Watson" has free access to all the stores of the place, as well as to the home at my son's landlady, no one ever thinks of losing anything from this remarkable cat, who seems to take no personal interest in any one, except his master. The speed of a car, in which he rides, has no terrors for him, but, on the contrary, he delights in a flying trip and never loses sight and confidence in his friend, when away from home on a trip. In consideration of the fact that he has no special training when compared with other cats, he is a very remarkable one.—Andrew J. Mann, M. D., Albaton, Georgia.

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LAY LEADER'S APPEAL.

I would call to the attention of both pastors and laymen of the Little Rock Conference the importance of seeing to it that pastors' salaries and Conference claims are collected in full. From the reports coming in from all sections of the Conference, it looks as if this is going to be a year that the Little Rock Conference will pay out in full.

I am taking this method of calling your attention again to the fact that all that is necessary to put it over is for everybody to get in behind. Can we not count on you?—Sam T. Poe, Conference Lay Leader.

GARDNER MEMORIAL.

The church has made steady progress during the entire year.

Our Sunday School has grown about thirty three and one third per cent in attendance and fully that much in efficiency. Our Sunday School rooms are not finished, but are being used by the school.

The W. M. S. has been active and progressive in its sphere.

The Senior, Intermediate and Junior Leaguers have been doing fine work.

Rev. J. L. Shelby, the District Evangelist, helped us in our revival meeting in May. We had a real good meeting with ten accessions to the church with several professions. We have had 20 accessions during the year.

The year would have been a record breaker if it had not been for the railroad strike which affects 90 per cent of our people. With all of this they have kept sweet spirited and religious.

My official board gave me a two weeks' vacation in August. During this time I visited four brothers in Oklahoma and Kansas, and held a revival meeting at the same time resulting in 16 professions and 12 accessions to the church.

I helped Rev. W. A. Patty in a meeting at Naylor beginning the last Sunday in August and closed the first Sunday in September. We had a very fine meeting with 14 accessions to the church. We enjoyed our stay very much in the home of Bro. and Sister Patty.

Rev. D. H. Colquette and Mr. Robert Lee of Little Rock filled my pulpit while I was in Oklahoma, and Prof. J. I. McClarkin of Conway and Rev. Byron Harwell, student pastor at Conway, filled the pulpit while I was at Naylor. All did valuable service and were appreciated very much by pastor and people.

You cannot find a more appreciative people than we have at Gardner Memorial.—Edward Forrest, P. C.

HACKETT CHARGE.

Our work on the Hackett Charge is moving along nicely.

We have just closed our meeting at Bethel with good results. We held the meeting two weeks. Had 11 conversions, 20 additions to the church, 13 of whom came by baptism, 6 by vows and one by letter. We had the pleasure of baptizing 17 children and there are more to be baptized.

Among those who were converted were five men who were fathers and one woman a mother. One man was 62 years old. There were six families which were brought into the church, both father and mother of these homes joined the church and they had their children baptized.

There has been a great deal of good accomplished here I am sure, and we are praying that the good work will continue. Last Sunday there were 46 pupils in Sunday School who were under 13 years of age besides this there were several visitors. We are planning on organizing the Cradle Roll to the Sunday School and Home Department. The prayer meeting is already organized, and the ladies are talking of organizing a Ladies' Aid. It is our purpose that every Christian have something to do.

We had our meeting under an arbor built by the men before the meeting began. Before the pastor had

come on the ground the men had cut forks and set them in the ground and laid poles in them, then by laying small poles and piling small brush across them they made a foundation for the cover. Upon this they hauled several loads of Johnson grass for a cover. Before the meeting was half over they had to enlarge the arbor.

Our day services were well attended. There were not less than 25 at any day service. From 25 to about 45 was the attendance. At one day service we had two conversions. The Lord was with us and we have been made to see again what it means for Jesus to touch a life and to see what it will do for a man when He touches his life.

We undertook the meeting with nothing in mind but to work the best we could, pray much, and to preach Christ and Him crucified. We purposed to stay on the field until the Lord blessed us or we learned the reason. Brethren, I fear that we do not wait on the Lord long enough, we do not pray long enough, but on the other hand we expect victory to be ours too soon. We are in too much hurry when it comes to evangelizing.

We many times have other things to do. Let us stay with the stuff. Brethren pray for us that we may have a good year in its closing.—Porter Weaver, Pastor.

MEETING AT NEW BETHEL.

A series of meetings have just been closed at New Bethel. A large and appreciative audience filled the house each night to hear the great message.

While there were no additions to the church, backsliders were made to see the light again; old members were revived and God's grace was shed upon the community. Our able pastor, Rev. W. M. Hayes, proved his great ability and earnestness by preaching each night without an assistant, and never tiring in his efforts to save souls. We are truly thankful to Rogers Chapel for their assistance in the song services, which were always an inspiration to the hearers.—Reporter.

GURDON.

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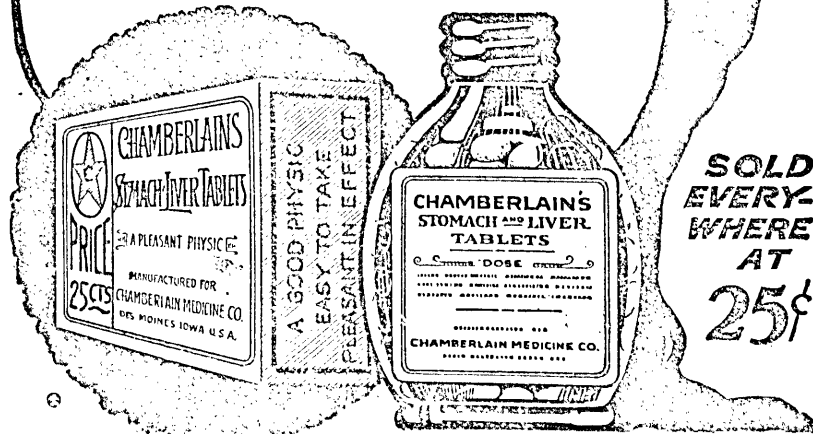
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The construction of the new church will begin this week. We have the most desirable lot in the town for a church. The new church will have basement and main auditorium with 14 Sunday School rooms and all modern conveniences.

During the four years I have been pastor here both our church and the town has grown rapidly.

The town has grown this year more rapidly than any town in South Arkansas out of the oil section.

Our people have been faithful and patient under the strain the loss of our church has thrown upon us. We have now many choice people in our membership and with the completion of the new church we have great opportunity for service and our people are praying and planning that this happy event may occur by the meeting of our annual conference if possible.—W. W. Nelson, P. C.

SPRINGHILL CIRCUIT.

I have closed out all of my meetings. Have held seven out of which I had help in two. There were only 16 additions to the church.

Rev. J. D. Rogers of Foreman helped me at Springhill. Bro. Rogers preached some fine sermons and the attendance was good. Bro. Rogers closed out with a good warm spirit in the hearts of all. May the Lord bless the work and the workers.—V. A. Higgs, P. C.

WELDON.

