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MOB RULE.

Nearly all publicists deplore mobs, but still we have mobs. Why? Because our leaders cultivate the mob spirit. Men in public life try to find out what the people want, and then agree to do it. They are not like Moses who endeavored to discover the will of God and set it before the people as their standard; but are like Aaron who heard the people calling for hand-made gods and responded with a golden calf.

The politicians have been pandering to the people, trying to find out what kind of laws they desired and whether law-enforcement was popular. Our people are more intelligent than ever before, and when the individual is consulted, he will usually react to noble appeals. But a few selfish and mercenary-minded men in any crowd may stir the crowd to ask for selfish things, and the politician tries to humor the people when they are at their worst rather than at their best. When the people are under the influence of their best sentiments they will say that they believe in education for their children. Under the influence of the demagogue they will cry out for reduction of taxes, and then refuse to supply the revenue necessary to furnish education. Leaders are needed who can hold the people as tax-payers to what they as parents have demanded.

The demagogue on the stump, in the press, and sometimes even in the pulpit, finds it easy to win applause by declaring that he will give the people what they want, and then encourages the people to express themselves in terms of selfishness. Thus the mob-spirit is cultivated, and when some deed occurs that stirs the imagination and arouses the primal instincts, the people cry out for blood, and forget their laws and the courts which they have established to protect the weak and punish the criminals. Being encouraged to believe that their will rather than God's law should prevail, crowds of excited people make unreasonable demands and are ready to enforce them by violence, if obstructed. The mob spirit is really produced by the methods of the demagogue in his appeal for popularity. We need in public office men who have intelligence enough to know what is right and sufficient courage to stand for it even at the cost of popularity. As long as leaders are ready to be led and yield to every passing breeze, we shall have mob rule.

THE JOURNALISTIC BARNUM.

The famous showman P. T. Barnum, is supposed to have said: "The American people like to be fooled, and I like to fool them at fifty cents a head." Evidently Arthur Brisbane, who writes syndicated nonsense for a dollar per "sin," which nets him in the aggregate a very handsome sum, has subscribed to Barnum's guiding principle. He solemnly announces as an historical fact what any tyro knows is pure romance.

Again and again he tells us about what man did five-hundred-million years ago when he was an ape or a few millenniums later when he was a near ape, just as if he himself were present and saw the performance. Is it possible that he is a little nearer these remote adopted ancestors, and thus knows more than the rest of us who had forgotten our kinship?

Then he deliberately distorts recorded history and thus assumes that his readers are ignorant and will not catch him at his tricks which play into the hands of the liquor traffic. His most recent historic blasphemy is found on the front page of the *Arkansas Democrat* of Nov. 8.

Referring to a prediction that world-wide prohibition of strong alcoholic spirits would some day prevail, Mr. "Barnum" Brisbane says: "Such prohibition, classing whiskey, gin, brandy, and other alcoholic poisons with cocaine, morphine, etc., could be enforced, and that would mean temperance, infinitely better than present-day prohibition, which means boot-leg whiskey. If spirits could be done away with there would be no need to worry about wine and beer. Before spirits were first made, commercially, two or three hundred years ago, the world had no serious alcoholic problem—although our ancestors drank industriously."

Of course, it is barely possible that Mr. Brisbane believes that if we had only wine and beer we would be temperate; but he certainly ought to know that history does not prove it.

It is well known that in German student societies there is competition in drinking beer, and

AND WHEN THE PEOPLE SAW THAT MOSES DELAYED TO COME DOWN OUT OF THE MOUNT, THE PEOPLE GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER UNTO AARON, AND SAID UNTO HIM, UP, MAKE US GODS, WHICH SHALL GO BEFORE US; FOR AS FOR THIS MOSES, THE MAN THAT BROUGHT US UP OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, WE WOT NOT WHAT HAS BECOME OF HIM.—Exodus 32:1.

the best man is the one who is able to keep his feet when all his companions are lying on the floor. In Caesar's day the Germans were reported as given to terrific drinking bouts. The earliest Anglo-Saxon literature represents our ancestors as hard drinkers, often gloriously drunk. The Carthaginians, knowing the evil of drunkenness, forbade the use of wine among soldiers and magistrates. The Chinese eleven hundred years before Christ had become such drunkards that their king ordered all vines to be uprooted; and in India and Persia thousands of years ago attempts were made to reform drunkards. The literatures of classic Greece and Rome are full of allusions to drunkenness.

Practically all of the Old Testament prophets describe the dissipations of the Hebrew people and utter warnings. The Proverbs of Solomon lament the drunkard's folly. Then we have the pitiful record of Noah, who, when there were no saloons and no bootleggers, and no special occasion for conviviality, "planted a vineyard; and drank of the wine, and was drunken." Then Lot, after he had escaped from burning Sodom, drank wine and became drunk and committed the beastly crime of incest.

Of course Noah and Lot had nothing but home-made wine, and according to historian Brisbane they were temperate (?) men.

How long does this journalistic Barnum think he can fool the American people? President Lincoln said: "You can fool all of the people a part of the time, and a part of the people all the time; but you cannot fool all of the people all the time." We wonder how many people are deceived by this juggler of history?

HELP THE SCHOOLS.

At the session of the Arkansas Educational Association, held in our city last week with 5,000 teachers enrolled, a forward movement was inaugurated as the result of an able report made by a committee of which Dr. J. H. Reynolds of Hendrix College was chairman. The desperate financial conditions of our public schools and the backwardness of many of our rural districts were frankly faced, and it was argued that the whole State should get behind the weaker districts in order to give all the children equal opportunities. The governor was requested to appoint a commission to study the situation and formulate a bill which the Legislature would be asked, if called in special session, to enact. If it should not be deemed best to convene the Legislature, it was suggested that the bill be presented to the people through the initiative process.

College and university men and other leading citizens are committed to this movement, and it is believed that results will be obtained. Certainly it is in behalf of a worthy cause and every public-spirited citizen should enlist to promote it. The future welfare of our State will soon be in the hands of those who are in school today. If they are neglected, disaster and decline are inevitable. We shall take great pleasure in co-operating to secure the objects in view, and commend the subject to our readers for favorable consideration. Governor McRae, who is fully committed to improving public education, promises cooperation.

Those who live for the future seem narrow and illiberal to those who live only for the fleeting present.

It is not wrong to have ambition, but ambition that ignores love and mercy, leads to hell.

Wisdom is the ability properly to utilize knowledge and power.

BOOK REVIEWS.

Fundamentals of Success, Or Making the Most of Life; by H. A. Boaz, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; published by the Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn., price \$1.25.

This is a collection of inspiring addresses showing the wonderful opportunities of the present day and suggesting the best methods for young people to utilize them and thus to attain to genuine success in life. The closing words are: "If you have good native capacity and a worthy purpose, if you make careful preparation for your work, if you show sterling integrity and a courageous heart, if you exercise faith in yourself, your fellow man, and God, and prove industrious, you cannot fail. You will meet the conditions of success, and success will be yours."

Life of Thomas Coke; by Warren A. Candler, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; published by Lamar & Barton, Agents, Nashville and Dallas; price \$1.50.

The following announcement is made of this new book: "Great achievements, whether they be of individuals or of the masses, are usually the result of the uncommon devotion of some great man or men. The establishment of the Methodist Church and the promulgation of its doctrines during the early years centered upon the lives of a few devout leaders, among whom was Thomas Coke. He has not been justly appreciated by the Christian world. Even the Methodists, whom he served so unselfishly and zealously, have estimated him far below his real worth. In the propagation of Methodism he was second only to John Wesley, and in some respects he was superior to that illustrious man." This biography by Bishop Candler, who thoroughly appreciates the worth of Bishop Coke, is by far the best that has been written of this great leader.

Fact and Fiction about Evolution; by Roy L. Foster; published by The Stratford Co., Boston; price \$1.00.

While we think Evolution is an unproved theory that can never be proved, on the other hand we believe it is equally futile to attempt to disprove it, and consequently a waste of effort to discuss it. This author takes the easy method of attacking the extreme and more vulnerable claims of atheistic evolutionists, and ignores the theistic position of the latest thinkers. It is not difficult to deal with Spencer, Huxley and Lamarck. Why does not the author discuss the more recent positions? The book is valuable only to those who already accept the author's arguments. It sheds no light on the subject. It might be profitable for the author to read such a book as Yeiser's "Evolution Proving Immortality" to learn that belief in evolution has greatly strengthened the Christian faith of some men.

With Italy in Her Final War of Liberation: A Story of the "Y" on the Italian Front; by Olin D. Wannamaker; with introduction by Allan Chester Johnson; published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago; price \$1.75.

This is an animated narrative of the remarkably valuable activities of the Young Men's Christian Association in connection with the Italian army during the World War. Mr. Wannamaker was engaged in this "Y" work and was an eye-witness of much that he describes. The account makes a thrilling story of worthy deeds, and presents not only the "Y" in action but the noble accomplishments of the Italian forces during the fierce contest in which they were engaged. The reader of this book will have some true conception of Italy's worthy part in this titanic war.

The Beauty of God; by G. C. Rector, published by the Cokesbury Press (Lamar & Barton), Nashville & Dallas; price \$1.00.

Of this book William Jennings Bryan has said: "It is a beautiful tribute to beauty as it is found in the Creator and in his handiwork—animate and inanimate. It is a refreshing and inspiring little volume which will delight all who enjoy real poetry, viz., the embalming of exalted truths in appropriate language. It quickens thought and supplies graceful words in which to clothe noble conceptions of God, nature, and man." Perusal of the pages of the book confirms the opinion expressed by Mr. Bryan. It delights and edifies.

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CONFERENCE CALENDAR.

Bishop James Atkins, Presiding Bishop, Lake Jun-
 iuska, North Carolina.

N. Arkansas Conference, at Walnut Ridge, Nov. 21.
 Little Rock Conference, 1st Church, Little Rock,
 Nov. 28.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. J. W. Best, Hickory Ridge and Fisher,
 called last week.

Rev. T. J. Taylor, formerly of White River Con-
 ference, goes this year to Duke, Okla.

Rev. Lester Weaver calling last week, reported
 conditions good in his fine charge, Corning.

Rev. A. E. Holloway, pastor, announces that
 Bishop James Atkins will preach at Morrilton,
 Sunday morning, Nov. 18.

Rev. H. F. McDonald, Lake City, forwarded a
 nice list of new subscribers and renewals last
 week. It is greatly appreciated.

Rev. L. E. Mann calls attention to the fact that
 in crediting the firms in Augusta for contributions
 for publicity the Augusta Mercantile Co. was in-
 advertantly overlooked.

Married, by Rev. T. O. Rorie, Oct. 31, at the
 home of the bride, in Okolona, Ark., Mr. Arthur
 Lawrence Keck of Pittsburg, Kansas, and Miss
 Lora Beatrice Rushing of Okolona.

Rev. A. O. Graydon, formerly of Little Rock
 Conference, renewing his subscription, writes of
 Silverton, Texas, his new charge, that it is a nice
 county seat in a fine section of the state.

On account of lack of sufficient hotel accommo-
 dations it has been found necessary to change the
 place for the national convention of the Anti-Sa-
 loon League to Washington, D. C., and the date to
 Jan. 9-12.

Rev. P. C. Fletcher received more than 100 per-
 sons into our First Church, Little Rock, on Sun-
 day morning, November 4. Of this number 47
 were received on profession of faith, many of
 them being prominent citizens.

The Mt. Zion correspondent in the Batesville
 Record says: "Rev. R. K. Bass of Salado preached
 at this place Sunday night. Wish everyone in
 this neighborhood could have heard him. It was
 a fine sermon from beginning to end."

Mr. Lloyd W. Chapin, son of Mr. C. J. Chapin
 of Jonesboro, is the Rhodes Scholarship repre-
 sentative for Emory University. He received his
 A. B. degree at Emory last June and is now a
 teacher of English in the Georgia School of Tech-
 nology.

Passing through the city last Monday, Rev. W.
 F. Evans of Wynne called up the office. He had
 been to Arkadelphia for the funeral of his wife's
 sister, Miss Emma M. Thomasson, who had pass-
 ed away last Friday at his home, at the ripe age of
 eighty-one years, after an illness of several weeks.

Rev. W. A. Swift, general evangelist, who has
 served Carroll St. Church, Nashville, Tenn., for
 some months, on account of the death of one of
 the city pastors, returns to his regular work of
 evangelism. Pastors who want him in meetings
 will address him at 1108 Chapel Ave., Nashville,
 Tenn.

