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A COMPLIMENT TO METHODISM.

Writing about the preaching of a revivalist of another denomination, the editor of *The Baptist and Commoner* says: "It was such a sermon as you might expect from a Holiness Methodist preacher," and adds: "If a Methodist preacher had gone into that tabernacle and preached the same sort of sermon that Scoville preached it would have been taken as an insult and he would have been told his services were not needed there. But they took it from Scoville because he wore their name."

It is true that practically all great revivalists preach like Methodists preach. We have often remarked that it was a good thing that Billy Sunday was a Presbyterian, because he is heard without criticism by Presbyterians and others who would find fault with his vigor and plainness of speech if he were a Methodist, but they hear him as a Presbyterian and enjoy his Methodist manners and methods. Other denominations unconsciously compliment Methodism by adopting and approving Methodist revival preaching. There was a day when these other denominations did not appreciate such preaching, but since Methodism has led in revivals, others by imitation pay our preachers a high compliment. It is to be hoped that Methodist preachers will not lose their revival power now that others have discovered it. Let us preach against sin and advocate holiness with spirit and with power.

OUR CONFERENCES.

The North Arkansas Conference is now in session at Walnut Ridge. Next week the Little Rock Conference will meet in First Church, Little Rock. The former, organized eight years ago by the union of the Arkansas and White River Conferences, had last year, in its nine Districts, 67,059 members. The latter in its seven Districts, had 57,377 members. The combined membership was 124,436. Judging from reports of pastors the net increase must be about 5,000; hence we have close to 130,000 members in Arkansas.

In many ways this has been a prosperous year. Pastors have worked hard, many good revivals have been held, and the ingathering has been large. In spite of poor crops, the financial affairs of the Church have been well handled, and fair reports are anticipated. New churches and parsonages have been built and Centenary and Education money collected. Peace, harmony, and good will prevail. A few good brethren, who themselves read the literature of despair and discontent, have convinced themselves that our people are perturbed over declension in faith and are in danger of following false gods; but those who preach the Gospel as interpreted by Methodism and who are more interested in bringing men to a personal knowledge and acceptance of Jesus Christ than in teaching them a Shibboleth, are rejoicing in spiritual victories and large ingathering. Knowing practically every pastor, we think of none who is preaching heresy, and, keeping in touch with the life of our people, we believe that they are more profoundly concerned about the progress of the Kingdom than they have ever been during this generation. Let the note of victory and progress be continually sounded and let us have faith in God and in one another.

On account of the expiration of the terms of several presiding elders there will be more changes in the eldership than for several years, and this may necessitate a larger number of adjustments than usual. However, our people seem generally satisfied with their pastors, and, in view of the tremendous cost of moving and the enormous loss of time required to start off in new places, it is hoped that a minimum of changes will be made. When changes become necessary, let them be accepted in good spirit. Mistakes may be made, but we know that Bishop Atkins and the sixteen faithful and efficient presiding elders will seek all the light and help, human and divine, obtainable, and that the appointments will register their best judgment and purposes. There is much important business to be transacted, and our whole membership should be earnest in prayer that the Conferences may be spiritually minded and divinely guided. Once there was so little committee and Board work that the majority of the members of a Conference could devote much time to the preaching services. Now most of the members must give a large portion of their time to this committee and Board work. This does

WHAT SHALL I RENDER UNTO THE LORD FOR ALL HIS BENEFITS TOWARD ME? I WILL TAKE THE CUP OF SALVATION, AND CALL UPON THE NAME OF THE LORD. I WILL PAY MY VOWS UNTO THE LORD NOW IN THE PRESENCE OF ALL HIS PEOPLE.—Psalm 116:12-14.

not mean that they are less religious. This kind of work is an absolutely necessary element of the Conference activity and should be regarded as holy service and those who do it faithfully are entitled to appreciation and do not deserve criticism. It is a pleasure and a high privilege to hear preaching and engage in prayer, but other activities are often imperative and must not be shirked.

The cause of the Superannuates is to be presented, and our Conferences will undoubtedly accept their share of responsibility and meet their obligations in this sacred undertaking.

We are expecting spiritual sessions and a fuller commitment to every legitimate plan and policy of our Church. We are living in a day of big things, and our Church must not permit any worldly enterprises to overshadow the tremendous interests of the Kingdom of God.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION.

By the President of the United States of America.
A proclamation:

The American people, from their earliest days, have observed the wise custom of acknowledging each year the bounty with which Divine Providence has favored them. In the beginning this acknowledgment was a voluntary return of thanks by the community for the fruitfulness of the harvest. Though our mode of life has greatly changed, this custom has always survived. It has made Thanksgiving Day not only one of the oldest but one of the most characteristic observances of our country. On that day, in home and church, in family and in public gatherings, the whole nation has for generations paid the tribute due from grateful hearts for blessings bestowed.

To center our thought in this way upon the favor which we have been shown has been altogether wise and desirable. It has given opportunity justly to balance the good and the evil which we have experienced. In that we have never failed to find reason for being grateful to God for a generous preponderance of the good. Even in the least propitious times, a broad contemplation of our whole position has never failed to disclose overwhelming reasons for thankfulness.

Thus viewing our situation, we have found warrant for a more hopeful and confident attitude toward the future. In this current year we now approach the time which has been accepted by custom as most fitting for the calm survey of our estate and the return of thanks. We shall the more keenly realize our good fortune if we will in deep sincerity give to it due thought and more especially if we will compare it with that of any other community in the world.

The year has brought to our people two tragic experiences which have deeply affected them. One was the death of our beloved President Harding, which has been mourned wherever there is a realization of the worth of high ideals, noble purpose and unselfish service, carried even to the end of supreme sacrifice. His loss recalls the nation to a less captious and more charitable attitude. It sobered the whole thought of the country. A little later came the unparalleled disaster to the friendly people of Japan. This called forth from the people of the United States a demonstration of deep and humane feeling. It was brought into the substance of good works. It created new evidence of our international friendship which is a guarantee of world peace. It replenished the charitable impulse of the country.

By experiences such as these, men and nations are tested and refined. We have been blessed with much of material prosperity. We shall be better able to appreciate it if we remember the privation others have suffered and we shall be the more worthy of it if we use it for their relief. We will do well then to render thanks for the good that has come to us and show by our actions that we have become stronger, wiser and truer by the chastenings which have been imposed upon us. We will thus prepare ourselves

for the part we must have in a world which forever needs the full measure of service. We ought to be a most generous people. We have been a most blessed people. We ought to be a most thankful people.

Wherefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, president of the United States, do hereby fix and designate Thursday, the 29th day of November, as Thanksgiving Day, and recommend its general observance throughout the land. It is urged that the people gather in their homes and their usual places of worship, giving expression to their gratitude for the benefits and blessings that a gracious providence has bestowed upon them and seek the guidance of Almighty God that they may deserve a continuance of His favor.