I am now in my last meeting, at Union. We are going forward in a wonderful way. There have been thirteen conversions to date, with ten additions to the church. People are coming from every point in my own charge and also from Augusta, McCrory and Jelks, as well as other points outside the work. The house will not begin to hold the crowds. To the present, there have been in this charge, 221 conversions and reclamations with 129 additions to our own church while numbers have gone into the Baptist Church and a few to the Christian Church.

Within the next few days we will begin the construction of a Community Church at Fitzhugh. The building, when completed will cost between four and five thousand dollars and will be modern throughout.

This is one of the greatest years of my ministry and it seems that we are only in the beginning of the work.—E. T. Miller, P. C.

LEWISVILLE.

I have just closed a meeting at Wagoner's school house, an appointment on my work, with ten accessions to the Methodist Church. I also baptized fifteen babies. It was a gracious meeting. I begin my last meeting today at Walnut Hills. This will finish the protracted meetings. Bro. J. D. Hammons helped me in one, Bro. B. A. Few in another, and the pastor held the others. So far we have had good meetings at every point.—R. R. Moore, P. C.

CONWAY CIRCUIT.

We have had two good meetings this year. Closed one at Oakland church on Sunday night, Sept. 2. We only had an eight day meeting. Had 42 conversions with 20 additions to the church.

Bro. Lester Rowland did the preaching. He is a good revival preacher and a tireless worker. The church is in a fine working condition. Oakland is the best country church in Faulkner county.

I closed a meeting at Providence the first of August. This is one of the 22 abandoned churches in Conway District. Had seventeen conversions. This is a good community and there is a fine prospect for a live church here.

We have had a good year so far, and have no complaints to make. Hope to make a good report at conference.—W. J. Spicer, P. C.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Pastors and church treasurers of the North Arkansas Conference are requested to send in at once all "Conference Collections" funds in hand to the Conference treasurer, so that all the Conference charges may receive due credit in the Third Quarterly Report to be published in about two weeks.—George McGlumphy, Conference treas.

REPORT OF THE BAPTIST-METHODIST DEBATE AT LORADO.

I had wondered how the Baptist brethren would ever be able to make a report of this debate that they would be willing to put out for people to read. In the Baptist and Commoner of Aug. 22, we have it.

The reader would believe by this report that the debate continued for six days on the mode of Water Baptism, but this is a mistake.

The first subject was Infant Baptism; the second, The Origin of the Baptist Church; third The Origin of the Methodist Church; fourth, Restricted Communion; fifth, Apostasy; sixth, The Mode of Water Baptism.

Five times during this debate Bro. Beckham offered to end the debate and acknowledge defeat, if Bogard would sustain his proposition or offer proof of his assertions. But he had Bogard so completely tied that he could not as much as wiggle. On the fourth day I told Bro. Beckham that if Bogard called on him to sustain his proposition and prove his assertions as he had done him and he failed to offer the proof I was going to call this debate off and admit that Bogard had put him down in defeat, and Beckham said: "Martin, stick to it, and demand the proof." But not one time did Bogard get Beckham in a place but what he had an easy way out.

The Baptist and Commoner reports that after the debate was over the Baptists were as happy a people as he ever saw. They would have been happy at the close of either of these services if they had just known that it was the last time Beckham would have a chance to put their man down in defeat.

Bro. Beckham did his work well, and the Methodists are yet rejoicing over the great victory won for them.

Bogard's strongest efforts were to dodge his propositions and sidetrack the hearers from the propositions of his opponent. But Bro. Beckham stuck to his subjects and backed them up with the Scriptures and the History of the Church.

Bogard affirmed the second day that the Baptist Church was organized by Christ during his personal, earthly ministry. He did not make an attempt to prove his proposition. And after he was pressed by Bro. Beckham as to why he had dodged his proposition, he said: "To begin with, the proposition is unfair." This certainly meant nothing more or less than that Mr. Bogard signed a proposition that he was unable to prove.

And on the last day of the debate, on the Mode of Water Baptism, several different translations of the Scriptures were introduced, but Bogard claimed that the question must be settled by the Greek Testament. And Bro. Beckham arose and said: "Ben, this debate is drawing near to a close, (Just one more hour) and I am going to make you a fair proposition. I hold in my hand your Greek Testament, and I have one just like it, and if you will just give me one place in the Greek that will justify you in going in the water for the purpose of administering baptism I will acknowledge defeat, and carry you to Texas on my back, board you until Christmas, and join the Baptist Church." But again Bogard was as silent as death.

Now as to Martin slipping out of the debate with Eld. Stricklin at Lorado, and getting it off on the Baptist, I only have this to say. I knocked Stricklin out in the first round, and pled earnestly with him to stay on through, but he strictly refused, and some of his members were pleading with him to stick to his contract. Ben M. tried it for four days with Stricklin and Stricklin tried at the end of the four days to get him to stay four

more, but there was nothing doing. As to me meddling in their meeting, I will ask you to write the deacons of the Christian Church at Lorado, (Jonesboro, R. F. D. 2), and they will tell you that I have never bothered them in their meetings. I was sent for, to meet them at Lorado, at the request of Eld. Stricklin.

The Methodists were not the cause of the debate between Bogard and Warlick near Beach Grove, and any one desiring to know why this debate happened would do well to address Eld. J. D. Futrell, (Paragould, R. F. D. 5.) Bogard was wholly to blame and was the cause of this debate, and also the Beckham-Bogard debate. Bogard boasted as to how he could just twist old Joe S Warlick and the Methodist debaters around and around, and he had to meet his assertions in both cases. And it was to the sorrow of his people in both cases.—J. W. Martin.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

Reports from seventeen of the twenty-four charges show that 290 have been received on profession of faith and 210 by certificate, making even 500 received this year to September 1. During the same period of nine months 146 were, dismissed by certificates and 65 by death and otherwise, making 221 dismissed. This leaves 289 as the net gain in the district for the first nine months from these seventeen charges. These same charges report that a total of 71 infants have been baptized. Five charges are up to the amount paid for the support of the ministry and a few charges are not far behind. A comparison of the first nine months of last year with the first nine months of this year reveals the fact that almost every charge in the District is in advance of last year with its finances. This is the result of getting some method or system into the finances of the churches. Several of the pastors have already given me the assurance that they are going to get more Conference Claims this year than last. I believe they are as good as their word. A number of good revivals have been held and several more are to be held before conference. Brother Doyle T. Rowe has been relieved of the Hatfield charge to enter Hendrix College and Rev. L. A. Alkire has been appointed to this charge. Brother Milford Edington of DeQueen who was licensed to preach at the District Conference is in H. Brown. Thomas S. Davis has entered Fulsom Training School as a ministerial student. Every pastor in the Texarkana District is doing faithful and efficient work. If you are looking for drones you need not come into this District; we have none. From Owen on the north to Musser on the south, and from Higgs on the east to Rogers on the west, they are all working.—J. F. Simmons, P. E.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

During the month of August the following cash contributions were received for the Orphanage:

Winfield Church, offering for bread for Orphanage, \$9.80.
Cash, Miss Pearl McCain, Memphis, Tenn., \$1.00.

Mrs. J. B. Bond, cash, \$10.00.

The Matron has received at the Orphanage the following articles:

Canteen and cup, one pair of khaki trousers, Miss Fannie Steed.

Woman's Missionary Circle, by Rev. C. M. Reeves, 18 loaves bread.