Rev. J. W. Harrell, presiding elder of Pine Bluff
 District, called last week. He reports bad crop
 conditions and thinks it will be extremely diffi-
 cult to get good collections. His District has paid
 \$218 for Japanese relief. Evangelist Burke Cul-
 pepper is in what promises to be a great meet-
 ing at Lakeside church.

The fourth Quarterly Conference of First
 Church, Blytheville, Dr. W. C. Watson pastor, has
 passed highly appreciative resolutions recounting
 the successful services rendered by Rev. R. E. L.
 Bearden, who has been presiding elder four years
 and pastor of that church during the preceding
 four years. Bro. Bearden is in high favor with
 those good people.

The following appointments in the Pacific Con-
 ference are of special interest to our readers:
 Centenary, Modesto, H. M. Bruce; Los Angeles
 District, S. H. Werlein; First Church, Long Beach,
 J. A. B. Fry; Santa Ana, Moffett Rhodes; Colusa,
 W. T. Menard; Isleton, U. G. Reynolds; Berkeley,
 J. N. R. Score; Fitzgerald Memorial, San Fran-
 cisco, R. L. Jackson; Ukiah, L. C. Beasley.

Rev. J. S. Brooke, for twenty years a member
 of White River and twenty-three years a member
 of Florida Conference, writes from Kingston, Fla.,
 that on the same day that Bro. C. F. Hively re-
 ceived a family of six, he, too, took a family of
 six into the church. If his own Conference ses-
 sion were not so near Bro. Brooke would try to
 attend the session at Walnut Ridge where he has
 many friends.

During the session of the Arkansas Educational
 Association, many former students and friends of
 Hendrix College enjoyed a reunion and a banquet
 at noon on Friday. There were brief, sparkling
 speeches and fine fellowship. Mr. Frank Mc-
 Anear, as Alumni president and toastmaster, kept

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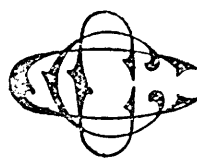


The Call of the Conference Claimants

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"HOW BEAUTIFUL UPON THE MOUNTAINS ARE THE FEET OF HIM THAT BRINGETH GOOD TIDINGS!"

Homeward bound after seven days of hard travel visiting two of the greatest Annual Conferences in the Church to tell them about the special effort for superannuate endowment. I have written so much concerning the hopeful prospect for the movement in every Conference personally visited that I determined on this trip to dig up the things not encouraging. But with all my effort I must now confess that not a single unfavorable expression could be drawn from any man or woman. The consensus of opinion everywhere and expressed with enthusiasm is that the time has come for the Church to make ample provision for the needs of her worn-out preachers and the widows of preachers.

Western North Carolina Conference.—It was held at Winston-Salem, N. C., the land of pure water, clear skies, and everlasting hills. In this thriving business center of a great State everybody works. There are no drones. The one thing that they are willing to consider worth a pause in their activities is hospitality. How beautifully kind and courteous are the North Carolinians to strangers in their midst! They will love one as plenty as long as one is lovable, but they have a righteous contempt for shams. When deceived they are just as quick to fight as they are to be kind and brotherly when treated on the square.

When I entered the Conference room on Thursday morning, Bishop Collins Denny was busily engaged disposing of several pressing matters, so that the superannuate cause could have right of way according to schedule. In due time he called for me to explain the plan for raising the \$10,000,000 for superannuate endowment. The same fixed attention was given by all present to the analysis of the movement that has been given to it in every Conference. This eagerness to hear the details of the plan, so manifest everywhere, caused a prominent connectional Secretary to say this to me: "Todd, I have watched the attitude of the Annual Conferences when other financial programs were being presented to them, and I am sure nothing has ever gripped them more thoroughly than the plan for adequate superannuate endowment." How it warmed my heart to hear such words! Surely underlying all else in the Church's busy life of today there is a mighty tide of pas-

sion setting in which has for its objective the payment of an honest debt to the Lord's disabled prophets.

Dr. C. W. Tadlock, of Centenary Church, St. Louis, delivered the inspirational address. The Doctor was at his best, which explains the pressing crowd around him afterwards, all eager to grasp his hand and express their determination to do the work. Dr. Tadlock had opportunity to discuss the outlook for the cause with many individuals at the church and in the hotel, and he told me that every word spoken to him on the subject was glowing with optimism. He said that one of the presiding elders told him there was not the slightest doubt about the Western North Carolina Conference raising its quota. Blessings on the elder! How I love to hear them talk when they speak like that! By the way, the size of the success of the effort for superannuate endowment can be measured by the dimensions of the presiding elders—multiplied by the size of the pastors.

At the hotel many pastors talked with me about the work, and all of them made use of these words: "This is going to be the easiest thing we ever had to do." I hope they are right, but we should not be overconfident. Games are usually lost when there is overconfidence before they are played. Furthermore, people never fall over each other crowding to the place to give away money. It is not an easy task to raise \$10,000,000, and the quicker we realize it the better off the superannuates will be. It will take patient, painstaking work to do this thing. Therefore may I urge the pastors to prepare for a persistent struggle in which every resource they have will be needed?

Several laymen expressed an eagerness to get at it. One of them told me that I could go away assured that the Charge he represented would pay every dollar of its quota and much more. All of them were heartily in favor of the movement.

When Bishop Denny addressed the Conference concerning the special effort, he used a figure that deeply impressed everybody. He said a grand old ship would soon stop at the port, that she would not tarry long, and that whoever had freight to put on her should not fail to be timely in the act of loading. He referred to the opportunity about to be given to the Church for making contributions to superannuate endowment. The Bishop is deeply interested in the cause, and the Church can expect his episcopal district to support it loyally.

Virginia Conference.—After a very pleasant and profitable day at Winston-Salem, Dr. Tadlock and I en- trained for Richmond. We arrived early Friday, the day on which the great Virginia Conference had agreed to hear the representatives of the special effort for superannuate endowment. The hotels were crowded with preachers, and many groups of them were talking about the wonderful address on the "forgotten man" delivered to an overflowing crowd the night before by Dr. Clovis Chappell, of Washington, D. C. Everywhere they were saying: "It was great! It hit the spot! It will get results!" Well done, Clovis. The old boys will not forget.

The inimitable Bishop Candler was in the chair. He played on the emotions of the brethren as Ole Bull on his sweet-toned violin. Part of the time the boys laughed and part of it they cried, but every moment they listened. Into such an atmosphere the superannuate program was projected. The plan was explained, Dr. Tadlock followed with his inspiring address and Bishop Candler exhorted as only he can do. The response was all that could be desired. It is useless to try to stam- pede Virginians, for they are not susceptible to that sort of thing. They are, however, open to conviction; and when any speaker can convince them, there is no need to worry about their actions. Undoubtedly they have decided that the superannuate cause is worthy. That is enough. The end of the story will be told in the returns from the special effort.

It was inspiring to hear Bishop Candler's ringing words to the laymen. He told them they could not transact any sort of business with safety except by virtue of the work done by preachers of the gospel. How true! Take away the influence and work of the preachers for the past hundred years in this country, and where would be the opportunity for dependable business operations today? The preachers more than any other class have created the conditions for successful business. Generation after generation of them have spent all of soul and body for the sake of the common good. Eventually they wore out, and then in feebleness and age they were put aside to spend their last days in abject poverty. And all over the land business men live in palatial residences, having great fortunes, all of which was made possible by preachers who were willing to be the mudsills of such success. What a time is this for business men everywhere to re-

member the men who served them so well!

At 5:30 Friday evening I was given the opportunity to have dinner with the Pastor's Association and to address them in behalf of the superannuates. This organization each year selects some cause prominent before the Church at the time and gives it careful study and diligent support. Very naturally they have selected the superannuate movement for the ensuing Conference year. The dinner was at the Y. W. C. A. building. I expected to find twenty-five or thirty preachers in attendance. Imagine my surprise when entering the dining room to find one hundred and thirty of them seated at the tables. It was a rare opportunity to boost the effort for the "forgotten man," and my readers can be assured that I did my best to meet the situation. And yet it almost seemed a waste of time to stand there for thirty minutes urging those splendid fellows to support a cause to which they have been heartily committed for months. There was not a single one of them lukewarm on the subject. By a unanimous standing vote and with much enthusiasm they assured me: "It shall be done." As I looked into their faces and felt the warmth of their sympathetic hearts I thought: What a splendid thing it would be if preachers all over the Church would solemnly covenant together to make the special effort for superannuate endowment successful in abundant measure! If this were done, I verily believe that nothing on earth could prevent our grand old veterans from realizing the thing that all of us are so devoutly wishing for them.

Before leaving Richmond I had the opportunity to discuss with Bishop James Cannon, Jr., how best to project the special effort for superannuate endowment in the Mission Conferences which he has charge of, the same being the Texas Mexican Mission, the Western Mexican Mission, the Mexico Conference, and the Cuba Conference. The Bishop was greatly interested, and he readily consented to carry on the movement according to a plan which we agreed was practical. The Board of Finance is wholly dependent on the bishops in charge of foreign Annual Conferences and Mission Conferences to do whatever can be done in these situations for superannuate endowment. The readers of this page will be pleased to know that even in these fields, so difficult to reach with such a program, the special effort for superannuate endowment will be made by whatever method seems best.

Thus endeth another week of hard work for the great cause. May the God of the worn-out preachers give me strength to carry on during the next week, which is even now about to begin! And may I urge all my readers whose souls yearn for the success of the movement to be daily in earnest prayer for the blessings of heaven upon this work which appeals so forcefully to every loving heart.

everything moving merrily. Mr. Ed McCuiston was elected president. It was evident that the alumni believe in their alma mater and are deeply interested in every forward movement.

Mr. Curtis B. Haley, assistant book editor, Nashville, Tenn., writes: "Those who diligently read church papers occasionally find reference made to some superannuated brother as the oldest living Methodist preacher. It is the desire of the writer to publish in the forthcoming number of the combined General Minutes and Yearbook of the Church as complete and accurate a list of the ministers of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who are eighty or more years old as it is possible to obtain. I will, therefore, be greatly obliged if such veterans, or their relatives or friends, will assist me in this matter by forwarding at once the full name of any ministers born during or before the year 1844, giving additional information as to date and place of birth and present address."

Between 150 and 200 guests attended the Annual Galloway Luncheon at the Hotel Marion last Friday. Mrs. E. T. McDermott, formerly Miss Dell Park, was toastmistress and was introduced

by Mrs. J. P. Walt, president of the Little Rock Club. The following gave responses to toasts: Dr. J. M. Williams, Rev. R. C. Morehead, Rev. C. M. Reeves, Ex-Governor Donaghey, Mrs. J. F. Weinmann, Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Miss Maude Hayes, and Miss Lila Ashby. The banquet hall was beautifully decorated in the College colors—blue and gold. The double quintet, present students in Galloway, furnished some delightful musical numbers. Mr. Chas. Evans led the community songs. Taken all in all, it was a very happy occasion and each student and former student of Galloway, who was fortunate enough to be present, felt distinctly the urge of the Greater Galloway Movement.

The editor had the pleasure of attending the corner-stone laying at Sloan-Hendrix Academy last Saturday and of preaching at Imboden Sunday night. A full account will appear next week. Sunday morning was spent at Mammoth Spring where Bishop Atkins preached a great sermon to a fine congregation and dedicated the beautiful stone church. Dr. J. A. Anderson, Rev. M. F. Johnson of Salem, Rev. E. N. Bickley, former pastor, Rev. A. D. Stewart, the pastor, and Rev. H. P. Waits, pastor of our church at Thayer, Mo., were present. The editor attended the Sunday School,

which, under the care of that great layman, Mr. E. M. Daniel, who has been its superintendent for 27 years, has prospered and is now a high-grade school. Generous hospitality was enjoyed in the home of Bro. Daniel. Saturday night the pastor and members of the official board with their wives and the visitors were tendered a banquet by Dr. and Mrs. Culp at their attractive hotel. The sojourn at the beautiful city of the big spring was pleasant. Our church there is not large, but is growing stronger. This is Bro. Stewart's first year. He seemed to be enjoying his work and will make a fine showing. The basement of the church has been finished and the plant is in good condition. Dr. Jas. A. Anderson, the stalwart and able presiding elder, who is closing out a good year on Paragould District, always genial and interesting, held conferences at both Imboden and Mammoth Spring.