Done at the city of Washington, this fifth day of November in the year of our Lord, one thousand, nine hundred and twenty-three, and of the independence of the United States one hundred and forty-eight.

Calvin Coolidge.

BOOK REVIEW.

Fundamentals of Methodism; by Edwin D. Mouzon, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; published by Lamar and Barton, Agents, Nashville and Dallas; price 75 cents.

As a valiant contender for the faith of Methodism, Bishop Mouzon last summer published in a series of able articles, in practically all of our church papers, a discussion of the "Fundamentals of Methodism." In this book they are reproduced with some enlargement. It is well that they are put into this more permanent form, as they are worthy of being preserved and reread. The Bishop takes tenable middle ground, accepting neither of the extreme views on this subject. He shows that Fundamentalism, instead of being Methodist, is really Calvinistic, and that many well-meaning Methodists have been misled. Our distinctive doctrines are so sane and sound that, when properly understood and interpreted, they are easily defended. The real controversy is between Calvinists and extreme Modernists. While Methodism has doctrines based on the Scriptures, nevertheless Methodism stands fundamentally for a spiritual experience and a vital union with a living and divine Christ. Our pastors should put this excellent book into the hands of our people.

Methodist Evangelism; by Geo. R. Stuart, M. A., D. D., LL. D.; published by Lamar and Barton, Nashville and Dallas; price \$1.25.

This book contains the lectures delivered this year at Emory University on the Sam Jones Foundation. As Dr. Stuart was closely associated with Sam Jones and is himself an evangelistic preacher, it was very proper that he should deliver the first of these lectures. In plain, simple language Dr. Stuart shows what "Evangelism" is and how it is exemplified in Methodism, which was and is really, above all things else, an evangelistic movement. As some of our people are inclined to discount evangelism, they might profitably read this discussion. They would discover that Methodism cannot be true to its divine call and mission without being evangelistic. Dr. Stuart says: "In the Church revival personal evangelism is the one big thing to be stressed and worked. The success of all great revivals will bear testimony to this statement. As the 'acid test' take any congregation of Church folk, ask each to give the person, fact or thing that led him to Christ, and ninety per cent will point to some individual other than the preacher. The big, live problem for the modern pastor is personal evangelism." The lecture on Sam Jones, "Southern Methodism's Greatest Evangelist," is a fitting climax to the series.

Stories of the Emerald Isle; by Ardra Soule Wavle, A. B., and Jeremiah Edmund Burke, A. M., Litt. D.; published by D. C. Heath & Co., Boston, New York, Chicago.

It is truly said that Ireland is a treasure house of song and story. Her folk lore is chaste and refined. It expresses the sweetest sentiments, and when legend and romance change to narrative the pages of Irish history shine with heroism and adventure. Her expressive Gaelic scintillates with recital of the achievements of brave men and pure-souled women. Her classic literature demonstrates that from ancient times an unusual

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CONFERENCE CALENDAR.

Little Rock Conference, 1st Church, Little Rock, Nov. 28.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

In West Oklahoma Conference the increase in membership last year was 2,161, and in Arizona Conference it was 673.

Supt. W. B. Hubbell of the Fulsom Training School, Smithville, Okla., has been bereaved in the death of his father.

Northwest Texas Conference appointments in which our readers are interested: Slaton, B. W. Dodson; Silvertown, A. O. Graydon; Colorado, J. F. Lawlis.

The Southern Methodist Press Association will meet at Washington, D. C., Dec. 14, and will be entertained by our Representative Church. The editor of this paper is planning to attend.

Our First Church, Little Rock, was recently featured in the St. Louis Christian Advocate as one of Southern Methodism's great churches. A part of the excellent description is used in this issue.

One morning last week Rev. J. L. Shelby, Conway District evangelist, awoke in his home at Conway with his home in flames. He barely escaped, but his furniture and library were lost. His loss amounts to about \$1,500.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., and Dr. John R. Voris, associate general secretary of Near East Relief, will speak at the Scoville Tabernacle, 17th and Main, this city, on Nov. 24, at 10:30 a. m., and their message will be sent out by radio.

Rev. T. O. Rorie, Jr. is publishing a booklet entitled "A Modern Sodom, or Beyond the Oily Gates," in which he vividly depicts conditions as he found them in Smackover. It is racy reading, and will open the eyes of our people to the awful moral conditions of an oil community.

Dr. B. A. Few is in a good revival meeting at Wickes, Ark., where, from last reports, he had received 27 persons into the church, and organized a Sunday school and an Epworth League. Wickes has been one of the neglected points and Dr. Few's meeting will doubtless be productive of far-reaching results.

The parsonage on the Spring Hill charge is a beauty and a delight to the membership of that charge. It has new canvas and paper in every room and paint on the outside. Rev. V. A. Higgs and his good wife are happy over their pleasant surroundings. The charge will report 100 per cent on the pastor's salary.

Rev. S. B. Mann of El Dorado Circuit writes of the death of one of his leading members, Mr. C. W. Connor, who was drowned on Nov. 9 while visiting in Mississippi. The body was brought home for burial, and the pastor was assisted at the funeral by Revs. R. H. Cannon, P. Q. Rorie, J. W. Vantrease, and C. E. Whitten.

The Oklahoma Senate by a unanimous vote sustained eleven of the charges preferred against Governor Walton in the impeachment trial. He is thus removed from the high office which he has disgraced. Appeal will be taken to Federal Court, but it is practically certain that that Court will decide that it has no jurisdiction. There are some valuable lessons to be drawn from this notorious case.

Rev. Hugh Reveley, a superannuate of Little Rock Conference, who supplied Dripping Springs, Texas, last year, will supply McDade in West Texas Conference this year. He writes that he is crippled and suffers constant pain, but is able to do light work. He wishes to be remembered to his brethren in Arkansas and desires to continue in the same relation.

Dr. W. P. King has resigned the editorship of the Wesleyan Christian Advocate, and Rev. A. M. Pierce has been elected. We regret to lose from the editorial ranks our brilliant friend, Dr. King whose writings are erudite, witty and wise. At the present time we need editors as courageous and sane as Dr. King. We welcome his successor and trust that he may have safe sailing on the stormy seas of journalism.

Five Presidents of the United States have specifically advocated an International Court of Justice, according to the Commission on International Justice and Goodwill of the Federal Council of Churches. They are Presidents McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft, Wilson and Harding. In a carefully prepared paper the Commission declares that the Permanent Court of International Justice is an American ideal made practical through American ideas and activities.