One mattress and springs, by a friend.

One canteen and cup, by Mrs. W. F. Cain.

Virginia Howell's Sunday School Class, Asbury Church, by Mrs. C. L. Tipton, two dozen napkins.

Miss Mary Simpson, candy, luncheon for two girls.

Circle No. 8, First M. E. Church, South, by Mrs. J. E. McElwee, cream and cake.

Miss Pearl Cain, Memphis, Tenn., 8 dozen doughnuts.

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CENTER POINT CAMP-MEETING.

Just closed a ten days' meeting at the Center Point Camp Ground. This was the most successful meeting which has been held in this camp in a number of years. Rev. E. O. Hobbs, general evangelist of the M. E. Church, South, did the preaching. Bro. Hobbs is a strong gospel preacher, and is true to the doctrines of Methodism. Any one desiring evangelistic help will do well to get in touch with him.

Plans are being made to have Bro. Hobbs and his singer at our camp next year. Greater interest is being taken in this camp now, and it is predicted that a number of new camps will be built before the next meeting. Our meetings throughout the year have been very good.—G. W. Robertson, P. C.

LAVACA.

Our revival was begun at Oak Grove Aug. 19, and closed Wednesday, Aug. 29. Bro. Lark, our pastor at Greenwood, did the preaching. He preached the Gospel with such power that many were lifted to higher ground. There were about 20 conversions and reclamations. Two joined the church. One was a mother. Four of her children were converted.

Our Sunday School and Epworth League are both doing good work. The church at both places, Lavaca and Oak Grove, is growing in interest. We are hoping to come up with all our obligations. While we are behind now, we believe in our people and they love God's cause.

We are in a meeting at Ursula this week. Interest is good. We hope to have a great meeting. Pray for us.—A. L. Riggs, P. C.

PANGBURN.

The meeting came to a close at Pangburn. After two weeks of hard work, Rev. R. P. Shinn of Conway doing the preaching. John L. Gillespie of McClellan doing the singing. Bro. Shinn has been helping me in meetings for five years. I find him very good help and Bro. Gillespie is the best singer and personal worker I have found yet. Two Christian gentlemen are they, and a true team, true to the church and true to the pastor. We had about 48 conversions and quite a goodly number joined our church.—Hoy M. Lewis.

KINGSLAND.

On account of a sick son, Bro. J. C. Evans had to resign as pastor of Kingsland Circuit, and go west with him, and I was appointed to take his place. I came here June 14, and was most cordially received. Such was the condition of Mrs. Crowson's health, however, that she did not come until Aug. 10. Since then she has been going with us and helping us in our revival work. I don't know though, how long she will hold out. She complains of being tired of riding the circuit, and threatens to locate. In some respects we have been having good meetings. There has been some development of interest when we have had protracted services. Two Sunday Schools have been organized, two persons have been received into the church, and I think some good has been done in other ways. Most of the families in the charge have been visited by us. So we have been in the parsonage but little of the time, hence I had not given the people of Kingsland much opportunity to show their appreciation. But last Thursday morning we came in from one of the country churches where we had closed a meeting the night before. By Friday night the people had learned that we were here, and they gave us one of the most unstinted and royal donations (commonly called poundings) we have received in several years. We were not able fully to express our appreciation, could not find words to that end, but we did the best we could, and though our time here is short, if we are permitted to stay

only until the coming conference, we have strong hope of great success. We do not remember to have ever served a more appreciative and responsive people than we have in Kingsland and the surrounding country churches.

We hope, too, to greatly enlarge the subscription list to the Methodist.—W. M. Crowson, P. C.

THE SUMMER ASSEMBLY.

The first summer of the Western Methodist Assembly at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, is closed and the Board of Trustees, Dr. Millar and Mr. Bond are being congratulated upon the success of the meetings. The religious life of the denomination has been revived by the evangelical meetings; the educational groups which have met here have received new impetus; administration work has had consideration; Missions, Epworth League and other divisions of the church doubtless have new ideas, new plans and new zeal.

The outstanding leaders in all departments have been here. Thousands of visitors and delegates have returned with a new vision for Christian service. The meeting and the planning of the several groups and individuals from many states will result in much good for the advancement of Christianity.

The rural church ought to have more thought and more plans for a revival in the open country. Those who heard the speakers on this subject should go home with ideas. That Washington County and Northwest Arkansas has been benefited by the Assembly is the belief of the Arkansas Countryman.—Arkansas Countryman.

REVIVAL ON WALNUT RIDGE CIRCUIT.

Rev. J. L. Shelby has just closed a great revival on the Walnut Ridge Ct., two miles out of Walnut Ridge. Bro. Shelby is equal to Bro. Culpepper as a preacher. Many heard both of them through both meetings. Bro. Shelby preached to 2000 or 3000 people at night. He did far more good in ten days than any evangelist that has been in this country that length of time. Some of us think that Bro. Shelby digs deeper and preaches better than any man we have heard. Sunday at 11 o'clock, August 26, the fourth day after he came, he preached one of the greatest sermons that ever fell from the lips of man. People unconsciously raised from their seats shouting, but Shelby finished his sermon anyway. That preacher will never be closer to heaven until the pearly gates click on his back than he was in that service. We all learned what Jesus meant when he said that we would sit together in heavenly places.

During the meeting of ten days there were 55 conversions that we know about, and 31 came into our church.

Rev. G. B. Ellis, our enthusiastic pastor, was at his best. He is finishing his third year on this charge. We hope the Bishop will send him back to us the fourth year. We feel that no one else can do as well next year as our energetic pastor.

Rev. C. R. Fain, our local preacher, was at his best in the song service. He sang the old-time hymns that stirred the souls of many. Miss Taylor was at her best playing the organ for the meeting. The Board stood like a stone wall for God. It was truly, in many ways, the greatest revival ever conducted in this country.

We pray God's blessing on Brother and Sister Shelby wherever they go. We expect some day to clasp hands with them on the sunny banks of sweet deliverance where there will be no more good bye.—G. C. Taylor, Charge Lay Leader.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)
Arkadelphia Ct., at Pisgah, Sept. 29-30, Conf. 11 a. m., Saturday.
Okolona Ct., at Okolona, Sept. 30, Conf. 3 p. m., preaching at night.
Holly Springs, at Providence, Oct. 3, 11 a. m., Wednesday.
Malvern Sta., Oct. 7, 11 a. m., Conf. 10 a. m., Oct. 8.
Malvern Ct., at Rockport, Oct. 7, Conf. 3 p. m., and preaching at night.