The outstanding characteristic of Protestantism during the last decade is its new efficiency, due to a better adaption to our modern world. There probably never was a period of the same length in which Protestant churches made more advance both in their inner spirit and their administration. —Shailer Mathews in N. A. Review.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE REAL TEST.
By Dr. H. N. Snyder.

More than two years ago Southern Methodism undertook to save and strengthen her institutions of learning by adequately endowing and supporting them. In a remarkable campaign over \$18,000,000 was pledged. Though the full amount of what was asked for and needed was not secured, we feel that we did reasonably well, considering the unfavorable financial conditions, in securing so large a sum. It seems to us that this amount, short as it was of what the Annual Conferences had agreed to raise, was a fine expression of the loyalty of the Church to General Conference instructions and also a sign of its understanding of the great significance of the program it has been set to carry out. It was felt that the preachers and people had met their duty and had done a supremely important piece of work.

But this is only a "feeling." The reality of how the duty was met is measured by another performance, that of turning the subscriptions into cash. This is the performance that is the real test of what we did. It is one thing to put a name to a pledge and quite another to make it good in terms of money. It is one sort of achievement to pile up millions of dollars in subscriptions and quite a different achievement to transform promises to pay into dollars paid. The really vital matter for Southern Methodists to think about, therefore, is the relation between promise and the fulfillment, whether pledges to Christian Education have become money to serve the cause of Christian Education by the better endowment and equipment of our institutions.

Let us see how we Methodists have met this kind of test, which is after all the real test. October 25, 1923, the subscriptions due amounted approximately to \$6,000,000 and the amount paid yearly \$4,000,000.00, leaving a balance due and unpaid of more than \$2,000,000. November 1, 1923, the third payment became due amounting to about \$4,000,000, making the immediate task before us the collection of approximately \$6,000,000 already due and unpaid.

These unpaid subscriptions suggest that the time has come for us to face squarely the financial side of our obligations to the Christian Education Movement, to determine what we are going to do about it and how we are going to do it. In the first place, we should remind ourselves that of the 2,500,000 Methodists in the South, hardly more than 375,000, or only 15 per cent of them subscribed at all to the Movement. This means that each of the subscribers averaged a little less than \$50, \$10 a year for five years.

The significant thing about the figures is that both the number subscribing and the average amount of the subscriptions are relatively small. An average of \$10 a year for five years on about one-seventh of the membership of the Church could hardly be called a heavy financial burden, even under "boll-weevil" conditions. The fact is, we have gotten so used to the habit of thinking how "badly we have been hit" that we are in danger of both exaggerat-

ing the size of our financial obligations and resenting even a suggestion of the payment of them, our Church obligations as well as our commercial obligations. In this attitude such obligations are apt to bulk larger than they really are, and there is a sort of self-pity that makes it seem cruel for anybody to expect us to meet them.

Such an attitude, if indulged in long, can easily lead to a sort of repudiation, and nothing could be more of a calamity, both to the individual subscriber and to the Church at large. Here are pledges made in good faith, not scraps of paper, but moral obligations to a great cause to be redeemed in cash, promises to pay a certain amount for advancing a fundamental interest of the kingdom of God, expressions of loyalty to the Church and its institutions. To permit them to lapse for any reason would be discreditable to the Church and infect with the poison of failure any future enterprise in its very beginning.

All this is obvious enough, but what are we going to do about it? The first thing to do is not to let much time pass before renewing in the minds of our people the vital reality of these Christian Education obligations, not only for the purpose of supplying the needs of our institutions, but also for the sake of the moral effect upon our people themselves, the depressing effect of financial obligations allowed to grow cold and die on the conscience. The colleges could possibly struggle along without the money being paid that has been subscribed. They have done this so often before that to do it now would be to learn no new habit. But the Church itself would probably suffer such a loss of self-respect and of conscious power as would make its leadership hesitate before attempting any new movement of progress.

But nobody wants, or really expects, Southern Methodism to put itself in any such position or be hampered by memories of failure upon such a large scale. Nevertheless, if this is not to happen, the time has about come to put the whole machinery of the Church to work, with faith and courage, upon the vital matter of redeeming the Christian Education pledges. It will not be done until we do. Our business now is not so much preaching Christian Education as it is in collecting and paying what is due Christian Education. This is the Real Test.

IMPORTANCE OF CHRIST'S DEATH.

Being a young minister, but a Christian for many years (and of the blood-bought type, i. e., saved by the blood of Jesus Christ alone), I was very perplexed by Brother J. M. Cannon's article "What are the Fundamentals in Christian Faith?" which appeared in the issue of August 23. And I could only account for it on the ground that he had either been misquoted or that he did not mean exactly what he said. Since then, however, someone has challenged his statement and to my amazement he defends it to the very letter. Let me hasten to say that because I do not agree with him does not necessarily indicate that he is wrong in his theology. But if God's Holy Word directly contradicts his theories then I am compelled to accept God's word at the expense of man's wisdom.

At the risk of being criticized for quoting only a part of his statement (Space forbids my quoting more) I use the following as the grounds for my response. "It was not necessary that Christ be crucified in order that men might be redeemed and saved." Again, "But the query is, Why then did Christ permit men to crucify Him? I answer: He did not permit it. He could not help Himself."

Again mentioning that I am just a student myself and profess to know next to nothing about theology, may I be permitted to emphasize some points under the IMPORTANCE of CHRIST'S DEATH.

1. The DEATH of Jesus Christ is mentioned directly more than one hundred and seventy-five times in the New Testament. Besides this there are very many prophetic and typical references to the death of Jesus Christ in the Old Testament.

Heb. 2:14. "Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil." This leads me to adopt my second proposition namely,

Jesus Christ became a partaker of flesh and blood in order that He might die.

The incarnation was for the purpose of the death. Jesus Christ's death was not a mere incident in His human life, it was the supreme purpose of it. He became man in order that He might die as man and for man. Matt. 20:28, "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give His life a ransom for many," introduces my third proposition, that Jesus Christ came into the world that He might die as a ransom. (4) Luke 9:30-31, "and behold there talked with Him two men, which were Moses and Elias: who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease which he should accomplish at Jerusalem." The death of Jesus Christ was the subject that Moses and Elias talked with Him about when they appeared in glory. (5) 1st Cor. 15: 13-4, "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures; and that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the Scriptures." Does this not mean that the Death of Jesus Christ is one of the two fundamental truths of the Gospel?

Now let us just briefly consider the purpose of Jesus Christ's Death, or WHY DID HE DIE?

(1) Is. 53:5. "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

(2) 1st Peter 3:18. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit."

(3) 1st Peter 2:24. "Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye are healed."

(4) Romans 4:25. "Who was delivered for our offenses, and was raised again for our justification."

Jesus Christ died because of the sins of others: i. e., it was sin that made His death necessary. It was not his own sin, but that of others that he bore in His death. His death was vicarious, i. e., a just one who deserved to live, dying in the place of unjust men who deserved to die.

1st Cor. 5:7. "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us." Compare this with Ex. 12: 13-23. "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come into your houses to smite you."

Jesus Christ died as our passover sacrifice, i. e., that His shed blood might serve as a ground upon which God would pass over and spare us.

For whom did Jesus Christ die?

Heb. 2:9. "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man."

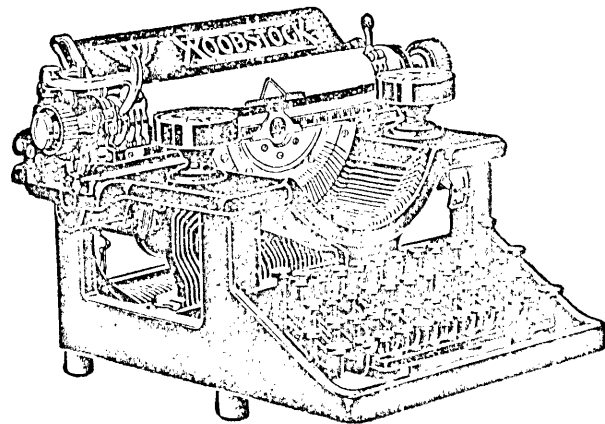
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What are the results of Christ's death?

John 12: 32-33. "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die."

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1st Thess. 5:10. "Who died for us, that, whether we wake or sleep, we



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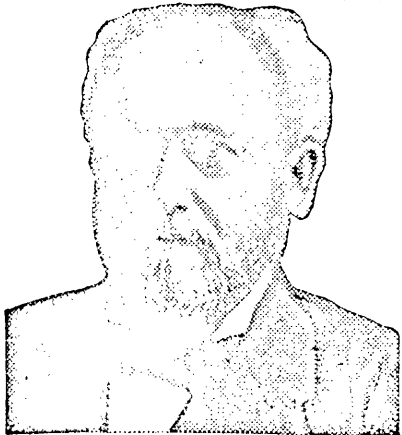
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Rev. 13:8. “And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship Him, whose names are not written in the Book of Life of the Lamb SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.” The death of Christ was in God’s sight an eternal fact. HE PLANNED IT FROM THE BEGINNING.

Within the Bible or without I can find no name given under heaven or among men nor any other approach to God other than the blood of Jesus Christ that was shed on Calvary’s tree. And not him who was murdered, but Him who freely gave his life for me. I seek no greater for I have come to know Him.—I. R. Davis.



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“But give to Christ alone thy heart,
Thy faith thy love supreme,
Then for his sake thine alms impart,
And so give all to him”

William Cutter

A NEW BOOK

Mrs. F. M. Williams’ history of the L. R. Conf. W. M. Society, “Builders of the Kingdom” will delight old and new members and young people, too. A copy should be in every Methodist home in Arkansas before Christmas. See Mrs. Williams’ letter in this issue with instructions for ordering the book—and send in your list quickly.—V. C. P.

HEROIC WORK FROM OUR WOMEN.

In accordance with the great program of our Conference Missionary Societies in cooperation with the Centenary Commission for the promotion and extension of Missions, throughout our church, the district Secretaries of North Arkansas, and Little Rock Conferences have been busy during the past weeks holding “Set-up” meetings.

Each District Secretary has called together the presidents of Auxiliaries in her district, and with them, the Conference Centenary Secretary and a W. M. S. Conference officer the plans sent from Nashville, Tenn. have been prayerfully considered and adopted. This was done with faith in God and faith in the women of the Auxiliaries to W. M. S.

The District Secretaries, our beloved leaders and zealous co-workers, pledged themselves to direct the carrying out of this program in cooperation with the Centenary Commission of the church because they believe that every auxiliary will respond and do her part as she faithfully does her part in regular W. M. S. work.

The Conference Set-up meetings were followed by the District Set-ups and now comes the time for heroic work together, and all together.

In December many Auxiliaries will give pageants demonstrating the need and the value of missions, what has been done, and what must yet be done in mission work if our Methodism meets her responsibility to the peoples of the earth who know not the Saviour of men. Large pageants will be presented in large cities and several Auxiliaries will unite in the presentation of “The Apostles of Light”—a wonderfully beautiful and thrilling pageant which calls for hundreds of participants.

For the small places and for individual auxiliaries small pageants are recommended. There’s hardly an auxiliary in Arkansas but what can enlist her women and children in this work of presenting the story of Jesus and His love to the local congregation.

A small admission fee may be charged, the object of these pageants is not to make money, but to spread the glad tidings of Salvation through Christ.

The little pageants (or demonstrations) are: “The Centenary in Korea and Siberia”; “Mother Methodism’s 75th Birthday in China”; “A visit with the Mexican Centenary”; “Caring Miss Centenary or our Work with Cubans at home and abroad”; “The Centenary at work in Japan”; “Centenary comes to Methodism’s Aid in Brazil”; “Save America” and “Africa at Home and Abroad.”

Every one of these little pageants illustrates the story of unsearchable riches through Christ Jesus.

December is the month for the pageants that our thoughts may be reverently directed to the Christ Child, the Son of God, who gave Himself that we might have life everlasting.

The program for January calls for an all-day missionary meeting in every church in Southern Methodism to be conducted by “teams” from W. M. Auxiliaries who will assist the local women. Again our dependence is in the devotion and zeal of our women throughout the Conferences. Some will carry the message; others will carry the messengers and yet others, all the rest in fact, must be on hand and have friends with them in these all-day missionary meetings. Our pastors will be invited to unite with the women and they will help mightily by opening their churches and making the way easy.

Above everything we should be much in prayer for the true success of these meetings.