"The Modern Dance," three sermons by Rev. Clovis G. Chappell, pastor of our Representative Church at Washington, D. C., is a booklet that every pastor should have, and then he should judiciously distribute them among members who say that they see no harm in dancing. The fact that a pastor can preach such plain sermons and hold his congregations is a tribute to him and those who hear him. Send 25 cents to Lamar & Barton, Nashville or Dallas, and get a copy.

Workers with boys, especially men who are now scoutmasters or who plan to become leaders of boy scout troops, will be interested in knowing that Columbia University offers a Home Study Course in Scoutmastership. While this course is primarily intended to show scout leaders how to conduct their troops most efficiently, many of the topics discussed will be interesting and helpful to all men doing boys' work. For information about the course address Home Study Course in Scoutmastership, Columbia University, New York City.

In a little pamphlet, "So-Called Fundamentalism," Bishop E. D. Mouzon shows how many of our people are being misled by reactionaries who are really Calvinistic and literal in their interpretation of the Scriptures. Fundamentalism is not Methodism, and our people should not allow themselves to be drawn into a quarrel which does not concern us. This valuable pamphlet is published by Lamar and Barton, Agents, Nashville and Dallas, at 10 cents a copy, or 75 cents per dozen. Our Arkansas preachers, who have heard Bishop Mouzon for five or six years, will be glad to use this excellent tract.

West Oklahoma appointments in which our readers are especially interested are: First Church, Ardmore, J. T. McClure; Maysville, J. T. McBryde; Cement, M. M. Monk; Altus, Frank Barrett; Walters, M. P. Timberlake; Indian Mission, R. M. Templeton; Custer City, J. T. J. Fizer; Oklahoma City District, S. H. Babcock; Stillwater, C. F. Mitchell; Blanchard, Frank Hopkins; Marlow, J. C. Floyd; Duke, T. J. Taylor; Cordell, T. I. Beck; Leedy, H. A. Stroud; St. Luke's, Oklahoma City, Forney Hutchinson; associate editor Oklahoma Methodist, W. M. Wilson; transferred to North Arkansas Conference, Riley Jones.

Last Monday was Home-Coming Day at Hendrix College. A large number of alumni and other friends met former Governor F. O. Lowden of Illinois in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and after a felicitous introduction by Hon. Wallace Townsend, Governor Lowden made a very impressive, brief address on the necessity for trained leadership for the preservation of democracy and the value of strong colleges to develop the kind of leaders needed in these crucial times. Then Major J. J. Harrison in his energetic way emphasized the strategic advantages of Hendrix College, and called upon President Reynolds who outlined the immediate needs and expressed his appreciation of what the alumni had done and expressed his confidence in their purpose to continue backing the

college. Then visitors and students partook of a delicious barbecue dinner served cafeteria style on the campus. At 1:15 p. m., after a happy introduction by former Governor Donaghey, Governor Lowden, through amplifiers on the athletic field, addressed an audience of some 5,000 people on the need of certain reforms in the administration of government. Then came the football game in which Hendrix was terrifically defeated by Ouachita. While there was intense disappointment over the magnitude of the defeat, still the victors were magnanimous and the vanquished were game. The presence of Governor Lowden was greatly appreciated, and the stadium is justifying itself in thus securing men of national renown and in drawing great crowds to the college.

SAY IT WITH YOUR PAPER.

What could be more appropriate as a Christmas present than a year's subscription to your Church Paper? Some member of your family or some dear friend is far away. By sending the Paper as a Christmas Present you will during every week of the following year give them a reminder of your love.

TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS.

We are forced to print some of the papers of this issue on an inferior grade of paper. We regret this exceedingly. It is not the Management's fault, however. We have a contract with the Western Newspaper Union, this city, to furnish No. 1 news print for our publication. This firm claims that they were unable to get immediate shipment on their recent order.

We apologize for this unfortunate situation in advance, and trust that we shall have no further difficulty in securing the regular high grade paper that we have used continuously since March.
—J. C. G.

BOOK REVIEW.

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civilization existed. It is announced that this little book is presented in the hope that our boys and girls, who read it, may develop a genuine and abiding love for nobility of character, for unselfish service, and for the cause of human liberty, and appreciate what Ireland has done to preserve and perpetuate all of these. Lovers of Ireland should put this book into the hands of their children.

Men, Women, and God: A Discussion of Sex Questions from the Christian Point of View; by Rev. A. Herbert Gray, D. D.; published by George H. Doran Co., New York; price \$1.50.

This book was written in response to requests that the student Christian Movement furnish a book on this subject. The author has had opportunities in the army and in dealing with many young men and women to get an unusual insight into a difficult and delicate subject. It is probably the best book so far written on this question. If married people would read it together they would understand each other better, and young men and women would enter upon marriage with less risk of unhappiness if they could get the point of view of the author. This is a sander and wiser discussion than those that are intended for a single sex, and is not the sort of book that the reader feels must be kept in a dark closet or under lock and key.

The Youth of Today in the Life of Tomorrow; by Howard Palmer Young, Member of the Des Moines Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church; published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago; price \$1.50.

In a plain and practical way the author considers the relation of the life of the rising generation to the Church in the light of home, school, college, and community. Drawing on his experience of a quarter century of work among youth, Mr. Young illustrates and embellishes his discussion. This is a profitable study of the religious culture of adolescents, and every parent, teacher, and preacher will find it wonderfully helpful. The author says: "We have reason to be grateful to those who have with courageous spirit and prayerful research established a vital connection between the natural and the spiritual, thus making a clearer path for youth to travel than their fathers were forced to tread. The right of the young to such a rich inheritance cannot be denied."

The Charm of A Well Mannered Home; by Helen Elkin Starrett; published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia; price \$1.50.

This is a charming old book re-issued, and it is worth while. It has been said of Mrs. Starrett that no one who came within the charmed circle of her inspiring influence could go away without a feeling of uplift, a realization of the relative importance of things. This book has much of that inspiring influence. It brings helpful suggestions to couples who desire a well regulated home. It is peculiarly appropriate now when there seems to be a drift away from the ideals of family life.

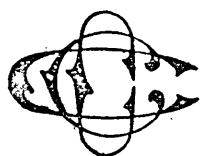


The Call of the Conference Claimants

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ON THE EVE OF BEGINNING ANOTHER LONG JOURNEY.

Returning from a ten days' trip, during which time the Western North Carolina and Virginia Conferences were visited, I have spent three very busy days in the St. Louis office. By hard work it has been possible to arrange things at the home base so that I can leave for another journey for two weeks. This time I shall attend the West Texas, the Upper South Carolina, and the North Alabama Conferences before my return. My readers shall have the privilege of reading on this page concerning the fortunes of the "forgotten man" at these Conferences as soon as the facts are available.