Princeton Ct., at Waverly, Oct. 13-14, Conf. 11 a. m., Saturday.
Carthage & Tuip, at Tulip, Oct. 14, Conf. 3 p. m., preaching at night.
Park Ave., Oct. 21, 11 a. m., Conf. 2:30 p. m.
Central Ave., Oct. 21, 8 p. m., Conf. after service.
Traskwood Ct., at Traskwood, Oct. 24, 3 p. m.
Benton Sta., Oct. 28, 11 a. m., Conf. 3 p. m.
Arkadelphia Sta., Oct. 28, 8 p. m., Conf. after service.
Leola Ct., at Leola, Oct. 31, Conf. 3 p. m., preaching at night.
Friendship Ct., at Midway, Nov. 3-4, Conf. 3 p. m., preaching Sun. 11 a. m.
Dalark Ct., at Rock Springs, Nov. 4, Conf. 3:30 p. m., preaching at night.
Cedar Glades, November 10-11, Conf. 3 p. m., Saturday.
Oak Lawn & Tigart, Nov. 11, 8 p. m., Conf. after service.
Hot Springs Ct., Nov. 17-18, Conf. 2:30 p. m., Sunday.
Third St., Nov. 18, 8 p. m., Conf. after service.
Pearcey Ct., at Friendship, Nov. 19, 11 a. m., Conf. after service.
Sparkman & Sardis, at Sardis, Nov. 21, Conf. 11 a. m., following service.
Lono Ct., at Clear Creek, Nov. 24-25, Conf. 2:30 p. m., 25.
Pastors please assist Trustees in making out their reports as to property and deeds for same.—L. E. N. Hundley, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round.)
Belleville and Havana, at Belleville, Sept. 29-30.
Magazine, at Magazine, Sept. 30-Oct. 1.
Walnut Tree, at Egypt, Oct. 4-5.
Danville, Oct. 6-7.
Ola at Casa, Oct. 7-8.
Huntington Oct. 13-14.
Hartford, Oct. 14-15.
Rover at Rover, Oct. 20-21.
Adona, Oct. 21-22.
Perry and Bigelow, at Perry, Oct. 22-23.
Abbott and Washburn, at W., Oct. 27-28.
Dardanelle Ct., Nov. 3-4.
Prairie View and McKendree, Nov. 4-5.
Paris, at Oliver's Chapel, Nov. 5-6.
Branch, at Branch, Nov. 7-8.
Paris, Nov. 8.
Schranton, Nov. 9.
Plainview, Nov. 10-11.
Gravelly and Bluffton, Gravelly, Nov. 11-12.
Waldron Ct., Nov. 15-16.
Waldron, Nov. 16.
Booneville, Nov. 17-18.
Dardanelle, Nov. 18-19.
Let the Trustees be careful to have their reports. Pastors, please be ready to follow the requirements of the Discipline. Time is too short for an extra session.—B. L. Wilford, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round.)
Junction City, Sept. 23.
Hampton Ct., at Harrell, Sept. 29-30.
Wesson at Wesson, Oct. 7.
Kingsland, at Cross Roads, Oct. 13-14.
Waldo, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 17.
Taylor at Harmony, Oct. 20-21.
Smackover, 11 a. m., Oct. 24.
Eagle Mills, at Harmony Grove, Oct. 28.
Atlanta, at Atlanta, Oct. 31.
Strong, at Strong, Nov. 3-4.
Huttig, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 4.
Bearen, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 7.
Camden Ct., at Silver Springs, Nov. 10-11.
Camden Sta., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 14.
Buckner Ct., at Kilgore's Chapel, Nov. 17-18.
Magnolia, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 18.
Thornton, 2:30 p. m., Nov. 21.
Fordyce, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 21.
Stephens, 3:00 p. m., Nov. 23.
Chidester, Nov. 24-25.
—R. H. Cannon, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round.)
Jacksonville & Cato, Sept. 22-23.
Cabot, Sept. 23-24.
North Little Rock—
First Church, Sept. 30, a. m.
Gardner Mem., Sept. 30, p. m.
Beebe, Oct. 6-7.
Beebe Ct., Oct. 7-8.
Quitman, Oct. 13-14.
Rosebud, Oct. 14-15.
Morgantown, Oct. 20-21.
Greenbrier, Oct. 27-28.
Conway, Oct. 28-29.
Vilonia, Nov. 3-4.
—W. B. Hays, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round—Second Part.)
Berryville, Oct. 6-7.
Pleasant Valley, 3 p. m., Oct. 7.
Eureka Springs, Oct. 7-8.
Council Grove, Oct. 13-14.
War Eagle, Oct. 14-15.
Cincinnati, Oct. 20-21.
Highfill, Oct. 21-22.
Sonora, Oct. 27-28.
Bright Water, Oct. 28-29.
Morrow, Nov. 3-4.
Viney Grove, Nov. 4-5.
Farmington, Nov. 10-11.
Fayetteville, Nov. 11-12.
Prairie Grove, Nov. 17-18.
—W. L. Oliver, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round.)
Mulberry and Dyer, Sept. 23.
Kibler, Sept. 23.
Cecil, Sept. 29-30.
Charleston, Sept. 30.
Ozark, Oct. 7.
Hartman and Coal Hill, Oct. 7.
Lamar, Oct. 13-14.
Clarksville Ct., Oct. 14.
Winslow, Oct. 21.
Eat Van Buren, Oct. 21.
Greenwood, Oct. 28.
Hackett, Oct. 28.
Van Buren, Nov. 4.
South Fort Smith, Nov. 4.
First Ch., Ft. Smith, Nov. 5.
Alma, Nov. 7.
Dodson Ave., Nov. 11.
Altus, Nov. 11.
Clarksville Sta., Nov. 12.
Lavaca Nov. 18.
Midland Heights Nov. 18.
—G. G. Davidson, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round.)
Crawfordsville, Sept. 23.
Earle, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 23.
Clarendon, Sept. 30.
Forrest City, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 30.
Hughes-Hubert, at Hughes, Oct. 7.
Widener-Madison, at Madison, 7:30

p. m., Oct. 7.
Turner Ct., at Turner, Oct. 13-14.
Holly Grove-Marvell, at Marvell, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 14.
Aubrey Ct., at Oak Forest, Oct. 20-21.
Whitely-Palestine, at Palestine, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 21.
Harrisburg Ct., at Bay Village, Oct. 27-28.
Vandale Ct., at Cherry Valley, 3 p. m., Oct. 28.
Harrisburg 1st Ch., 7:30 p. m., Oct. 29.
Parkin, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 30.
Wynne 1st Ch., 7:30 p. m., Oct. 31.
Helena 1st Ch., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 2.
Elaine Ct., at Elaine, Nov. 3-4.
Marianna, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 4.
William Sherman, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round.)
Leachville (conf. later) 11 a. m., Sept. 16.
Nettleton, at Nettleton, Sept. 15-16.
Blytheville Ct., at Promised Land, Sept. 22-23.
Blytheville, 1st Ch., 11 a. m., Sept. 23.
Blytheville, Lake St., 7 p. m., Sept. 23.
Rosa, at Rosa, Sept. 28-29.
Luxora, 11 a. m., Sept. 30.
Osceola, 7 p. m., Sept. 30.
Whitton & Bardstown, at Bardstown, Oct. 6-7.
Wilson, 11 a. m., Oct. 7.
Marion, 7 p. m., Oct. 7.
Trinity, at Trinity, Oct. 12-13.
Huntington Ave., 11 a. m., Oct. 14.
Fisher St., 7 p. m., Oct. 14.
Truman Conference, Oct. 19.
Brookland, at New Haven, Oct. 20.
Lepanto, Oct. 21.
St. Johns at St. Johns, Oct. 27-28.
Manila, at Manila, 7 p. m., Oct. 28.
Fisher and Hickory Ridge, at Fisher, Oct. 30.
Monette, at Monette, Nov. 2-3.
Lake City, at Lake City, Nov. 4.
Tyronza, at Tyronza, Nov. 4-5.
Bay, at Lunsford, Nov. 9-10.
Jonesboro 1st Ch., 11 a. m., Nov. 11.
Truman, Preaching, 7 p. m., Nov. 11.
Marked Tree, 11 a. m., Nov. 13.
Pastors will please see that the trustees of Church property have their reports ready.
—R. E. L. Bearden, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round.)
Asbury, 11 a. m., Sept. 16.
Highland, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 16.
Hickory Plains at Johnson's Chapel, 11 a. m., Sept. 22.
Capitol View, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 23.
Austin Ct., at Zion 11 a. m., Sept. 29.
Pulaski Heights, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 30.
Carlisle Ct., at Carlisle, Oct. 6, 11 a. m.
Carlisle Sta., 11 a. m., Oct. 7.
Mauumelle Ct., at Rowland, 11 a. m., Oct. 13.
28th Street, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 14.
Des Arc, 11 a. m., Oct. 21.
Hazen and Devall's Bluff, at Hazen, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 21.
Bryant Ct., at Mt. Carmel, 11 a. m., Oct. 27.
Bauxite, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 28.
Keo-Tomberlin, 11 a. m., Nov. 3.
England, 11 a. m., Nov. 4.
Lonoke, 11 a. m., Nov. 11.
Hunter Mem., 7:30 p. m., Nov. 11.
Henderson Chape, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 13.
Forest Park, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 12.
Oak Hill, 11 a. m., at Oak Hill, Nov. 17.
Mabelvale and Primrose, 11 a. m., Nov. 18.
First Church, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 19.
Winfield, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 20.
—E. R. Steel, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