Let us be ready for orders from the District Secretaries as to these plans and ones to follow for the up-building of the spirit of missions in our Church.

Hard work ahead besides reaching our W. M. S. goals for 1923? Yes, but heroic work, and we can do it if we will. We will do it, because the missionary women of Arkansas will respond and our faith is in God.—Virginia C. Pemberton.

FROM THE HISTORIAN OF L. R. CONF. W. M. S.

It might be of interest to you to know some of the causes of delay in getting out our history of L. R. Conf. W. M. Society, “Builders of a Kingdom,” but when you know that the manuscript was ready immediately after our annual meeting, you will know that your historian is not wholly to blame.

I have sent orders for shipment this week to those places ordering as many as 100 copies or more, smaller numbers to go out from me or from Rev. D. H. Colquette.

Letters to presidents and notice slips have been sent to each president asking for the names of book agents and number desired and the following have responded:

Texarkana, Eldorado, DeQueen, Ashdown, Arkadelphia, Strong, DeWitt, Lake Village, McGehee, Waldo, Des Arc, Hazen, Sherrill and one society at Little Rock, making only 15 with Hot Springs. So you see, there is a large number of auxiliaries that have not reported to me about our history. Every Auxiliary, however small, should have some copies for the mission study which the conference has recommended and these should be ordered at once. This is very important as I am anxious to know at the very earliest moment if we need another edition.

The type will be retained set up for a short while and if we can get this edition out quickly we should have more copies for the future.

Please take notice of this: All Little Rock books will go to Rev. D. H. Colquette, 714 1-2 Main Street, Little Rock, and each church should take its quota in large numbers for distribution. Those neighboring societies near Little Rock may order from him also, but please order in large lots and not by single copies, to save expense of carriage. The committee would not fix a money making price on the book so we must conserve every item in its distribution that the conference may be repaid for this enterprise.

My friends, I am counting on you to get the books to the women in the shortest time possible. The work has been a joy, all I ask is, if you like it tell me so. Orders sent me will be promptly filled.

Sincerely,

Mrs. F. M. Williams,
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NORTH ARK. CONF. W. M. S.

In honor of Mesdames J. W. Bell and Milton Harper, Mulberry gave a banquet at Mrs. James Farmer’s hospitable home in Sept. Mrs. Bell, the Conf. Supt. of Publicity & Mission Study, and Mrs. Harper, Sec. of Fort Smith Dist., were en route to Little Rock for the “Set Up” meeting of L. R. and N. Ark. Conferences, and their many friends were glad to honor them. The Missionary Auxiliary of Dyer and Rev. Mr. Moore were among the invited guests.

The spacious rooms in Mrs. Farmer’s home were decorated with lovely roses, the long tables, with sparkling glass and silver, offered a fine repast which was greatly enjoyed. An interesting program, with addresses from Mesdames Bell and Harper, brief talks by Mesdames Johnson and Jeffers, and sweet music by Mesdames Cleve Blythe and S. C. Grant added to the charm and profit of this notable occasion. Cordial appreciation was expressed to Mrs. Farmer for her kind hospitality.

CONWAY DISTRICT GROUP MEETING.

An all day group meeting of the W. M. S. from Conway District met at Cabot, Thursday Nov. 1. Out of seven co-operating societies five had representation—Cabot, Jacksonville, Beebe, Gardner Memorial, First Ch., North Little Rock.

Fifty-six members from these auxiliaries were present. We were very glad to have with us the following pastors: Rev. Eli Myers, North Little Rock; Edward Forrest, Gardner Memorial; C. F. Hively, Beebe, Paul Bates, Jacksonville, and G. S. Johnson, Cabot.

Mrs. Bob Henry of Jacksonville, was elected secretary of the meeting. Reports were heard from the various auxiliaries, and plans made for the new year. Mrs. S. G. Smith from Conway, our Council representative, gave us inspiring messages concerning our work.

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Other group meetings in the District will be held at Morrilton Nov. 16, and Atkins Nov. 20.—Mrs. Byron Harwell, Dist. Sec.

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The year is drawing rapidly to a close. Has your auxiliary reached the goal in regard to subscriptions to Voice, "Every member a subscriber"? If not surely you have half your members taking the Voice? If not, you are minus five points on Honor Roll and this may keep your auxiliary from being in Poster Parade at the annual meeting. So Vice Presidents and Agents let's get busy. We still have time and a very opportune time too, during the "Doubling Campaign." During November and December there is a special rate of seventy-five cents per year. We must take advantage of it; every member ought to be a reader of the Voice. Let's see that they are at least subscribers. We can, you know, if we work.

Questions from the November Voice:

1. What eight paragraphs are found inside of first cover?
 2. What does Dr. Pinson say about Mission Specials?
 3. Give the little story taken from a letter written by Rev. Jalmar Bowden.
 4. What are the new plans for the Centenary Campaign?
 5. Tell of the Laura Haygood Demonstration School.
 6. What does W. E. Towson write of the Japan Earthquake?
 7. During the year 1923 how much money was allotted to the "Department of Peace" and how much to war?
 8. Tell of the meeting that Bishop Beauchamp attended in England in September.
 9. Who is Miss Florence Wilson? Who is Miss Grace Abbott?
 10. What auxiliary in the North Arkansas Conference sent in ten dollars for the Missionary Voice and who is the Vice President?
- Mrs. E. F. Ellis, V. Pres. North Arkansas Conference.

CAMDEN DISTRICT MEETING AT FORDYCE.

Mrs. L. K. McKinney, District Secretary, presided over the Conference in a most efficient manner, proving her familiarity with the work, as well as her interest and zeal in this great cause. The conference was delighted to have several honored guests among them: Dr. Richardson, Pastor of Fordyce Methodist Church, who conducted one of the devotional exercises and was every ready to lend aid.

Another guest of honor was Mrs. C. F. Elza, Conference President, who added greatly to the meeting by giving of her wonderful store of information and inspiration. Her address, "An Imported Rosary" was the crowning feature to an evening's splendid program. Another very

pleasing number was that delightful little play, "Aunt Tilly learns how to tithe," given so well by the Young People of Fordyce.

The Superintendent of Juniors for Little Rock Conference, Mrs. T. M. Thompson, of El Dorado, gave a stirring talk on, "How Can the Adult Missionary Society Mother the Children?" Miss Florence Whiteside, Council Worker for El Dorado came with a special message on, "Training a Social Conscience and Directing Community Service."

Fordyce entertained the Conference well; homes were opened wide, noonday lunches served at the Church. A lovely reception was given Thursday afternoon in the home of Mrs. B. M. Bowe and everything was done to make each one feel their lives had indeed fallen in pleasant places.

The delegates and visitors deeply appreciate the loving hospitality and gracious cordiality.

All seemed to have caught a new vision and received great blessings from the consecrated messages.

—Mrs. T. D. Greenhaw, Sec.

UNION MEETING AT LAKE VILLAGE.

On Tuesday, June 12th, the Missionary societies from the Methodist Churches at Dermott, Halley, Parkdale and Lake Village met at Lake Village, this auxiliary being hostess. The day was spent in study and discussion of different features of the work and in a memorial to Miss Belle Bennett. Dinner was served in picnic style, every society had prepared a part of the lunch and the Lake Village Society had a bountiful supply of the famous Lake Village fish nicely fried and ready for the dinner that was very much enjoyed.

But the day was not a pleasure jaunt. There were intellectual and spiritual feasts in the good programs that had been prepared. In the morning the Lake Village Society had charge and with Mrs. Rucks as leader gave a splendid program on work of the Social Service Department's work as follows: Hymn 303; Devotional by Mrs. Hal Sessions; Five Points of Inter-racial Work, Mrs. E. A. Cathing; Faith and the State, Mrs. Akenhead; Dialogue, Mrs. Hendricks and Mrs. Bagby; The Negro Home, Mrs. Trice; Social Service Report, Mrs. Carpenter; Our Social Service Program, Mrs. Darby (District Sec.); Prayer, Rev. J. W. Rogers. The afternoon program with Mrs. Foster as leader was by the Dermott Society and was as follows: Hymn 197; Prayer, Mrs. Larkin Smith; Bible Lesson, Mrs. Gilliam; Obedient to the Vision, Mrs. Akenhead (of Lake Village); Why A Memorial to Miss Bennett, Mrs. Parnall; Searritt Bible School, Mrs. Burks, in Loving Remembrance to Miss Bennett, Mrs. Belser. Round Table discussion: (a) Best Methods of Creating Interest in the Missionary Society, (b) Ability To Bring Back Disinterested Members.

All were delighted to have the new district secretary with us at this meeting and we are going to love and help Mrs. Darby in her work.

As Miss McRae says, "This seems to be a fine argument for good roads as well as a 'go thou and do likewise,' suggestion to other auxiliaries.

DISTRICT MEETING AT DUMAS.

The W. M. S. District meeting of Monticello District was held at Dumas, October 24 inst with Mrs. W. P. Darby (District Secretary) presiding.

Mrs. Darby's report of the district showed a marked increase in membership and she set the membership goal for one thousand for next year.

Reports given from adults, young people and junior societies were encouraging. Some one has said that the dominant note of Methodism is its evangelistic note. Bishop Galway in speaking of the Methodist church said: "It is an organized—Go."

From the good reports heard from

the different Societies we feel sure that Monticello District belongs to the "Go" organization.

The Conf. Supt. of Publicity, Miss Fay McRae, explained the doubling campaign. She said: "Each member is to select a lady as her twin, and be responsible for her membership, her attendance, and her interests in the society for one year. Then the new members would feel that the society was an important part of her life, and she too could adopt a twin, and thus the membership might be continually increased to the extent of all available material.

Miss McRae also presented the Belle H. Bennett memorial. A plan to promote Miss. Work in the small towns and rural districts, was presented by Mrs. J. W. Rogers of Lake Village. Mrs. Rogers whose heart responds readily to every missionary call and who has a vision of the great possibilities of our already organized societies, told us of the Big Sister plan. She said: The towns nearest us too small for an auxiliary could be adopted and the women of the rural districts could be organized. She asked the Dist. Sec. to appoint a committee to do this work and the following committee was appointed:

Mrs. J. W. Rogers, Chairman, Lake Village.

Mrs. Larkin Smith, Dermott.

Mrs. J. A. Russell, Dumas.

Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Wilmar.

Mrs. W. H. Riley, McGehee.

This committee to stand one year.

Rev. J. A. Parker, presiding elder of the Monticello District, pledged his help and heartily endorsed the Big Sister plan. Rev. F. F. Harrell of Camden spoke of how the W. M. S. had pushed forward and the great good that had been achieved through the efforts of the faithful women, in Missionary work.

Mrs. Aikenhead of Lake Village spoke to us on the necessity of training the young people in missionary work. She said we must build on solid foundation for our Adult Societies of tomorrow and pray earnestly for our young people's societies and for ourselves. Taking the burdens on our hearts as individuals. She said if we had no leader for the young people to pray for one. It was through prayer a consecrated Christian leader was found for the Lake Village young people.

"Prayer is the vital breath of our spiritual needs."

Mrs. Garrison of Monticello emphasized the needs of a missionary education to promote the missionary spirit in the church, and said where there is no mission study class one should be organized.

Mrs. Brewer of Arkansas City, in a most instructive way, presented Christian Stewardship.

It was decided at this meeting that while the men of Monticello district look after the outside repairs of our district Parsonage, the W. M. S. will look after furnishing it. The following committee was appointed to do this:

Mrs. U. J. Trotter, W. R. Pope, Monticello, Ed. Trice, J. C. Gray, Ed. Oslin, Lake Village.

Mrs. J. I. Gaddy, Dermott.

Committee to stand for one year.

I wish I could tell of all the inspiring talks given but can't take too much space. I must tell you Dumas has a beautiful church with plenty of room from which we were served a delicious and appetizing lunch. We will long remember the day spent in Dumas, and the cordial hospitality of Brother Fawcett and the ladies of the Missionary Society.—Mrs. Larkin Smith, Sec.

AUGUSTA.