North Texas Conference.—It was not possible for me personally to attend the North Texas Conference, because one cannot be in two places at the same time when they are 1,500 miles apart. However, the special effort for superannuate endowment was ably represented at Gainesville, Tex., by Bishop W. F. McMurry, President of the Board, Dr. C. C. Sealeman, and Bishop John M. Moore, President of the Conference. Bishop McMurry was very enthusiastic in his report concerning the response of the brethren in Texas to the movement. He told me that he had not found any Conference more interested in the cause or more determined to give themselves wholeheartedly to it. He said that the attitude of Bishop Moore in dealing with this matter on the day when the plan was presented was such that guaranteed the success of the movement in this Conference. He said that Bishop Moore had at the appointed time turned aside from everything else and with emphatic words directed the attention of the Conference to this one thing.

I also have a letter from Dr. Sealeman giving his observations, in which he is just as enthusiastic in his report of what happened at Gainesville in behalf of superannuate endowment as Bishop McMurry. He writes that a number of preachers of that great Conference expressed themselves as convinced beyond doubt of the success of this movement. Dr. Seale-

man has done considerable work for the Board of Finance during the last two or three years, and he invariably expresses himself after every service rendered as believing that the preachers and lay members whom he addresses are wholly committed to this sacred work.

The North Texas Conference is the first one of the Lone Star State to consider the special effort for superannuate endowment. If the reports coming from it can be taken as an index of the Texas atmosphere on this subject, it can be safely stated that this very important section of the Church will not lag in the work before us.

European Missions.—I have just received a letter from Bishop W. B. Beauchamp who has charge of our Missions in Europe. He writes that the Czecho-Slovak Mission recently passed the following resolutions:

"Whereas the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in America has recognized the necessity of raising a sum sufficient to give adequate support to our ministers who are forced because of ill health, old age, or other disabilities to retire from the active ministry; therefore be it

"RESOLVED: 1. That we pledge ourselves in hearty accord with this effort.

"2. That an offering for this fund will be taken in all of our congregations every year for the next five years."

Bishop Beauchamp states further that this same plan will be followed in all three of the Missions under his superintendency. He says that we must not expect a large sum from these fields, but that it is most desirable to have co-operation in the work to secure adequate superannuate endowment wherever our Church operates.

Surely it should be pleasing to our people in the United States to know that the effort in behalf of the "forgotten man" is not only being projected throughout the Church at home but that we are also reaching out our hands across the seas and into every point of the world where the flag of Southern Methodism waves looking to give every body every-

where a real opportunity to help the movement for the relief of God's worn-out preachers and the widows of preachers. I do not know of anything that has thrilled me quite so much as the letter from Bishop Beauchamp on this subject. I believe this good news will affect others as it has me.

It may be added that Bishop Beauchamp, being an expert in movements of the character now projected is an authority worth considering. Out of his rich experience as the Director General of the Centenary he now tells us that these Missions of our Church, brought into being as a result of the Centenary, shall be encouraged to take part in a movement which proposes to make provision for the worn-out preachers. Here is something good enough for our pastors to take as a text in preaching on the power of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

It Is Raining Pinks Now.—Under the plan of the special effort for superannuate endowment the first Quarterly Conference of the year 1923-24 is requested to approve the quota and apportion it to the Churches of the charge, decide upon the plan to be used by the charge in raising its quota, appoint the charge committee which will direct the movement locally, and to report what is done concerning all these matters as quickly as possible to the Board of Finance, Security Building, St. Louis, Mo. For making this report a pink leaf having blanks to be filled in is provided in the Workers' Guide, which is placed in the hands of the first Quarterly Conference.

To date fifteen of the Annual Conferences have been held. Therefore it is not surprising that the pink reports are daily being received by the office. While the number of these reports coming in is very gratifying, yet it is noticeable that some first Quarterly Conferences which have now been held have not made the report. I trust that any presiding elder or pastor who has been derelict in his duty with reference to this matter may be moved to prompt action by these words. It should be remembered that in the plan being followed for superannuate endowment the Board of Finance is utterly dependent upon the regular forces of the Church. Our slogan is: "Every man in his place and every man doing his bit." Please remember, my dear brethren, if you do not promptly send in the report blank, which is pink, your failure will be very depressing to the Secretary of the Board of Finance, who is blue on account of your neglect. Furthermore, your failure at this point will jeopardize the success of the movement for the benefit of the superannuates. Bear in mind that these grand old men in their physical weakness are leaning heavily on you. To fail them in this emergency is like snatching a crutch from the arm of a cripple.

Did you ever go up, up, up many steps at night until you came to the highest floor of the house? And did you lie down there to sleep? Do you remember the pattering of rain upon the roof? Can you imagine anything more delightfully pleasing to one utterly weary from the day's busy toil. Well, my brethren, this is exactly the feeling I have when I return from long journeys over the Church, tired from the heavy going, and enter the office and behold the pink reports falling from their places in envelopes that have been sent from every section of our great Church. Keep the pinks a-conin'. boys; I like to see them; I like to read them; I like

CONTRIBUTIONS

THANKSGIVING DAY.

B. F. M. Sours.

O day of thanks, O day of joy,
We bring our songs today
Unto the God who sends us bread,
And blossoms bright and gay.

This happy day we bring our hearts
And spread the feast, and rest,
Because the Father looketh down,
And we by him are blest.

Across the meadows flowers were
fair,
And rainbows bright clouds spann-
ed;

The love of God o'er dale and dell
Casts joy on all the land.

And so today we bring our hearts
And bow before the Throne,
And call it our Thanksgiving Day,
To Him who reigns alone.
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

THE REVIVAL AT WEMBO NYAMA

By Mrs. Thomas E. Reeve.

This year we held at Wembo Nyama what we consider the best revival campaign that we have had in our Mission. Some months previous to the beginning of the Campaign it was talked about and prayed for among the missionaries. Preparation included five weeks of special prayer throughout the native village, accompanied by careful personal work by both missionaries and native leaders.

The missionaries were divided into five groups to correspond to the number of sections into which the native village had previously been divided on account of facilitating the religious work, and better reaching the entire native population of the Mission village. Five prayer meetings were held simultaneously in the five sections on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays of each of the five weeks. Each group of missionaries had charge of each section for one week at a time. This gave all of the missionaries an opportunity to touch the entire village during the weeks of preparation.

Besides the prayer services in the villages, the missionaries set aside a certain time each day for private prayer for the meeting. Many of the native Christians did the same thing, and a good number of them, as well as the missionaries, did earnest personal work among the unconverted throughout the preparation. When the special services actually began in the church, every unconverted person and all the back-slidden ones of our village had been visited from one to five times, talked with about their souls, some prayed with and otherwise entreated to give their hearts to God.