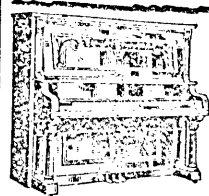
(Fourth Round.)
Fountain Hill, Sept. 15-16.
Crossett, Sept. 16, 7:30 p. m.
Hamburg Ct., Sept. 22.
Snyder, Sept. 23, 11 a. m.
Hamburg Sta., Sept. 23, 7:30 p. m.
Ingalls, Sept. 29-30.
Southern Camps, Sept. 30, 7:30 p. m.
Lake Village, Oct. 7, 11 a. m.
Eudora, Oct. 7, 7:30 p. m.
Hermitage Ct., Oct. 13-14.
Mt. Pleasant Ct., Oct. 20-21.
Wilmar, Oct. 21, 7:30 p. m.
Arkansas City, Oct. 28, 11 a. m.
Watson, Oct. 28, 7:30 p. m.
Monticello Ct., Nov. 3-4.
Monticello Sta., Nov. 4, 7:30 p. m.
Portland, at Parkdale, Nov. 11, 11 a. m.
Willmot, Nov. 11, 7:30 p. m.
New Edinburg Ct., Nov. 17-18.
Warren, Nov. 18, 7:30 p. m.
Pastors will please announce at each church and have full attendance of official members if possible.—J. A. Parker, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(Fourth Round.)
Bald Knob and Bradford, at Bald Knob, Sept. 15-16.
West Searcy Ct., at Haygood Mem., Sept. 16-17.
McRae Ct., at McRae, Sept. 22-23.
Griffithville Ct., at Higginson, Sept. 23-24.

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Pangburn Ct., at Pangburn, Sept. 29-30.
Heber Springs, Sept. 30-Oct. 1.
Scotland Ct., at Pleasant Grove, Oct. 6-7.
Clinton & Shirley, at Shirley, Oct. 7-8.
Searcy, 1st Ch., Oct. 9.
Marshall, Oct. 13-14.
Leslie, Oct. 14-15.
Kensett, Oct. 17.
Valley Spgs., Oct. 18-19.
Bellefonte Ct., at Bellefonte, Oct. 20-21.
Harrison, Oct. 21-22.
Let the trustees be ready with their report on all church property.
Jefferson Sherman, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Westside Ct., Sept. 15-16.
First Church, Sept. 16.
Biggers & Success, Sept. 22-23.
Maynard, Sept. 23.
Lorado, Sept. 29-30.
Stanford, Sept. 30.
Corning, Oct. 6-7.
Peach Orchard, Oct. 7.
Knobel, Oct. 8.
Rector, Oct. 13-14.
Hoxie, Oct. 14.
Pocahontas, Oct. 21.
Attica, Oct. 22.
Sodgwick (night), Oct. 23.
St. Francis, Oct. 27-28.
Piggott, Oct. 28.
Salem, Mammoth Spg. and Viola, Nov. 1-4.
Gainesville, Nov. 10.
Marmaduke, Nov. 11.
Ravenden, Nov. 13.
Smithville, Nov. 15.
Hardy and Williford, (night) Nov. 16.
Ash Flat, Nov. 17.
Imboden (a. m.) Nov. 18.
Blk. Rock and Portia (p. m.) Nov. 18.
Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Alzheimer and Wabbaseka, at Wabbaseka, 11:00 a. m., Sept. 16.
Rison, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 16.
Humphry and Sunshine, at Humphry, 11 a. m., Sept. 23.
Sherel and Tucker, at Tucker, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 23.
Sheridan Ct. at Center, Sept. 29-30.
Sheridan and Newhope, 7:30 p. m., Sept. 30.
Rowel, at Center, Oct. 6-7.
Carr Memorial, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 7.
Star City, at Mt. Hom, Oct. 13-14.
Grady, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 14.
Pine Bluff Ct., at Union, 11 a. m., Oct. 21.
Hawley Memorial, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 21.
St. Charles, at Prairie Union, Oct. 27-28.
Gillette, 7:30 p. m., Oct. 28.
Bayou Meto 11 a. m., Nov. 4.
DeWitt, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 4.
Roe, at Hunter's Chapel, Nov. 10-11.
Stuttgart, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 11.
Swan Lake, Nov. 13.
First Ch. Pine Bluff, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 20.
Lake Side, Pine Bluff, 7:30 p. m., Nov. 21.

Let pastors see to it that we have trustees' reports as called for at 4th Quarterly Conference. Also have all reports called for at this time. Push collections. —J. W. Harrell, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Prescott Ct., at New Salem, Sept. 15-16.
Bingen, at McCaskill, Sept. 23-24.
Columbus, at Bethany, Sept. 30, 3 p. m.
Washington and Ozan, at Liberty, Oct. 6-7.
Emmett, at Hopewell, Oct. 12, 2 p. m.
Mineral Springs, Oct. 14, 2 p. m.
Nashville, Oct. 14, 8 p. m.
Delight, at Delight, Oct. 20-21.
Glenwood-Rosboro, Amity, Womble, at Glenwood, Oct. 28, 3 p. m.
Blevins, at Friendship, Nov. 2, 2 p. m.
Mt. Ida and Oden, at Mt. Ida, Nov. 4, 3 p. m.
Murfreesboro, Nov. 11, 2 p. m.
Orchard View and Highland, at O. V., Nov. 11, 8 p. m.
Center Point at Trinity, Nov. 15, 2 p. m.
Gurdon, Nov. 18, 3:30 p. m.
Prescott, Nov. 23, 7 p. m.
Hope, Nov. 23, 3 p. m.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.
(Fourth Round.)