During our pastor's Church Rally Week, every body was invited to hear a different speaker each evening. Rev. H. E. Wheeler spoke on Sunday Schools, Rev. S. R. Twitty, pastor of McCrory, presented the Forward Movements of our church, Rev. F. E. Dodson of Cotton Plant spoke on a subject near to his heart, the

Epworth League, Dr. A. C. Millar addressed us on Christian Literature, Rev. R. C. Morehead on Christian Education, Rev. E. T. Miller pastor of Weldon and Tupelo, brought us a message in song and led our choir every night, but the best was saved for the last, and on Friday afternoon, the members of the missionary societies of Cotton Plant, Weldon, Tupelo and Fitzhugh, were invited to come for a group meeting to talk over our problems. Twenty responded, and stayed for the evening service, we were glad of an opportunity of having them in our homes for supper. At the afternoon meeting we had a splendid paper on Mission study by Mrs. Lula Hill of Cotton Plant, Mesdames Will Dillard and Lucy Critz, of McCrory told of how they conducted their Bible study class, Mrs. Dee Kimbrough of Weldon told of the work they were doing, Mrs. J. H. Dale of Fitzhugh spoke of their efforts in raising money for a Community Church. The Belle Bennett Memorial was discussed and some reported subscriptions to it. The Augusta ladies served a delicious salad plate with hot coffee at which time the women got better acquainted with our guests. At the close of the service we took great pride in showing our visitors the beautiful new \$6,000.00 parsonage which we have just finished on lots south of the church and which cost \$12,000. This has been our aim for a number of years and we are happy that we have accomplished it.

We were all disappointed that our president Mrs. Preston Hatcher was detained at home by illness, but were most fortunate in securing Mrs. L. A. Smith, of Hunter Memorial Church Little Rock who gave the address of the evening. Mrs. Smith is a returned missionary from Korea, and brought a message which was greatly appreciated by a very large audience. Before the address some of the young ladies of our church presented, under the direction of Mrs. J. E. Vinson, that delightful Stewardship playlet "Aunt Tilly Learns To Tithe," teaching plainer than words our duty in regard to our time, talents, and means. Miss Inez Adamson and Rev. E. T. Miller sang splendid solos. So our Church Rally Week came to a close and all who attended felt greatly benefited, and knew more about the program of the Methodist church than they ever did before.

I trust that these two months will mean much to our women. We have just observed the Week of Prayer, and hope to carry out the whole program which has been mapped out for us by our conference and Council officers.—Mary Fuller.

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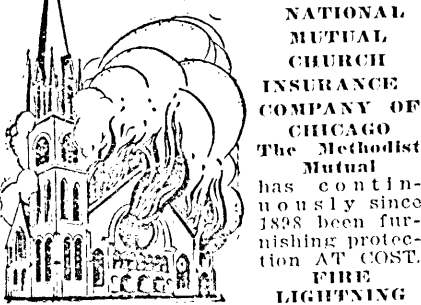
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WANTED—A letter from every District Secretary in the North Arkansas Conference pledging their support to the League Page of the Arkansas Methodist. To make your pledge more substantial you might send along an item of interest about the work in your district.—Ida White, Editor League Page for North Arkansas Conference.

PRESIDENTS' MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Conference League Presidents and Board Chairmen has been set for Jan. 15 and 16. The meeting this year will be held at Meridian, Miss. Last year, at the Nashville, Tenn. Presidents' meeting, a certain Arkansas City was a hot contestant for this meeting, and it is quite likely that some Arkansas City will get the 1925 meeting of this important body.

N. ARK. LEAGUE PLEDGES.

The recent report of the Conference League Treasurer in the League columns, was very heartening. It shows that North Arkansas League Chapters are taking more seriously than ever the payment of their pledges to the Conference Budget.

Our African Special Pledge has been increased this year, and this new loyal response in paying the pledges quarterly is as it should be. Let all who have not yet paid their first quarterly payment, now more than a month past due, send it to Mr. Howard Johnston, Conway, Ark. It will be much easier to raise one-fourth of it at a time than to get the entire amount of your pledge just before going to Assembly.

DID YOU SEE YOUR PICTURE IN THE ERA?

This month's Epworth Era carries a double-page picture of the North Arkansas League Assembly which met at Galloway College last June. This picture ranks with the largest ever shown in the Era in point of attendance. League Leaders throughout Methodism are fast coming to realize that North Arkansas is one of the leading League Conferences. Let every Leaguer, Conference Officer, Chapter officer and "buck private" be found faithfully at his post, no matter how small the task, nor how trying.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The class and committee of the fourth year will meet at the Methodist Church, Walnut Ridge, at 7:00 p. m., Tuesday, Nov. 20. Let all the members of this class be present and ready to report.—W. J. Faust.

CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The members of the Class of the Second Year are requested to meet the Committee at 3 p. m., Tuesday, Nov. 20, at the Methodist Church, Walnut Ridge, Ark.—James T. Willcoxson, Chm.

N. A. CONFERENCE NOTICE.

The Committee on Admissions will meet at the Methodist church in Walnut Ridge on Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

All who are coming before the Conference for admission on trial, readmission, admission into full connection and admission from other Churches will have to come before this Committee. Let all such persons meet us at the hour suggested above.—A. E. Holloway, Chm.

N. A. CONF NOTICE.

The Committee on Evangelism of the North Arkansas Conference is anxious to do all it can to make the session of our Conference a great spiritual uplift to all who attend and to all the country near the place of meeting. We have secured the promise of Dr. H. C. Morrison of Kentucky to preach for us each afternoon during the entire session of the Conference. Dr. O. E. Goddard has been asked by the pastor and people of Hoxie to preach for them each night during the session.

The Committee would be glad also to furnish preachers to all of the nearby towns for Sunday at least. Any pastor or Church that wants a preacher for Sunday, November 25, will please write to or see us and we will do our best to grant their request.—R. E. L. Bearden, A. E. Holloway, C. N. Guice, Mrs. W. A. Steele, Mrs. S. G. Smith, Com.

NOTICE.

The committee and class of the First Year of the North Arkansas Conference will meet in the Methodist Church in Walnut Ridge at two-thirty the afternoon of Nov. 20. Let members of the class bring their sermons for examination at that time.—W. V. Womack, Chairman of Com.

NOTICE TO PASTORS.

By reference to paragraph 165 of 1922 Discipline, you will note that the law of our church requests of every pastor as follows:

"To make a written report of the condition of all the Claimants on the Conference Collections within his pastoral charge, at each Annual Conference, to be submitted to Conference Board of Finance."

Now, your Board of Finance can not justly appropriate funds to the claimants until they know the condition of each; for we must have regard to their necessity. So, please report at once to the secretary, Rev. Ira A. Brumley, of Springdale, using the blanks sent you.—Cordially, H. L. Wade, Chairman.

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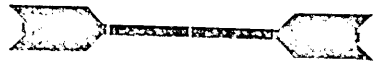
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D. Bloom has one of the largest department stores in this section, as have also S. N. Pitzele & Co. Other establishments are in their class and supply town and surrounding territory with bargains. The city has two of the strongest and most progressive banks: The Lawrence County Bank, which has passed the Million Dollar mark, and the First National Bank, which is also a strong and safe bank. Her manufacturing interests are represented by three strong cotton gins: The Phoenix Cotton Oil mill of one hundred tons daily capacity; The Walnut Ridge-Hoxie Cotton Compress Co., one of the most modern and largest in the state; large ice plant; saw mill; brick and concrete yard; large lumber yard, modern electric light system and electric car system, having a trackage of over three miles, connecting the towns of Walnut Ridge and Hoxie, making a round trip every thirty minutes day and night, furnishing light for Pocahontas, Imboden, Black Rock, Portia and Hoxie.

The city has one of the finest water and sewerage systems. Here is the County seat for the Eastern District of Lawrence County, with a \$30,000 pressed-brick court house; \$25,000 school building; five churches, representing the Christian Science, Presbyterian, Catholic, Baptist and Methodist faiths with fine buildings; opera house; wholesale houses, ice cream and candy factories.

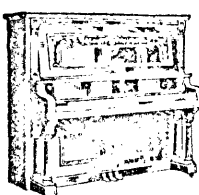
The land around Walnut Ridge is the finest in the state. North, south, and west are fine cotton, wheat, corn and meadow lands, and east are the magnificent rice fields, cotton and cattle lands, second to none in Arkansas. The records in this county are complete, no records having ever been lost, and the Dowell-Gibson Abstract Co. have two complete sets of books, running the titles back as far as 1803. Abstracts are furnished by them on a day's notice.

Such is Walnut Ridge today. She is advancing in all lines and directions. She will be larger and better each year as the lands are brought into cultivation and the system of her surface roads is completed. We invite the world to inspect our city and country and urge the investor and pleasure-seekers to see our town and country before investing elsewhere. To rich and poor, the people of Walnut Ridge extend a hearty welcome to join us and share with us the glorious opportunities that Walnut Ridge and Lawrence County have to offer.

WALNUT RIDGE METHODIST CHURCH

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Brother Hall "made brick without straw." Without money, without a complete backing of the entire constituency of the Church, he undertook the difficult task of erecting a new house of worship. Now, I have heard of people who were "invincible in peace and invisible in war." Not so with Brother Hall: He stood by the program, and stemmed the tide of financial troubles and pushed the work to a successful conclusion. This zealous pastor realized that it would require time, hard work, and prayer, together with financial aid to build the church. After more than a year of unceasing effort, the goal was practically reached. So today Walnut Ridge Methodism is the proud possessor of one of the most beautiful edifices in the Conference, the size of the town being considered. Of the original cost, \$60,000 the membership owes only \$13,000. All honor and praise to the pastor, the building committee, and the membership. They deserve the commendation of Methodism. Those who formed the Committee are: Earl Mitchell, H. V. Wayland, Clay Henderson, Walter Southworth, W. O. Sexton, R. J. Cooper, J. M. Lester, J. C. Pinnell, R. C. Surridge, and S. T. Hardin. The pastor rejoices over the accomplishments of his three years administration. He speaks flatteringly of the splendid personnel of the various Boards and the Committee. He gives them the proper credit for their contribution in the church building activities and in the ongoing of the various departments of the church. Brother R. B. Warner, affable Circuit Clerk of Lawrence County, is chairman of the official board, and T. N. Bragg, a loyal layman, is treasurer. All current expenses will be paid in full, but it is doubtful whether the various claims will be met, because of the unusual strain on the people occasioned by the new church project. There is an active W. M. S. The outstanding work of this organization is the large amount they are to contribute, part of which has been paid towards the liquidation of the church debt. They pledged \$3,000.

The Epworth League is in charge of Miss Beulah Wayland, a choice young lady, and Miss Alice Cunningham, another splendid worker. Several delegates attended the E. L. Assembly at Galloway last Summer.

Superintendent R. O. Rainwater is proud of the Sunday School. He has some splendid leaders who really take their work seriously. They are, Miss Margaret Paquin, R. B. Warner, Mrs. R. B. Warner, Mrs. W. E. Hall, Miss Ida Waller, Mrs. R. J. Cooper, Agnes Bugg, Brother Rainwater, Assistant cashier of the Planters National Bank, is a Sunday School enthusiast. He says that he is planning big for another year. They are now at work in their new quarters, and are just getting settled for real constructive work. For months they were handicapped on account of having no place that afforded favorable physical equipment. There are several classes that deserve special mention. The Men's Bible Class, with a large enrollment, is doing splendid work; The Dorcas Class is one of the leading classes, of which Miss Wilmar Adrain is president. This class has contributed \$1000 on the church. The Philathea class is another progressive group of Sunday School students. This class has purchased a large stove for the basement and a \$75. pew for the new building. Every class has contributed liberally. Brother Hall has had a great year, receiving more than 90 into the

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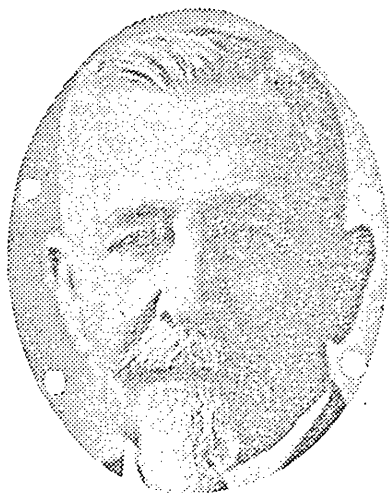
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church. The Culpepper revival was a veritable benediction. The church is in better condition now than it has been at any time during his pastorate.

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Not only are the Methodists making diligent preparations for the Conference, but the Baptists, Presbyterians, and the Chamber of Commerce are helping to arrange for adequate entertainment. It is understood that one or two meals will be served at the church daily during the conference. This will add greatly to the convenience of those attending.