The campaign proper included eight days, from one Sunday through the following one. All the evangelists of the Wembo Nyama district were called in for these eight days, divided into five groups and assigned to the different sections of the village for personal work during that time. The preaching was done by two of the missionaries, alternating in turns. Two services a day were held. The interest of the natives was noticeable and the attendance unusually large, almost the entire village turning out en masse each service. Only a very few remained indifferent and unmoved.

Because of the prevailing ignorance of Christian truth and its ac-

to feel them; I like to know they are in.

Sleep on This Every Night.—Yes, and work with it in mind every day. What do I mean? Just this: If the special effort for superannuate endowment succeeds, it will be because the bishops, presiding elders, pastors, and lay members shall pay the price in service for its success. If this movement fails, those of us to whom has been committed its leadership, as stated in the foregoing, will have no one to blame for its failure but ourselves.

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ceptance, we could not proceed with the "ingathering" as is generally done in our American revivals. Earnest pleas were made to give Christ their hearts and turn away from heathenism and sin. Serious warnings of the inevitable penalty for wrong doing were constantly sounded. The great fundamentals of Christianity were set forth as simply and clearly as those preaching were able to do. Then for the native's part he was asked through groups of friends in personal visitation to make certain promises, if he really desired Christ to come into his life. First he promised the ones visiting him, and God, then he promised the missionaries in quiet conference, and finally in public confession on the last day of the service he promised the church assembled. The promises were "to pray in private daily, to attend regularly for the rest of the year the daily sunrise services and catechism classes, to go to school as regularly as his work would permit in order to learn to read God's Word, to earnestly strive to give up all sin and wrongdoing, and to carefully and faithfully tithe." Ninety-four made this promise.

Before any of these are baptized they must show their sincerity in making the promise by trying to meet the conditions laid down for baptism, among which is a period of six months probation under the observance of native pastor or local church official, and the missionary in charge of the evangelistic department. In the first few weeks following these services, very noticeable results were seen in our church members. Some paid up back tithes of long standing and others cleared up bad "palavers" preparatory to taking communion at the regular quarterly communion. One other result which we believe will prove of inestimable worth to our whole district was the practical lesson on and demonstration of personal work for the Master.

FIVE TRUCK LOADS OF GOSPELS SHIPPED TO JAPAN.

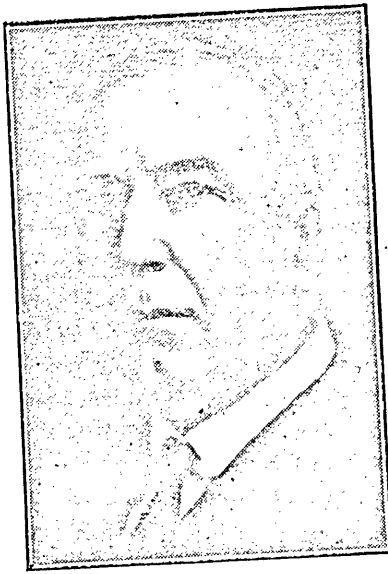
Five truck loads of Gospels printed in Japanese have been shipped by the American Bible Society to its representatives in Japan. More than 500,000 volumes of the Gospels have been printed in New York by photographic process to supply the unusual needs caused by the recent earthquake in Tokyo and Yokohama. Practically all of the Bible plates for 25 or more languages and dialects for the Far East were totally destroyed, together with the printing plant, at which Bibles for Japan, China, Siam and the Philippine Islands were printed. The shipment made today is the first of a series of books to be printed in this country until the Society has secured funds for the replacement of its plates and the establishment of printing processes in Japan.

Mr. Gilbert Darlington, treasurer, declared it is the largest single shipment of scripture portions ever made by the Society.

DOES THE COMMERCIAL TRAVELLER APPROVE RELIGION?

The writer admits that this is a rather unusual question, and some will doubtless feel that it is out of place in a religious journal. "Of course," they will say, "it is all right to propound and discuss such matters in the official organ of the 'U. C. T.,' but they have no place in the church paper." "To say the least, we should not give any space to this class of folk who, for the most part, are unregenerate, reprobates, and antagonistic to the Church and religion."

This is the very thing that prompts me to write. I am not ignorant of the attitude of the average person



JAS. C. JOHNSTON, BATESVILLE

regarding the commercial traveller. Not a few splendid people regard the "drummer" as a man who likes to curse, knows how to play cards, and enjoys the dance. I have belonged to the travelling men's group. For two years, I represented one of the largest clothing establishments in the East, going into the largest Southern cities. This position afforded ample opportunity to observe the commercial man from the inside. It enabled me to study the "drummer" in his own environment, and understand his mental and moral attitude. Actual experience aided me in reaching some definite conclusions regarding the morals, beliefs, character, and ideals of the average commercial traveller.

There are some, yes, thousands of them, who, when they view the establishment of soup kitchens in poverty-stricken communities, will shout, "That's my religion." On the other hand, there are countless thousands of commercial travellers who approve honesty, truthfulness, morality and religion. In fact, the commercial world insists on "the square deal" today, and places a high premium on idealism and moral refinement and culture. The Church, as a body, meets with universal approval among that great class of men, so unjustly styled "drummers." "Most of them have hearts as big as sloop-buckets and as tender as porter house steaks," to quote one minister of the L. R. Conference.

Not only have I travelled along side the commercial man, as a member of that group, but I have had the privilege of travelling for more than a year as a "religious" representative, working in the interest of the Methodist. That is, I have travelled as a professionally religious traveller, and, in most instances I found the commercial man to be a good sport. "He can enjoy success without getting the big head and can take defeat without a whimper," according to my esteemed friend and commercial traveller, Jas. C. Johnston.

By the way, I will enforce the foregoing by giving you the real, inside story of a commercial traveller, who has represented for 23 years the Brown Shoe Co., of St. Louis, Mo., and who is a native of our State. I quote from an auto-biography: "I was born in Arkansas, up in the Ozark hills of dear old Independence Co. As a child I chased the butterflies through the bluebells and daisies and captured them in my little blue cap. I made the June bug 'june,' and ran the Molly Cotton-tail into a hollow log. I attended the rural 'deerstrick' school, where I learned readin' and 'ritin' and 'rith-metic. I also attended Sabbath school, where I learned about little David who slew the giant with a rock from his little sling shot; I read about the Apostles and memorized several of the Psalms. I also learned how to plow the corn, hoe the cotton, and clear new ground. The bray of the mule, the low of the cow, and the grunt of the hog were familiar to me. Then I often listen-

linnets in the oaks, the jaybird in the old apple tree, and the bull-frog's bass voice croak. About this time I was seized with an ambition to achieve in this world,—take my place among the more industrious class of men. The "drummer" was my hero. "These princes with trunks and grips would occasionally pass our way by private conveyance, and they impressed me greatly with their seeming importance. They wore their Sunday clothes every day, smoked 'segars,' 'chawed tobacco,' and wore stiff hats and shining shoes.