Richmond and Wilton, at Wilton, Sept. 23. Preaching 11 a. m., Conf. 2:30 p. m.
Ashdown, Sept. 23, at night.
College Hill, Sept. 30.
First Church, Oct. 7.
Fairview, Oct. 7.
Fouke, at Shirley, Oct. 14, Preaching 11 a. m., Conf. 2 p. m.
Paraloma, Oct. 21. Preaching 11 a. m., Conf. 2 p. m.
Oden, Oct. 21, at night.
Winthrop Ct., at Cerro Gordo, Oct. 23. Preaching 11 a. m., Conf. 2 p. m.
Horatio, Oct. 28, at night.
DeQueen Ct. at Gillham, Nov. 4. Preaching 11 a. m., Conf. 2 p. m.
DeQueen Sta., Nov. 4, at night.
Hatfield, Nov. 5, Conf. 10 a. m.
Texarkana Ct., at Pleasant Valley, Nov. 7.
Dierks, Nov. 11. Preaching 11 a. m., Conf. 2 p. m.
Lockesburg, Nov. 11, at night.
Umpire, Nov. 13. Conf. 10 a. m.
Doddridge, Nov. 18. Preaching 11 a. m.

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m. Conf. 2 p. m.
Mena, Nov. 21, at night.
Egger Ct., at Dallas, Nov. 22, 10 a. m.
Lewisville, Nov. 25.
Stamps, Nov. 25.
Let us have a good written report from all departments of church work. Special attention will be given Trustee report. Let all nominations by the pastors be prayerfully made.—J. P. Simmons, P. E.

OUR ARKANSAS HERO.

Two weather-worn, handkerchief-size American flags and a crude wooden cross over a grave in a little churchyard cemetery near Manila, Mississippi county, mark the last resting place of one of Arkansas' most gallant sons, yet so simply did he live and serve and so reticent was he even when battling death that few Arkansans know of his achievements.

Herman Davis, for that is the name stenciled on the cross, was born near where he is buried, January 3, 1883, the son of Jeff and Mary Davis. His father was a farmer. Herman attended rural school until he reached the fourth grade when his father died and he left his studies to make a living for his mother and himself by farming, hunting, fishing and trapping. Later, he married and became the father of two children.

When America entered the World war, Herman Davis volunteered but was rejected on account of his small stature. He continued his efforts to enlist, however, and finally was accepted at Blytheville, March 14, 1918. After 90 days training at Camp Pike, he went overseas with Company 1, 113th Infantry, 29th Division.

Serving first in the Center Sector in France, the 29th Division later was sent into the Argonne and it was in that fighting that Herman Davis made such a record for bravery and gallantry that he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the French Médaille Militaire and the Croix de Guerre with palms and star. At one time, he was on duty as a company runner with an assault platoon when the platoon was fired upon by a German machine gun. So deadly was the fire and so well entrenched was the gun, that the platoon members scattered. The advance was checked temporarily and the lives of many of the Americans were endangered. Into this breach, stepped Herman Davis. As casually as though in his native Arkansas woods, he crawled to the gun and engaged the four gunners in hand-to-hand combat. A few minutes later, he had killed the four of them and captured the gun.

Although gassed severely, Herman Davis never took a day off for hospital treatment, preferring to remain with his company as long as there was fighting to be done.

When the war was over and General Pershing made up his list of 100 World war heroes, Herman Davis' name was placed fourth on the list and he was declared the greatest hero that Arkansas produced during the war. However, after his discharge at Camp Pike, May 29, 1919, he returned to his home and family and to the simple life that he had led before the war, reticent as to his historic deeds in France and disinclined to wear the medals he had won.

For three years, he led the life of an every-day Arkansas farmer, trapper, hunter and fisherman, then the gas he had received in France settled on his lungs, resulting in tuberculosis. Declining to seek government aid or ask for help, he battled the disease alone until almost penniless and unable to work, he was forced by his friends to go to the government hospital in Memphis where he died, January 5, 1923. His body was returned to his former home and buried in an unmarked grave.

Recently, the Herman Davis Memorial Association was formed to mark and maintain his grave and perpetuate his memory. C. B. Daggett of Marianna, president of the Arkansas Bar Association, is president of the organization; E. D. Wall, Marianna, vice president; O. C. Norment, Marianna secretary; and Sigan C. Robertson, Marianna banker and new state commander of the American Legion, state adjutant of the American Legion and the Commander of Julius

Benham, Jr., Post No. 5 of the American Legion, Marianna. The directors are: Kenneth Rayner, Blytheville; Harry L. Ponder, Walnut Ridge; J. V. Walker, Fayetteville; Leigh Kelley, Fort Smith; Col H. L. McAlister, Conway; R. W. Mays, Fordyce; Judge L. S. Britt, El Dorado.

AN INTERESTING LETTER FROM BROTHER SCORE.

The assistant editor received a most interesting letter from Brother J. N. R. Score, pastor of our Epworth University Church, Berkeley, Calif. I am sure that all of his Arkansas friends will be happy to learn of his success in this new field.

This is intended as a personal letter, but I am sure that Brother Score will not take offense if I quote it, in part, in the Methodist.

"You will be glad to know that things are moving with us here and that in the next ten weeks we expect to start work on our new quarter of a million dollar church. We have sold our present property and have bought larger property and made enough on the deal to enable us to start work immediately. When this church is completed we will have the handsomest and best equipped church on this side of the bay. Our work is growing. We have received over 150 members into the church so far this year and expect to make the number 200 by conference. We have had the joy this year of seeing five of our young men enter the ministry of our church. It appears to me that our work here in the West is on a decided up grade.

I appreciate the Methodist more and more each week and read it with a great deal of pleasure and interest. Please remember me to Dr. Millar."

Thank you, Brother Score, for this good letter. We are always glad to hear from you.—J. C. G.

FRED LARK ON THE METHODIST.

Rev. Fred Lark, successful pastor of 1st Church, Van Buren, gives some real reasons "Why Take The Arkansas Methodist." I clipped it from his newsy Church Bulletin. Bro. Lark has been successful in securing a large number of subscribers during the past year. Of course, "There's a reason." Here it is:

Why I Take The Arkansas Methodist.

1. Because it has a Sunday School, Epworth League and Woman's Missionary Society department that keeps me informed of the work of these organizations.
2. Because it encourages me to read of the progress of the Church, both local and connectional.
3. Because I have Children who enjoys the 'Children's Page.'
4. Because I am interested in Christian education and the work of our colleges is prominent in the METHODIST.
5. Because I love world missions.
6. Because it rings clear on temperance.
7. Because I find food for my soul in its columns.
8. Because it is a roster of Church news.
9. Because I want my home guarded against the many 'isms' that are being urged today.
10. Because I have promised to support the institutions of the Church.

CANS AND CANT'S

Some great financier has said, "Success comes in 'cans and Failures in 'Cant's.'" I do not need to offer an abstruse argument to enforce this statement. The only job that is worth while has tied to the "price-tag" of unceasing, constant, steady work. This is unquestionably true. Some of our pastors, in recent weeks, have demonstrated this point clearly.