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other half consisting of hill land, clay and limestone. Just about every sort of problem and of opportunity to be found within the state of Arkansas can, therefore, be found within the limits of this District.

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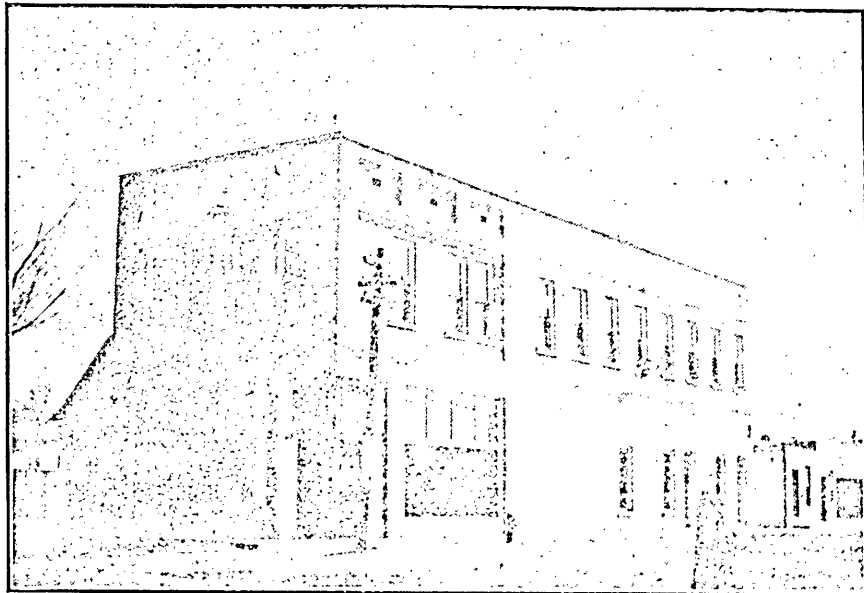
The year has been happy and prosperous. It must be remembered that the figures we give are only approximations to the final results, since this must be written several weeks in advance of full returns. The salaries of the preachers are in advance of last year, and they will be paid perhaps better than in former years. The indications are that the Conference Collections will amount to at least as much, if not more, than last year. A great many good meetings have been held, chief among them being a meeting held by Rev. Burke Culpepper for Walnut Ridge, Hoxie, and Walnut Ridge Circuit, where over four hundred people gave their names for membership in some church. There have been probably eight or nine hundred conversions under the ministry of our men within the District and the additions to the church will be in the neighborhood of five or six hundred.

The Sunday School work has been under the hand of an efficient District staff. The District directors

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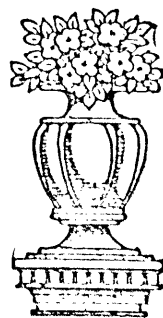
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Superintendent of Rural Work Fowler and his wife spent practically one month at East Side Paragould and one at Hoxie. We held one standard Training School at Imboden, at which forty five or fifty credits were issued, and the people at

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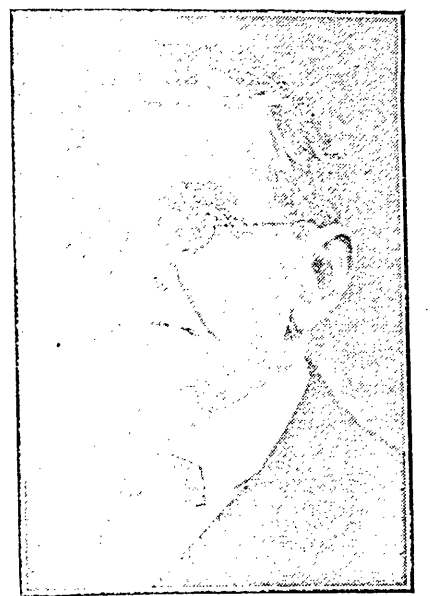
Imboden felt themselves greatly helped. All of our District staff attended the Training School for Leaders at Little Rock in March and all took credits. Mrs. J. A. Joseph, Supt. of Organized Classes, has held several one-unit schools within the District this year and her work is everywhere well spoken of. Children's week has been observed in several places under the direction of Mrs. Lester Weaver, Supt. of Elementary Work.

The Dist. Secty., Rev. C. C. Barton, has faithfully kept up his work throughout the year. Rev. Allen D. Stewart, Supt. of Teacher Training, has done effective work in his department.

The Epworth League has grown in interest and efficiency, but unfortunately the District secretary has recently left our bounds and the figures are not at hand.

The Woman's Missionary Society will also show an advance. On the whole they have brought in the best reports that have come to the quarterly conferences. They show almost without exception commendable zeal and faithful attention to all details.

We had an excellent District Conference, an inspiration to all who were there. Three were licensed to preach, and five are awaiting the meeting of the licensing committee which will pass upon their cases before the Annual Conference convenes.



REV. W. S. SOUTHWORTH.

Three were recommended for admission on trial and one for re-admission. It is expected that several of the five yet to go before the licensing committee will apply for admission on trial.

We have at this date no exact figures of payments made to our Centenary and Educational causes but these interests have not been neglected and we expect at least fair results.

One church has been built, at Ash Flat; another is in process of building at Denton. The church at Walnut Ridge has been practically completed, and substantial improvements, either in the way of paying of debts or in betterments on the property, have been made at Biggers, Corning, Old Friendship on Rector Circuit, Camp Ground on Gainsville Circuit, Imboden, Mammoth Spring, Peach Orchard, and Rector. First Church, Paragould, has secured a new and excellent building site adopted the plans and are well on the way with raising the money to build a first-class church. Mrs. V. Y. Cook, of Batesville, a former resident of Paragould, having generously donated the site.

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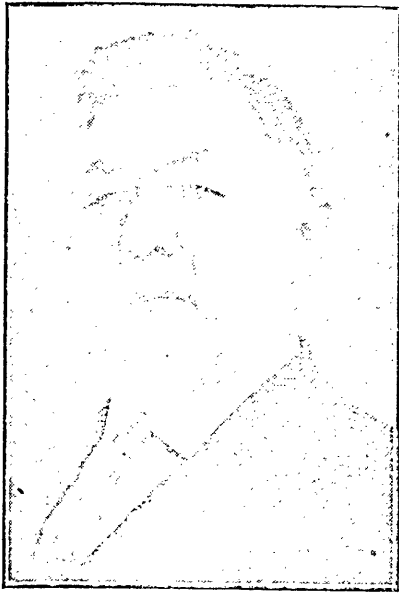
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A parsonage was built on Rector Circuit, large and wearisome debts have been lifted off of the parsonages at Piggott and Marmaduke. Rector is building a new parsonage and Mammoth Spring has moved the pastor into better quarters.

Sloan-Hendrix Academy is doing excellent work under Prof. J. C. Eaton. Under the guidance of Rev. J. F. Glover our pastor at Imboden a magnificent home for this School is nearing completion affording ample housing for an indefinite number of years to come. The structure is of reinforced concrete throughout and looks as if it ought to stand for ages.

WALNUT RIDGE METHODISM

The earliest preaching in Walnut Ridge and the surrounding country was by local Methodist preachers and circuit riders. One of the pioneers before the location of the present city of Walnut Ridge was Dr. John H. Dye who now lives at Searey. Dr. Dye preached at Clover Bend, Powhatan and what is now known as Walnut Ridge before the present city was located or, before the Missouri Pacific railroad was built. Following him was Rev. Wm. Watson, father of Rev. Sam G. Watson, and who was known by the old settlers in this country as "Red" Watson. Then came Rev. S. D. Evans, Rev. F. E. Taylor, Rev. W. S. Brooke, and a circuit rider named Rogers who came here in the early days.

Church services were held in the old schoolhouse after the town of Walnut Ridge was located in 1873. Dr. A. R. Winfield of Little Rock, for whom the Winfield Memorial is named, often came here in his visits to different parts of the state and preached for several days.

The Conference met in Walnut Ridge twenty years ago, and the meetings were held in the courthouse, which had just been completed. Bishop Hoss presided. The resident pastor at that time, and a man who took great interest in bringing the Conference here and seeing to its entertainment, was Rev. Thos. W. Fisackerly, now deceased.

Many noted evangelists have held meetings for the Methodist Church in this city, among them Joe Jones, brother of Sam Jones, John P. Lowry, now of Little Rock, Rev. Mr. McIntosh, Burke & Hobbs, Geo. K. Stevens, and Burke Culpepper.

A man who did much for Methodism throughout the immediate neighborhood and vicinity was Rev. Benjamin A. Morris, who lived about four miles from Walnut Ridge on his farm. He was a local Methodist preacher who took no regular work, but who preached at some country church every Sunday, and was a very eloquent and powerful man, and the work he did still lives and will continue to live through all the years to

come. Another local preacher who lived and worked in Walnut Ridge was Rev. H. L. Bugg. For some years it has been the home of Rev. W. S. Southworth, an honored superannuate, who has given many years of service to Methodism, largely in this part of the state.

The Methodist Church at Walnut Ridge was organized in 1855 by Rev. S. D. Evans who had held an arbor

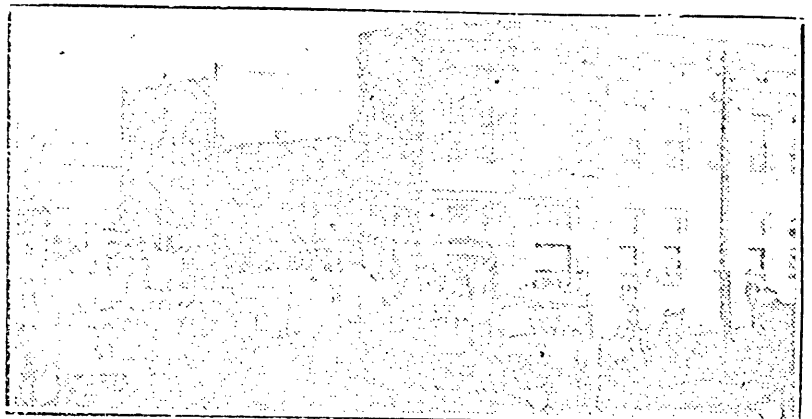
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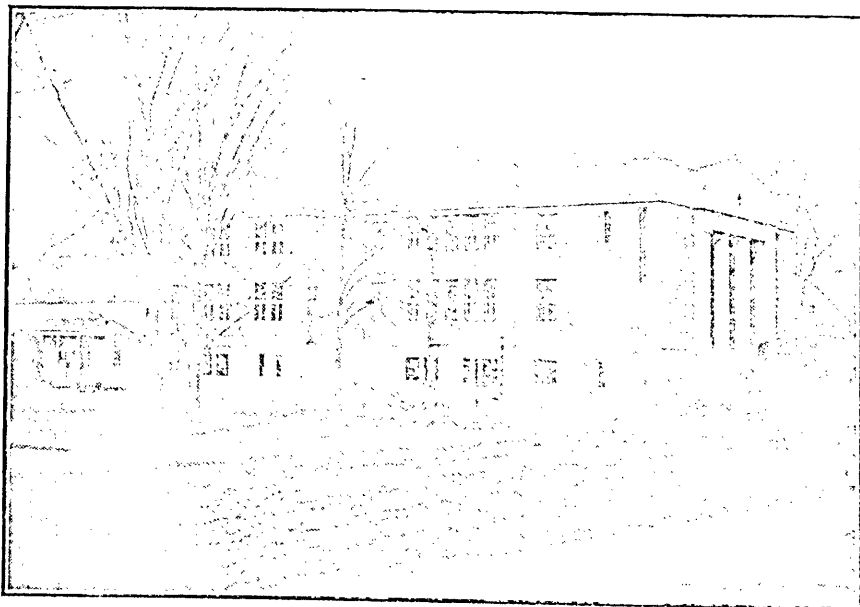
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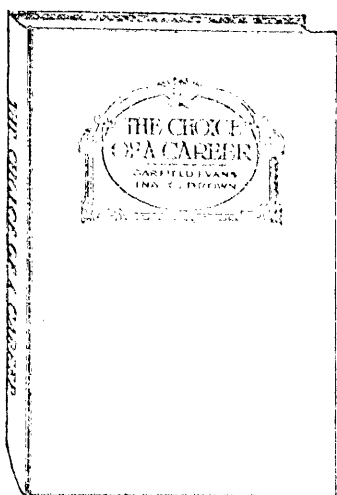
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meeting assisted by Rev. Taylor Morris. There were fourteen charter members of whom two are now living and members, Mrs. Mary F. Jackson and Mrs. Mary Rankin. Several of the charter members (now deceased) were Bergin Israel, Capt. J. M. Phelps, A. T. Phelps, A. C. Phelps, and Bud Phelps, J. D. McCarroll, and Mrs. H. J. McCarroll. Another charter member still living, but affiliated with another church, is Drew Phelps.