In the course of events, the opportunity came my way. I secured a position on the road and every since that time, I have thanked God that I was a travelling man. I have tried to follow the example of the greatest travelling man that ever walked the face of the earth, Jesus Christ. He went about doing good, and that is what I have endeavored to do. In the former years people read the Bible to learn what immortality was. They never thought of it with reference to human life; they thought that they must prepare for Heaven by keeping themselves secluded and aloof from the outside world. The travelling man goes about doing good, for the most part. These men carry their influence, their advice, their information, and their smiles into the country. Their big hearts and open pocket-books have been a source of constant aid to the Church and all religious activities. They have done more for humanity than any other class of men, except the ministers. The deeds of these (ministers) good men stand out before the

business world like diamond studs in a shirt front, and their lives are honored and appreciated from ocean to ocean."

The above sketch was taken from "The Gideon" and I am sure that my friend, Jim Johnston, would protest, if he knew that I was using it in the Methodist. I here and now ask him to pardon me for this liberty in using it, but it fits in so well with the picture that I wanted to draw, that I cannot refrain from appropriating it.

We all know, love and honor Jim Johnston, who is a friendly, affable commercial traveller. His home is in Batesville, Ark., and, he is the husband of Mrs. Sallie E. Johnston, who is known over the state as Miss Sallie, the cultured daughter of the Rev. J. M. Denison, who resides with them.

In conclusion, I give another quotation from Mr. Johnston.

"Today after my experience as a drummer, I would like to take a parchment and a gold pen. I would blow sweetened wind into a beautiful bouquet of language and I would write the biography of a man who has carved his own image in our hearts, who has built his own monument and it is today a living, breathing mass of Christian traveling men. I would frame this parchment with gold and at the top and in the center I would place the photograph of John H. Nicholson, the founder and organizer of the Gideons. I would then illumine the canvas with a thousand smiles; behind these smiles I would paint the likeness of a thousand beautiful women—more beautiful

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"I would inlay at the bottom of the picture with a cluster of pearls 'The Wives of Gideons.' I would frame all of this picture with gold, and attach it to a silver cord, and then I would like to be an athlete so I could jump up on Atlas, climb onto the top of the world, and then hand these pictures up to St. Peter to hang on the walls of heaven."

The writer believes that the above illustrates the character of the average travelling man. If this article has been instrumental in changing, or modifying, at least, the attitude of some of our readers relative to the "drummer" I shall have been fully repaid for the effort expended.

—J. C. G.

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MISSIONS

"See how great a flame aspires kindled by a spark of grace! Jesus' love the nations fires, sets the kingdoms on a blaze."

Mrs. H. L. Rimmell, L. R. Conf. Supt. Social Service, has been quite ill and many friends will be happy to hear of her improvement as they hope for her speedy restoration to health.

Mrs. W. A. Newell Council Supt. of Social Service "spoke" to us from the railway station as she returned home, from Winston-Salem, N. C. from Dallas, Texas, a few days ago. She reported the Interracial Meeting held in Dallas as "the best one", and very satisfactory in every respect. Mrs. C. F. Elza Pres. L. R. Conf. W. M. S. was also a delegate to that meeting, and Mrs. Newell said a valuable working member.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President Woman's Missionary Council sent us a letter the other day expressing thanks with kindly commendation for the Editor and her Associates in conducting the W. M. S. Dept. in Ark. Methodist. And, of course, she expressed appreciation of Dr. A. C. Miller's goodness to us and all W. M. Societies, M. E. Ch. South.

HAVE YOU REACHED THE GOALS?

At the beginning of the year each Conf. W. M. S. set certain goals to be reached in membership and in finances. Every auxiliary is expected to do her share or the goals may not be reached. A Harvest Day Celebration has proved helpful and it is hoped that each society will find pleasure and will profit by such a time for closing good year's record. A playlet "The Auxiliary that couldn't pay out" has helped some to success when failure seemed at hand. Order it from the Literature Headquarters in Nashville, Tenn. Anyhow be sure to reach the goals in spite of difficulties. The Conf. must depend upon the auxiliaries.—V. C. P.

AN APPEAL FROM COLORADO

One or more friends in Arkansas to pay for five or more copies of the "Missionary Voice" that I may have them at my disposal in some real missionary work toward organizing in our church in Mancos.

I am asking this because of the indifference expressed by our people in the West toward the Woman's Missionary Society and who are in favor of the Ladies Aid.

Our work moves along very well. We have launched a two months Evangelistic Campaign to be climaxed by a two weeks' revival. Pray for us. Thanks to any friend who will help us.

I am yours for service

Mark. S. Horne

L. R. Conf W. M. S.

Our History Interesting and beautiful A little before midnight I was aroused from sweet slumber by a banging on our front door and the "Special" yell given as only a husky boy determined to get in could do.

Hastily descending the stairs, illuminating the house, and thrusting my hand thru a crack in the door, I received from the lusty messenger no bad news, but good things. Neither silver nor gold but something yet more precious to me.

This gift "Builders of a Kingdom" (the history of L. R. Conf. Woman's Missionary Society) brought a message of love from the author, Mrs. F. M. Williams our historian.

Quite enough to make me "sit up and take notice" which I did until cold hands and chattering teeth compelled the climbing of the stairs.

But I saw enough to know that the History had met my expectations and they were large. The book is interesting and lovely. A treasure for any home, and of untold wealth to us in Arkansas and to our Methodism.

Mrs. Williams has beautifully presented the beginnings, the growth and the continued progress of our work in Missions.

The sweet pictures of the organizers of this work, and of those who have borne responsibility in the Conf. W. M. S. are charming and lead us heavenward.

Anthems of everlasting praise seemed to ring out as I looked at the faces of Mrs. McKinnon, Mrs. Hotchkiss, Mrs. Van Valkenburg, Mrs. McAlmont, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. S. H. Thompson, Mrs. Elizabeth McKinnon Floyd and Mrs. Ella Hayes Thomas, beloved and ascended co-laborers who rejoice evermore around the throne of God in Heaven.

Then, it was good to look into the faces of some pioneer workers who linger to inspire us and to bless the world: Mrs. M. A. Price, Mrs. R. H. M. Mills, Mrs. Sue James, Mrs. W. A. Kirk and Mrs. Emma V. Holmes. Here too are pictures of many who are Conf. leaders to day following in the footsteps of our founders and pioneers; these who are hearing responsibility and singing all the way as they lift the Banner of the Cross.