Rev. H. A. F. Ault, genial pastor at Sparkman, started out in the early Spring with the determination to put the Methodist into the homes of his people. He said in effect, "I will succeed in this work." The only thing that cannot fail is a worm. A man may face seeming failure and fall at times in the effort, but failure forces a trial balance of our efforts. When

a pastor goes out with the idea of winning, you can't stop him. He will be satisfied with nothing short of victory.

Ault sends in a check for \$14.50 this week. This makes thirty new subscriptions for Sparkman since Jan. Leachville's live-wire pastor, the Rev. W. M. Edwards, is doing some splendid work for the Methodist. His check totaling \$13.75, reached the office on the 4th.

Rev. Milton F. Johnson, Salem's affable pastor, is another tireless, successful Methodist worker. In sending his check for \$15.00 on the 1st, he says, "I am anxious to put the Methodist into every Methodist home. May the Lord bless you in the good work you are doing, and give our paper the success it deserves."

Brethren, it can be done. These pastors did it.—J. C. G.

METHODISM IN ARKANSAS CITY.

Methodism in Arkansas City is not lagging. On every side there is exuberance of evidence that our Church is functioning efficiently and making herself felt in the social and moral fibre of the community. The pastor possesses very fine qualities of leadership. He does things with facility, and yet with such animation that his co-workers zealously follow him. Faddish ideas and sensational methods are religiously avoided. I do not mean to suggest that sameness and immobility characterize the programs and services of the Church; but, rather well-rounded, interest-provoking, and sane methods are used.

The Sunday School, capably superintended by J. A. Still, Arkansas City's leading druggist, is growing steadily. Mrs. Elmer Oslin is Sec. Treas., and does her work efficiently. Graded literature (note this) is used in every department. Limited room, and a lack of modernized equipment are the only barriers to the progress and growth of this school. Practically every teacher in this school is an expert in this work. I can predicate this statement as regards the teacher of the class in which I sat last Sunday, when there. Mrs. P. E. Cunningham is the most excellent teacher to whom I refer. She has charge of the Wesley Bible Class No. 3. Miss Pearl Knowlton teaches W. B. C. No. 2, and Mrs. Ethel Lacy, proprietress of the Quality Shop for Ladies, is the instructor of Wesley B. C. No. 1. The Sunday school assumed a \$50 assessment for church repairs, and paid \$100. All of the teachers are punctual, and most of them have taken special work in teacher training. Despite the destitution of the school in point of room and physical equipment, it is doing fine work.

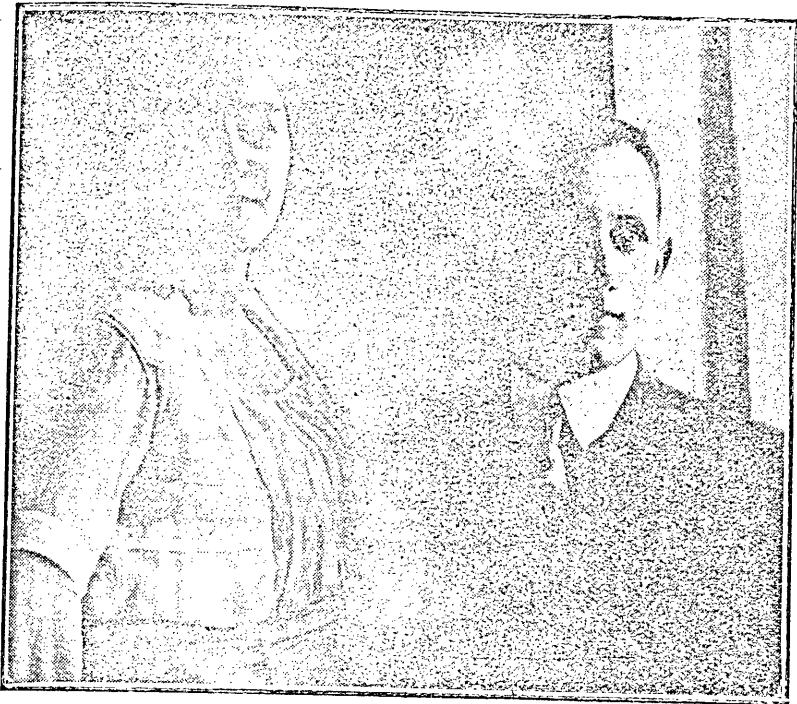
The Epworth League is another indispensable agency there. Although it was organized less than a year ago, it is taking rank with those in the district many years its senior. Aside from the other claims, the Epworth League is giving \$50 towards repairing the church. Miss Margaret Matthews, one of the choice Arkansas City girls, represented the League at the E. L. Assembly at Arkadelphia this summer.

The W. M. S. is also a potent factor in the organization of our church there. Mrs. P. E. Cunningham is the popular president. This group of fine workers has given liberally on the church repairs, and parsonage furniture. They are now ready to paint

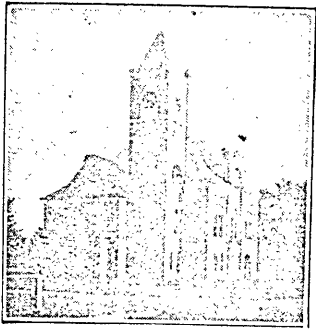
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Here are a few of the loyal workers who with the pastor make possible the ongoing of the Church: J. A. Still, Hugh McCain, Mesdames P. E. Cunningham, Ethel Lacy, W. E. Thompson, E. E. Mills, J. C. Norris, and Hale Thompson. There is a fine spirit of unity in the church. All are laboring together harmoniously.

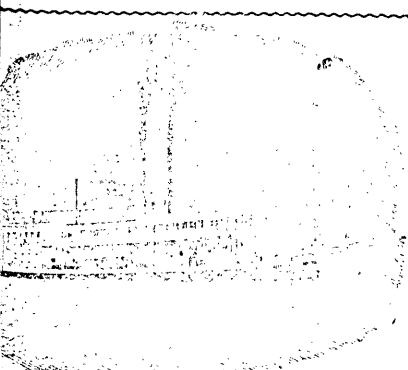
Arkansas City's Pastor.

Rev. Geo. E. Williams, the indefatigable worker, synonym for hustler, husband of Mrs. G. E. Williams, is the seraphic pastor of our church at Arkansas City. I am not given to flattery, otherwise I would be tempted to "over-state" just here. Suffice it to say that Williams is a bundle of energy personified, popular, and enviably successful as pastor and preacher.

Brother Williams is a college man, and in addition to this, spent two years in Emory University, Atlanta. He made proficiency in his studies, is otherwise worthy, and well qualified for his ministerial duties.

Under his leadership the church is moving along progressive paths. Twenty members have been received this year. The great Cleveland-Culpepper revival did much good. The church was greatly fortified and built up.

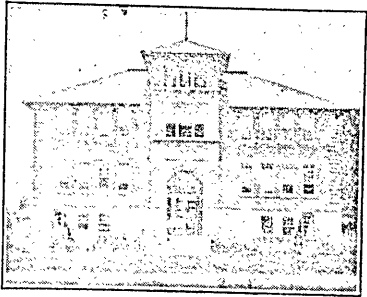
The church house has been re-covered and is to be re-painted soon.