Among those who have served as pastors are: S. D. Evans, D. W. Reid, J. M. Talkington, A. M. R. Branson, F. E. Taylor, A. H. Williams, T. W. Fisackerly, Cadesman Pope, W. F. Walker, A. B. Haltom, T. A. Bowen, C. C. Burton, W. J. Faust, and W. E. Hall, who was pastor in 1900, and, returning in 1920, is now the Conference host.

Under the aggressive and efficient leadership of Bro. Hall the present large and substantial brick edifice has been erected at a cost of some \$60,000. As financial conditions have not been favorable, he and his faithful members and other citizens of Walnut Ridge who have contributed deserve very great credit. The membership of the church is now over 300, and has been much strengthened in numbers and spiritually as the result of the revival held the past summer. Walnut Ridge, with a population of about 3,000, is one of the best towns in Northeastern Arkansas.

OUR CONFERENCE HOSTS.

Dr. James A. Anderson is the presiding elder of the Paragould District, within whose bounds the coming session of the North Arkansas Conference will be held. Dr. Anderson is too well known in Arkansas to require any introductory words from the writer. His long, faithful, and efficient services have made for him a great place in our Arkansas Methodism. Dr. Anderson is a combination man—a great preacher, and efficient and fine executive. His success in the ministry and on the district has been noteworthy.

In another section of the paper, appears a statement from Dr. Anderson concerning the work of the Paragould District. It shows evidence of growth and progress which characterizes his leadership.

The Rev. W. E. Hall, the pastor-host of the approaching North Arkansas Conference, is one of the best known pastors in the Conference. He needs no word of introduction. He has served with credit as circuit rider and station preacher. He is preparing royal entertainment for the coming North Arkansas Conference.

Ministers, delegates, and visitors, you will be royally and hospitably entertained in Walnut Ridge. I know. I have just returned from the "seat" of friendliness and hospitality, and I heard Hon. H. L. Ponder, Ed Rankin, and other prominent citizens say that they were preparing "the fatted calf," and all of the lights would be trimmed and burning. The livewire pastor, Brother Ed Hall, said that everybody else in town would follow the example of the brethren named above, assuring the visiting ministers and delegates of ample convenience and hospitality. The pastor-host says that Walnut Ridge is going to demonstrate the fact that it is the seat of "Southern hospitality." His instructions to all who attend the Conference will be "Hang up your hats and make yourselves at home. You are as welcome as the flowers in May." This is characteristic of this great pastor, the man who "made brick without straw."

Here is another splendid preacher and lovable pastor, the Rev. G. R. Ellis. Brother Ellis is the popular pastor of the Walnut Ridge Circuit and makes his home in Walnut Ridge. He, too, is anxiously waiting for the opportunity to welcome you delegates and visitors to the hospitable portals of his city.

He and his people are bestirring themselves in preparing entertainment for some of the Annual Conference delegates. Brother Ellis' people say he has had a great year. Large congregations attend his ministry.

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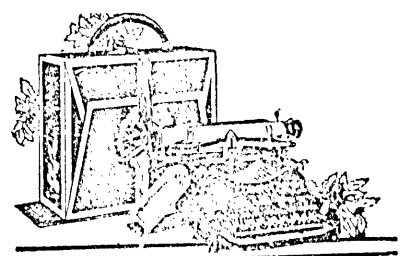
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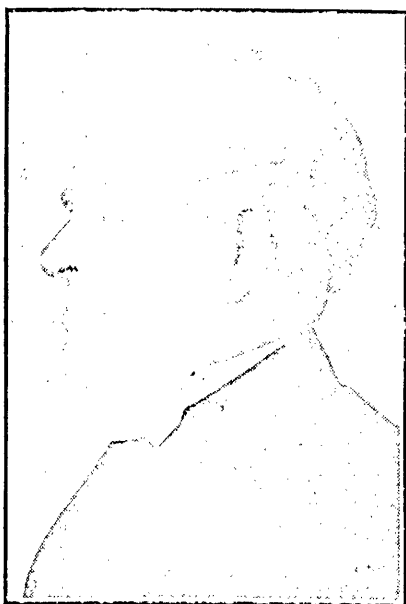
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Lucky is the minister, or delegate, or visitor who has the fortune to be entertained in the adjoining town of Hoxie, where the Rev. George E. Patchell is the universally loved pastor. Now Hoxie is not very far from the seat of the Conference, with splendid electric car service. In fact, Hoxie is only a "hop, skip and jump" from Walnut Ridge. These delightful people will not permit their neighbors to excel in hospitality, friendliness and royal entertainment. Brother Patchell will leave nothing undone that will contribute to the joy and happiness of those who stay in Hoxie during the Conference.

A warm welcome happy smile and a hearty handshake await all. The writer acknowledges the very gracious services of the pastor, Rev. W. Ed Hall, of the Times Dispatch, and of The Blade, two splendidly edited and progressive weeklies. They gladly furnished data and cuts, in part, for this edition of the Methodist.

In conclusion, I naturally think of one of the most prominent men of the city, Hon. H. L. Ponder. He is one of the leading attorneys of the State. He served with distinction in the State Legislature in 1899-1901, and as senator in 1917-19. He has been mayor of his City, county judge, and at present is the president of the Chamber of Commerce. He is always ready to cooperate in any movement to develop his town, community, and State. He is an elder of the local Presbyterian Church. I am deeply indebted to him for invaluable services rendered in connection with the Conference number.—J. C. G.



JUDGE J. D. DOYLE.

Judge J. D. Doyle, an early Lawrence County settler, is one of the leading citizens of Walnut Ridge. In this Conference number in which we relate something of the work of Methodism, and touch on the general religious growth and tone of this city and surrounding territory, it is fitting that something be said regarding the part that this splendid Christian gentleman has had in its development. Brother Doyle united with the Freewill Baptist Church at the age of 15, and has been an acceptable and consistent member for 47 years. Thirty-three years of the latter period have been spent in the ministry. Possibly no other minister has played a more prominent role in the religious progress of this county than has Judge Doyle. His activities have not been confined to pastoral and pulpit work for he was county judge four years, and served as representative eight years, during which time he was instrumental in having enacted laws in the interest of prohibition, and against the operation of pool rooms in seventeen counties, his county being one of this number. Therefore, he has rendered helpful services in different fields of life that were conducive to better moral and religious conditions.

He has always cooperated with our pastors and churches in bringing about better conditions in the country and at Walnut Ridge.—Reporter.

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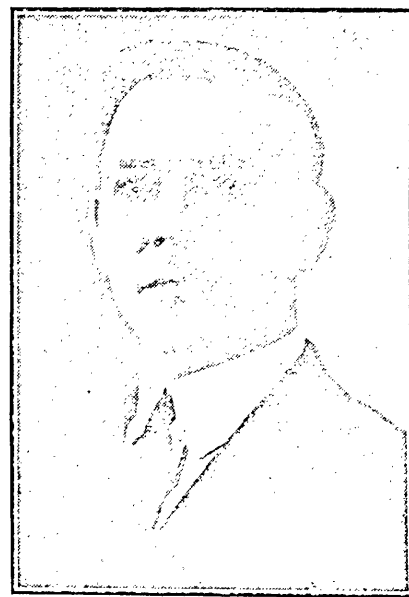
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REV. G. R. ELLIS.
WALNUT RIDGE CIRCUIT MAKES
BIG GAINS.

Walnut Ridge Circuit is one of the truly interesting charges in the Paragould District. Its history is contemporary with that of the town church, of which it was a part until just a few years ago. At my request, the genial, affable, and popular pastor, Rev. G. R. Ellis, kindly furnished me with some statistical information which for several reasons is important. He has submitted an accurate report of the work for three years, beginning with Nov., 1920.

This report is indicative of gain along all lines, spiritually, numerically, financially. For example, in 1920, there were four preaching points—Old Walnut Ridge, Mt. Zion, Joplin and Richwood. During the following summer another church was organized with a charter membership of 43 of July 26. After correcting the old register, dropping the names of members who had died or removed elsewhere, he had a total membership of 290. To this number he added 120, baptizing 80 adults and six infants. He began the second year's work with 410 members. His personal work and revivals resulted in an increase of 47 that year. The conversions for both years numbered 248. In the meantime the salary was increased \$300.

Brother Ellis is now closing an exceedingly good year. He has received 70 members this year, and had 100 reclamations. Despite further corrections of the roll, including dismissals by death, he will report a church enrollment of 527, and the records are accurate and up-to-date.

During these years Brother Ellis has held practically all of his meetings. This is another case where the pastor proved to be the best evangelist. He is fortunate in having such fine laymen as J. C. Ponder, of Old Walnut Ridge church, G. W. Benson, of Mt. Zion, and Joe Arnold of Richwood, the superintendents of the Sunday Schools of the respective churches. Then there is princely Garland C. Taylor, charge lay leader, who is on the job, D. S. Adams, a choice worker, and J. D. Lingo.

Other splendid lay members are, Eugene Hart, Mrs. Ona Chastain, Del Wooldridge, Mrs. Stella Fain, and Miss Josephine Taylor.

Brother G. C. Taylor is going to apply for admission into Conference on trial next week. I am glad to note that we have two local ministers on this charge, Rev. C. R. Fain is active and interested. The pastor spoke highly of the work of this godly man, Rev. Marion Bowea, a local minister, also preaches when the opportunity presents itself.

Special mention should be made of the work of the Ladies Aid Societies at Mt. Zion and Old Walnut Ridge.

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The pastor spoke very complimentary of the work that these loyal women are doing under the leadership of Miss Josephine Taylor and Mrs. Stella Fain. They have raised money to repair the churches, the former now spending about \$400.00 on the church. The pastor is happy in his work, and would be glad to labor with these responsive people another year. This would close a quadrennium of constructive work.—J. C. G.

HOXIE METHODISM.

Our church at Hoxie was organized in the winter of 1903, with seventeen members, in the upstairs of the old school building. An Aid Society was soon organized in the home of Mrs. F. M. Berryman who is now the oldest living member of the Hoxie church. Mrs. Sadie Richardson (deceased) was the first president of the Society. The members of this first Aid Society were not exclusively Methodists, as others desired to have an organized church and a church building in the community. It was principally through the efforts of this little band of ladies that the present church building was erected. It is worthy of mention that the site of the church was selected by three Baptist ladies, one whom, Mrs. M. Hardister, afterwards became a Methodist and has long been a faithful member of the Hoxie Methodist church. The only living members of this first Aid Society are Mrs. F. M. Berryman, Mrs. M. Hardister, and Mrs. W. P. Avance.

The Presbyterians once had an organization and a small building, but, being few in number, they gave up their work and rented their house to the Methodists for \$25 a year. The Methodists bought the organ and song books of the Presbyterians and used the Presbyterian church until the time when they occupied their own building in 1907.

The first pastor was Rev. G. S. Morehead, who was succeeded in or-

der by the following preachers: J. S. Watson, E. N. Bickley, three years; W. J. Lettoy, two years; Burleson, one year; S. F. Brown, one year; I. C. Bradsher, one year; M. P. Timberlake, one year; John Batten, one year; J. G. Wimpey, one year; C. F. Wilson, three years; S. G. Watson, two years; and G. E. Patchell, who is now closing his first year.

While Rev. C. F. Wilson was pastor Hoxie became a station. It is now one of the attractive charges of the Conference, paying a salary of \$1,500. Seven years ago a beautiful and commodious parsonage, costing \$3,000, was built. The membership has increased this year under the helpful leadership of Rev. G. E. Patchell, and is now more than 200.

Hoxie, at the crossing of the Missouri Pacific and Frisco Railroads, is a thriving industrial town of some 1500 population, and, being only a mile south of Walnut Ridge, will share with the latter in entertaining the Conference.

OUR CHURCH AT HOXIE.