If this volume contained nothing but these little portraits, it's worth many many times the price of any ordinary book. The same might be said of it from a literary viewpoint. Yet we can buy it for \$1.25. I hope every auxiliary will send a large list of purchasers at once. We will love this precious book! We need it to revive our faith and to rekindle our enthusiasm. Let us start out to put it in every home in our Conference. We can do it. Sincerely,—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, L. R. Conf. Sec.

RICHMOND AUXILIARY.

Mrs. W. W. Gardner writes:

"Our society was delightfully entertained at an all day prayer service, Wednesday Nov. 7, in the home of Mrs. W. M. Sykes. This will go down in the annals of our auxiliary as a 'red letter day.' Three of our charter members were present and took active part on the program. Ours is one of the oldest W. M. S. in southwest Arkansas, dating back more than twenty years. Mrs. A. T. Hemphill, the leader for the day, presented most interesting and instructive programs, morning and afternoon. Mrs. Goff presided at the piano. Among the numbers given, was the folk love song 'Lord I want to be a Christian,' which was very much enjoyed.

One of the most interesting topics was the splendid talk on 'Filling Full the Lord of Love' by Mrs. W. M. Sykes. For her foundation, Mrs. Sykes selected Luke 10, 25-37, and on it she builded a beautiful and timely 'Law of Love.' The topic, 'Jesus and the Least Ones' was ably discussed by Mrs. Kennedy Campbell who made this subject applicable to our daily lives, outlining our duties to the Master's 'Least Ones.'

'Mrs. Anderson's visit to the House of Good Will' was both interesting and instructive. Mesdames H. A. Sykes, R. D. Goff and Kennedy Campbell, very forcibly brought us face to face with our duties towards God's 'dark faced' little ones.

These, with two or three other numbers, interspersed with prayer and music made the program for the day.

After the program, a self-denial offering was made which amounted to \$8.05. Our report at the ensuing

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

L. R. CONF. NOTICE.

The Conference Class of the Third Year will please meet the committee at the room in the First Methodist Church set apart for this work on next Tuesday, November 27.—M. K. Irvin, Chm.

SECOND YEAR CLASS, L. R. CONF.

The class of the Second Year is called to meet in the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.—Marion S. Monk, Chairman.

CONFERENCE NOTICE

The class of the first year in the Little Rock Conference is called to meet the committee in the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 2:30 p. m.—T. M. Armstrong, W. R. Richardson, A. W. Hamilton, Committee.

GOOD LITERATURE SUNDAY.

Sunday, January 27, 1924, will be Good Literature Sunday in Southern Methodism. The College of Bishops has given this its endorsement.

The purpose of observing this day is to promote the circulation of your Conference Organ and the General Organ, the (Nashville,) Christian Advocate.

The committee appointed by the Southern Methodist Press Association will mail to pastors, through the Circulation Department, Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn.,

Conference will read — 'Richmond paid in full.'

At the noon hour, Mrs. Sykes, our ideal hostess, assisted by her daughter, Mrs. H. A. Sykes, served a delicious luncheon which was much enjoyed.

Mrs. S. E. Vaughan of Lomax, Ill., and Miss Roberta Jordan were guests who added to the pleasures of the day. We departed for our homes feeling and understanding more fully than ever, the necessity for our woman's work for God, and desiring 'More Consecration Lord to Thee.'

BLACK-DRAUGHT SINCE BOYHOOD

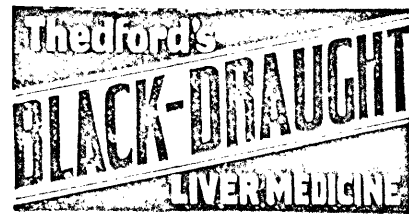
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certain materials and supplies during the first week of January, for use on Good Literature Sunday. The hearty support of our preachers in making this day a success is solicited.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION MEETING.

A meeting of the Conf. Board of Church Extension will be held in the room provided for them in First Church Little Rock, on Tuesday, Nov. 27, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. All applications for aid should be in the hands of the secretary by that time. All members of the Board are notified and urged to be present at this first meeting.—W. P. Whaley, Chairman.—G. W. Pardee, Secretary.

ROGERS.

On Sunday, Nov. 11, nine infants were baptized and eleven new members were received into Central Methodist Church, Rogers. At a meeting of the official board Thursday night it was announced that all current expenses for the conference year had been paid in full and that no one would have to be called upon for an extra contribution, but as the people in Rogers enjoy paying, the plate offering next Sunday morning will amount to more than a thousand dollars. This will be applied on an old church debt. So the pastor will be able to announce at conference that the church does not owe a penny that has not been provided for. J. Wilson Crichtlow.

EVANGELIST'S REPORT.

We have held fourteen meetings in Missouri, Tennessee, Louisiana and Arkansas. The last one for the year is to be held in Illinois.

It has been a great year with us. Thousands have bowed at our altars and hundreds have joined the churches.

My singer, Mr. Gordon, broke down in July, and for fourteen weeks, I had with me Rev. W. L. Shell.

Brother Shell did some good work. Mr. Gordon is well again and will be back in the harness the first of the year.

Mr. Gordon has the best voice, and is one of the best choir directors I have ever known.

Should the brethren of Arkansas need us, you can always reach us at Green Forest, Arkansas.

In August, I moved from Fayetteville to Green Forest.

With a prayer and a bunch of good wishes for the Methodist family, and for all the pastors with their families, I am sincerely yours.—W. Hardy Neal, General Evangelist.

Look well to the Hearth-stone--Therein all hope for America lies. Pres. Calvin Coolidge

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DESHA.

We began a meeting here Oct. 20, and ran two weeks. Rev. A. H. DuLaney our Conference Evangelist did the preaching. In spite of the rain and mud for seven days, we had a fine meeting. There were 43 conversions and 25 additions to the Methodist church, all by baptism and vows except two. All seemed to enjoy the meeting. Brother DuLaney is a fine preacher. We were glad to have him help us. We feel that he has done a good work. Our Charge is in better condition than it was last year. We have had 70 conversions this year.—Luther Love, P. C.

EIGHTY-FIVE YEARS YOUNG.

On Saturday, November 10, Rev. C. O. Steele passed the eighty-fifth mile post in his life, at his home in Hot Springs.

In 1857 he began his ministry when he was only nineteen years old and for fifty-five years traveled over the country through heat and cold, when roads were little more than trails and when the cabins of early settlers were many miles apart. He encountered many dangers from the unbridged streams which were swollen and swift through the winter and spring, and which he had to swim.

On a few occasions his life was in jeopardy from wild beasts with which the forests abounded, but God in his mercy took care of his trustful servant, and now after more than half a century of active ministry and a few years of superannuation he is forced to face a worse calamity—that of blindness caused by an unsuccessful operation for cataract, but we who love him are praying that he may still have light until he is called to wake in the light of God.