STEAMER KATE ADAMS
lying between Memphis and Greenville, Miss.

This is Brother Williams' first year at Arkansas City. He and the people are mutually satisfied and well pleased. He is also pastor at Halley. I regret that I did not have time to visit this point. At some later date I shall be glad to meet these splendid people who are also loyal to their church and pastor.

My hat is off to Brother and Sister Williams. They are royal entertainers. Their home is the seat of hospitality.—J. C. G.



ARKANSAS CITY H. SCHOOL.

ARKANSAS CITY: "HEART OF THE DELTA," DESHA COUNTY.

Arkansas City, "the Heart of the Delta," located in the southeastern part of Desha County, and on the west bank of the "Father of Waters," the commercial Mississippi River, is the thriving, progressive county seat of the above named county, which is located in the extreme southeastern portion of the "Wonder" state. Desha County has an acreage of 478,080, with an elevation of 140 to 200 feet. Some of the finest alluvial soil known is to be found in this county. The lands are drained by the Arkansas and Mississippi Rivers. Millions of dollars have been spent in extensive levee and drainage improvements, which has saved large areas of fertile soil. Hundreds of acres of rich land, formerly subject to occasional overflows are now being used with profit by farmers and ranchers, and for general agricultural purposes. Cotton, corn, clover and alfalfa are grown with great profit. Desha County is said to be one of the most fertile and productive counties in the great Delta Section. Hardwood can be found in paying tracts. The latest estimation of farm property in Desha County is placed at \$6,876,000. There are approximately 3,000 farms in this county.

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The steamer Kate Adams, one of the original liners on the Mississippi, plies between Greenville, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn., making Arkansas City regularly. A picture of this famous boat can be found in this issue. The railroad transportation facilities are excellent, too. Arkansas City is on the Missouri Pacific Railroad, which runs from there to Memphis, McGehee, Lake Village, Warren, and other points in Arkansas and Louisiana. Both land and water transportation are at this commercially live town's command. There are four trains daily, giving splendid passenger service to the towns named above.

Commercial Enterprises.

The Desha Bank and Trust Co., one of the most reliable and strongest banks in that section, stands at the forefront in the development of the commercial and industrial enterprises of Arkansas City. This bank offers every assistance and complete banking service to the lumber, timber, and commercial firms.

Arkansas City Gravel Company, with a forty-ton daily capacity, is one of the industrial enterprises that means much to this town. The general manager is Mr. E. E. Mills, one of the leading citizens of Arkansas City. Baxter Lumber Co., headquarters for all kinds of highclass lumber, building materials, brick, lime, cement, and kindred lines, is another valuable asset to the town. This firm is under the supervision of Mr. Cecil Matthews. Breece-White Mfg. Co., Hardwood manufacturers, is the leading industrial plant there. Staves, in large quantities are turned out daily. Mr. C. L. White has charge of this plant.

The Arkansas City Stave Co., sole manufacturers of staves, is located in Arkansas City. Mr. J. C. Henry is the manager. The Standard Oil Corporation of Louisiana has several large storage tanks and supply depot there. Arkansas City is the distributing point for that section of the State. Barges bring the gas, oils, and petroleum products from New Orleans, via the Mississippi. J. C. Norris is in charge. Gulf Refining Co. also has a supply station in this town. A sixty-five mile area is supplied from this depot. Manager M. C. Bowles sends out gas and oil supplies to the adjoining communities with a giant White truck. Dermott Wholesale Grocer Co., has a branch house in Arkansas City. In addition to these industrial and commercial institutions, Arkansas City has several good hotels, among them the Hotel River-view, one of the best, for its size, in the state; drug stores, two newspapers, abstract office, and some of the most up-to-date clothing, grocery, hardware, and furniture stores to be found anywhere.

Arkansas City can boast of a splendid High School building which was built at an approximate cost of \$40,000. A well-equipped plant is maintained, and an efficient staff of instructors have been employed for the approaching scholastic year. High grade work is done in both the Grammar and High school departments. The school is thoroughly standardized according to the state requirements.

This writer is deeply indebted to editor H. R. Downey, of the Desha County Journal, for cuts used in this issue. Mr. Downey, who is also business manager of this popular weekly

county paper, is to be congratulated on the fine publication that he is getting out. He stands loyally for the schools, churches, and civic and commercial development of Arkansas City and Desha County.

The citizenry of this town is progressive, liberal, and stands on a level with all our towns, of equal population, as regards moral standards and cultural qualities.—J. C. G.

AN UNUSUAL GIFT.

The Board of Church Extension receives many contributions to the funds for church building administered by it. We have recently received a gift of unusual interest. A minister, seventy-four years of age, has sent us jewelry and diamonds at an estimated value of \$3,000, with the request that we sell them and add the amount received to our funds.

This is not the only contribution made to the Board of Church Extension by this good brother. He has created a Loan Fund amounting now to \$6,000. Evidently he prizes good houses of worship for our people more than the glitter of gold and the sparkle of diamonds.—T. D. Ellis, Secretary.

SEED CONTESTS.

Arkansas farmers with fields of cotton or corn which are likely to make exceptional yields in the neighborhood are urged to enter the Crop Production Contests of the Arkansas Seed Growers' Association. These contests are conducted on a five-acre basis with both cotton and corn, with a view of finding out which of our Arkansas farmers are making the biggest yield and how they are doing it. Unquestionably, there are farmers in many communities of this state making large yields of cotton and of corn, and who are using improved methods of farming which could well be copied by others. These contests purport to get in touch with farmers making big yields and to officially recognize any large yields which are being made.

For the purpose of the Contest, the state is divided into six districts: (1) Northern, or Ozark District; (2) West Central District; (3) Central District; (4) Eastern District; (5) Southern District; (6) Southeastern District. Winners will be determined for each district, and later for the entire state.

The Contest is open to all farmers of the state regardless of whether or not they are members of the Arkansas Seed Growers' Association. The Contest was conducted for the first time in 1922. There is no entry fee. Instructions for determining yields should be followed carefully.

The Arkansas Bankers' Association Trophy, a beautiful sterling silver loving cup, eighteen inches high, and valued at \$250, will be awarded to the winner of the Corn Production Contest, to be retained for one year, and to be permanently retained when won by the same person three different times. The Arkansas Gazette Trophy, also a sterling silver loving cup quite similar to the Bankers' Association Trophy, will be awarded to the winner of the Cotton Contest. Smaller, but appropriate, loving cups will be awarded to the winners of the district contests by the Arkansas Seed Growers' Association.

Write to the Secretary of the Arkansas Seed Growers' Association, Fayetteville, Arkansas, for a circular giving instructions in regard to conducting these contests. Do this at once. File your application for entry into the Contest before September 15. Applications should be sent to L. W. Osborn, Secretary, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Awards will be made at the time of the Cotton and Corn Show to be held in Little Rock in January.

In 1922, the Cotton Contest was won by Lee Wilson & Co., of Wilson, Mississippi County, making a yield of 3,400 lbs. lint on 5 acres. W. R. Cherry, of Paris, Arkansas, was second. The Corn Contest was won by W. A. Ratcliff, of Sweet Home, Pulaski County, making a yield of 66.4 bushels per acre on five acres. These yields are not high, and should be beaten this year.

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