Did you hear the expression, "Yes, he is the superintendent, but he is not working at his job." I have. Not a few times in my travels over the state, and in securing data for my write-ups, have the pastors been forced to say, Bro. xxxx is superintendent of our school, but he is not progressive, live, and wide-awake." I am happy to state that this was not the case when I inquired of my genial friend, the Rev. George E. Patchell as to the efficiency and activity of his superintendent at Hoxie. "Why, said Patchell, "I have the best superintendent in the Paragould District." Of course, this takes in Walnut Ridge, and Rainwater is a good 'un, I know. Nevertheless I did not take issue with Brother Patchell, for he, above all others, is in a position to know. He was referring to that choice big-hearted layman, R. A. Freeze, who is

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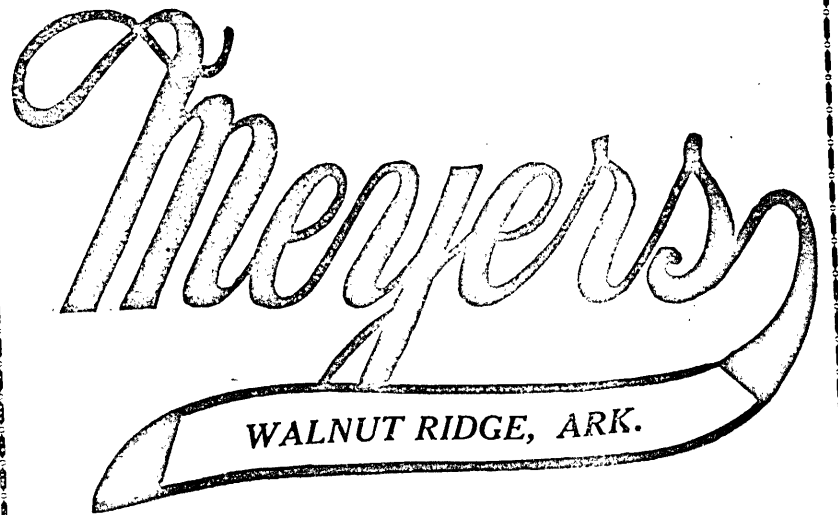
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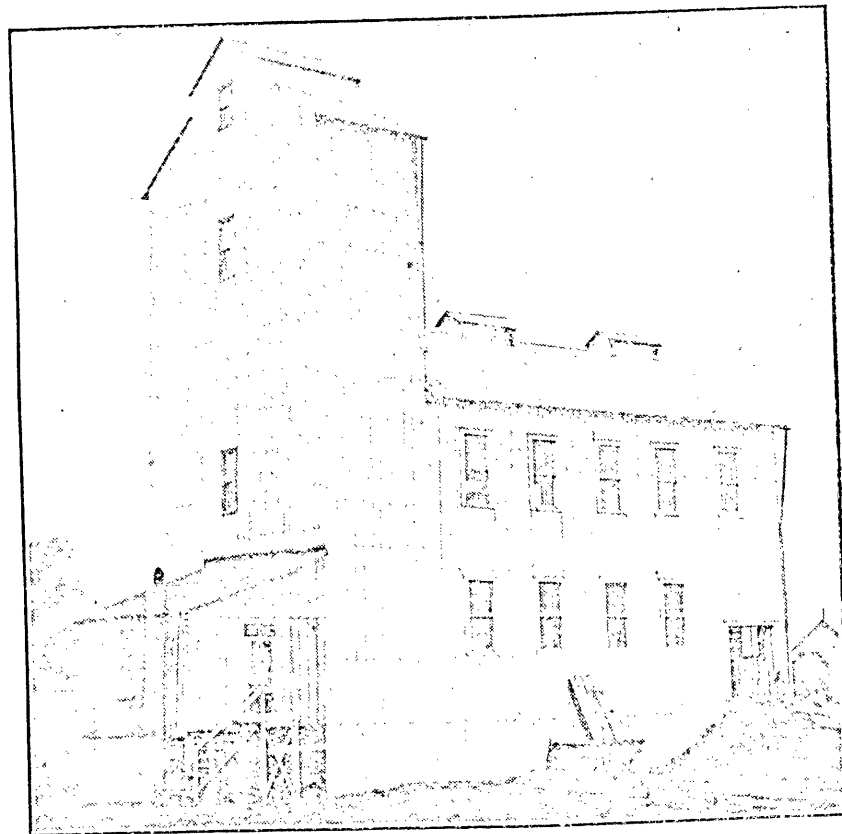
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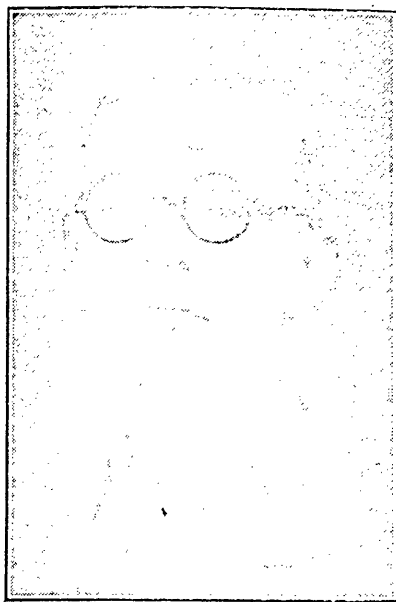
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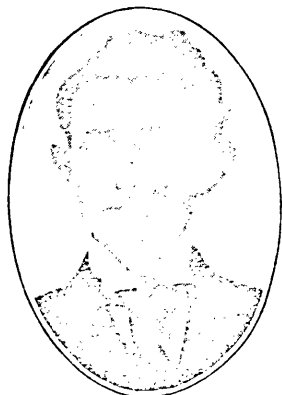


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manager of the Twin City Mill and Grain Co. This up-an-at-it leader maintains an average attendance of 125, with an enrollment of only 170. Miss Nina McLane is the efficient secretary. The school has graded literature throughout with 4 Wesley classes fully organized. The whole staff is active and progressive.

Then Patchell is some Sunday School pastor. He has taken two credits this year, and is about to take examination on another book, which will give him an additional unit of credit. He warms up to the superintendent, keeps him moving, and the superintendent "freezes" to him, I am told. Anyway, they form a good team.

James Bassett, Jr., a sterling young man, is president of the Sr. E. L. He is the youngest president in the Conference. His leadership has been fruitful. I had the privilege of attending the League some months ago, and I was deeply impressed with the splendid way in which these Leaguers carry on the work. They had a fine program that night, and the attend-



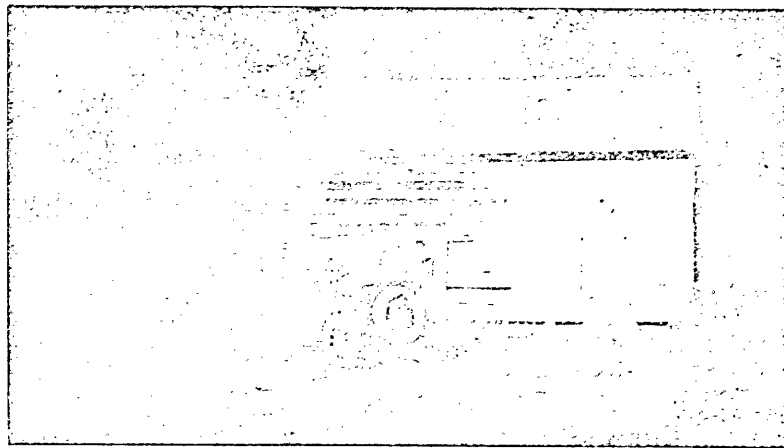
REV. GEO. E. PATCHELL, Pastor.

ance was super-excellent. Miss Margaret Barnard, and Mrs. M. Krause are in charge of the Junior and Intermediate leagues, which are also active and effective.

Mesdames E. H. Hatley and A. J. Clay are at the head of the W. M. S. of Hoxie Church. They have expended more than \$200 on the parsonage this year.

Some of the finest folk in the "Wonder" state live in Hoxie. Brother Patchell has had a most enjoyable and fruitful year with these delightful folk. Despite the industrial panic, his people have rallied to him and to the church in a most creditable way. Fine men like Dr. A. J. Clay, a prominent physician, M. M. Weir, leading merchant, H. L. Thompson, R. A. Freeze, J. E. Ring, and Mesdames E. Zimmerman, M. Krause, and C. A. Bassett are the real pillars of this church. The budget for this year was \$1000 more than it was last year. The salary will be paid in full. Patchell is doing a marvelous work there.

I was happy to meet E. B. O'Bryant the fine son of the late Rev. J. H. O'Bryant, of the North Arkansas Conference. He is one of the bright, choice young men who is to apply for admission into Conference at Walnut Ridge this year. He will doubtless make the strong man, great preacher and successful pastor that his late father was. Brother Patchell spoke very highly of Brother O'



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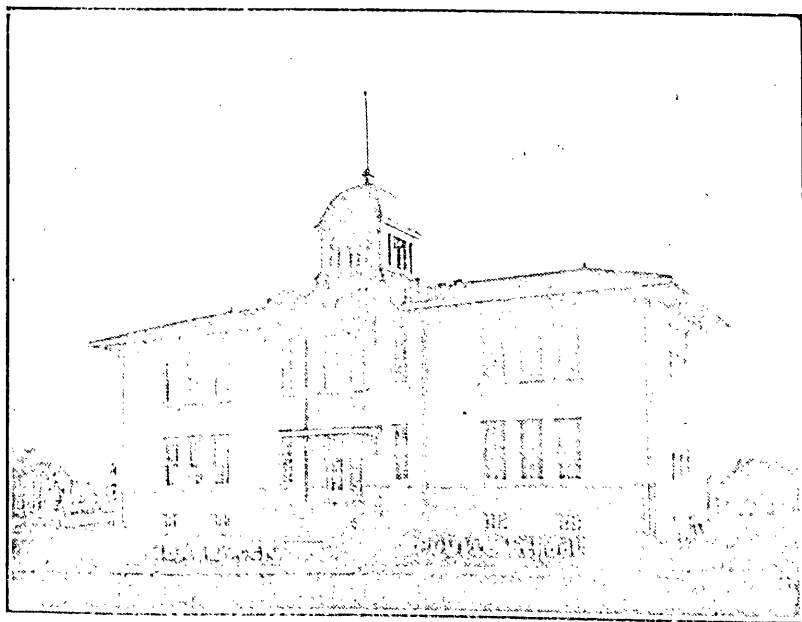
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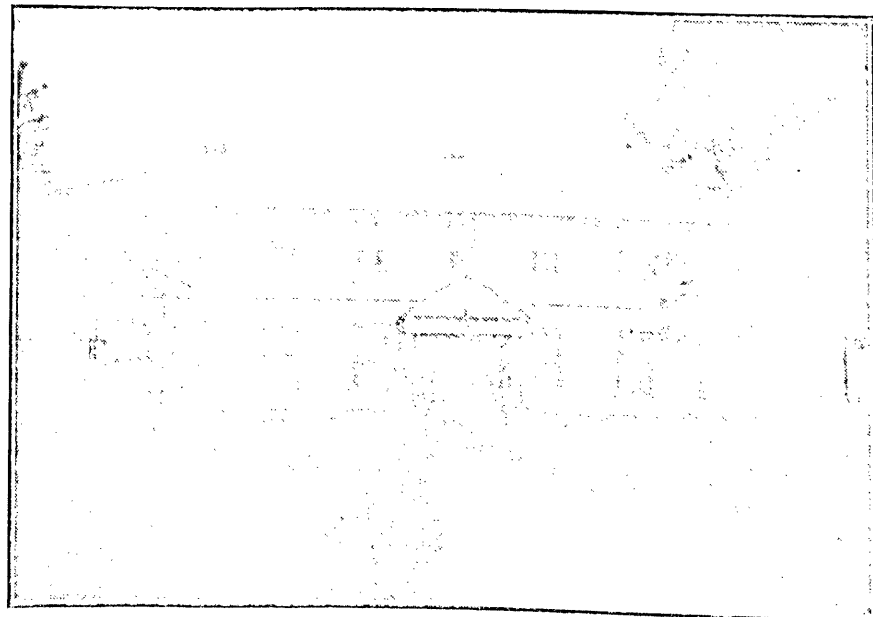
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I cannot close without making a short comment on the R. R. Y. M. C. A., Hoxie. The secretary is one of the finest young men "agoin." I had the very great pleasure of vis-

iting the "Y" while in Hoxie, and enjoyed an excellent dinner in company with Bro. Patchell. I am indebted to the secretary and Brother Patchell for many favors and courtesies extended to me during my pleasant visit in Hoxie.—J. C. G.

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