On his recent birthday the ladies of the Missionary Society and other friends sent him a shower of birthday cards and gifts which brought comfort and cheer in his loneliness.

Although very feeble in body and with vision dimmed he is still strong in mind and spirit and is hoping to meet with "the boys" as he loves to call them, at the coming Little Rock Conference.

May peace and blessing be his to the closing hour of his long and useful life spent in the service of his Master.—A Friend.

METHODIST STUDENT FEDERATION IN CONWAY.

It has long been known that there are large numbers of Methodist students in the several colleges in Conway, but not until this past year have they been organized, mobilized or utilized. Rev. B. Harwell, the student pastor, (this does not mean that he is a college student, but the pastor of college students) spent months getting acquainted and studying how to bring our Methodist students into some kind of fellowship by which they could be molded into a group of their own. After much thought he conceived the plan of the Methodist Student Federation. The initial letters, M. S. F. stand for this organization. The basis is a council of twelve chosen men and women from the several colleges: Four from Hendrix, four from the Normal, two from the Academy and one from Central. These with Brother Harwell constitute the advisory board or council. These twelve are also bona fide stewards for the students, but that is only a part of their work. Each steward or leader has a team of about ten. Thus nearly one hundred are in this larger group. Each of these nearly one hundred has a list of Methodist students for whom he is responsible.

Soon after the schools opened Brother Harwell got the church to give the Methodist students a barbecue. This was "a howling success." More than six hundred of the Methodist students met a like number of the local church members and a great time was had. To see more than one thousand people at a church social does one's soul good.

Last week the Methodist Student Federation organization was completed and the stewards, or group leaders, of the Federation and their

teams had a banquet in the church. Never was a finer body of Christian young people assembled, nor was there ever a finer spirit shown among young people than was there that night. When our college students meet in physical contests as they often do, sometimes the rivalry incident to these contests breeds a little unfriendliness, but in this Christian Federation where the motives are altruistic these young people see each other at their best. This M. S. F. is a new organization of immeasurable possibilities. Brother Harwell with his splendid ability for organization and indomitable energy has done a great work. The money spent in keeping him here in this work is the best spent missionary money that I know of at home or abroad. He is touching directly from six hundred to eight hundred future Methodist leaders here all the time. Much might be said of his good work in the Junior Church and in the rural work adjacent to the city but space forbids further discussion. I desire the Boards which are supporting Brother Harwell to know something of the great work he is doing here.—O. E. Goddard, P. C.

ORCHARD VIEW-HIGHLAND.

No pastoral charge has a more splendid band of laymen and laywomen than are those who are on the Orchard-Highland Circuit. I make this statement in view of the following facts. This charge was organized under its present name and with its present constituency last year. At the beginning of this Conference year the membership was 96. At the present time it is 108. Of these 5 were received on profession of faith. The gain in membership has been 12 1-2 per cent, of which over 5 per cent is on profession of faith. To those not familiar with the community this statement will be construed as a confession of very poor work, perhaps. But a careful survey of the community will convince otherwise. The evangelistic opportunity is very limited indeed. But few who are permanent members of the community above twelve years of age are out of the church. However they are not all Methodists by any means. Several other denominations are represented in our Sunday Schools and our Epworth Leagues. These outnumber the Methodists many times over, but ours is the only Church providing regular services for all ages. Our Sunday School enrollment is 166. There are three churches on the charge and as many Sunday Schools. Of these, two are working on the "C" Program. One is working on the "B" Program. One of these schools has just begun on the Program of Work and has made but 10 per cent. Another, Orchard View School, has made 100 per cent on the "C" Type Program, and in addition thereto has a 100 per cent certificate for the Beginners' Department, also one for the Primary Department. The Highland School made 65 per cent on the "B" type Program. In both of these schools all classes above twelve years of age are organized and enrolled as Wesley Bible Classes.

These facts show the truth of my statement in reference to the character of the laymen and laywomen of this charge. No more faithful and conscientious workers can be found than Mrs. Myrtle Hewitt, Supt. of the Orchard View School, and Mrs. J. S. Lea, Supt. of the Highland School. As to their efficiency the record speaks eloquently.

We have two Epworth Leagues with a combined membership of 80. These Leagues are functioning in all departments. Their total budget raised will exceed \$250.

The total budget for the year on the charge will be more than \$3,000. These few facts show what can be done when the pastor has the cooperation and sympathy of such men as Bert Johnson, Hiram Wilson, Frank Hewitt, and Tom Waters. These men love the Lord and they show it by putting their lives and their sub-

stance into the upbuilding of the Kingdom. May God bless this superb band of loyal Christian Soldiers! —O. L. Walker, P. C.

NEWARK.

At a meeting of the Building Committee held on Thursday the contract for building our new church was accepted and work will begin as early as weather conditions permit and material is obtained. The plans as drawn by J. P. Almand of Little Rock call for a two story building. The basement will have assembly room 30x60, furnace room and kitchen; the auditorium has a seating capacity of 250, pastor's study, ladies' parlor, with two large and one small classroom. The larger room can be used on special occasions, thus adding to the seating capacity. When completed, the edifice will be a thing of beauty, and a credit to the Church and community.

I may add that the amount necessary to pay the contractor is provided for, two thirds cash now in Bank, the remainder in good notes now due. Henry Hanesworth.

ROVER.

We had over two hundred professions and a hundred accessions last year, having had such a great meeting at every appointment I was afraid we would not be able to accomplish much in our meetings this year, except to develop the material already in the church, but our meetings have resulted in an ingathering at every appointment.

We began a meeting at Nimrod July 29, and continued until August 12, having 30 professions and 20 accessions.

Bro. Q. M. Stoke began our meeting at Salem Aug. 11. Did not get to him until at night the 12th. We continued that meeting until the 22nd, having 22 professions and 4 accessions.

Bro. D. L. Yates, who has done considerable evangelistic work this year, came to me and began our meeting at Rover Aug. 19. I did not get to him until the 22nd and then I found him with a revival in full sweep. We closed here Sept. 2 with 42 professions and 28 accessions.

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and began at Wing Sept. 2, where we continued two weeks, having 32 professions and 12 accessions.

Bro. Yates, our young soldier preacher, has great results for a man of his experience in the ministry.

We have almost doubled the membership on this charge in two years and if the powers that be see fit to move me we have a progressive, appreciative and affectionate people to turn over to some preacher.—J. W. Harger, P. C.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

The reports of the registrar and business manager of Southern Methodist University are before me and reveal some facts in which Arkansas Methodism should be interested. Number of students enrolled in student body proper, 1413. This is a gain of 215 over the first term last year. This does not include the extension work under Dr. Taylor. The School of Music is also larger than last year. The income to the University from tuition, fees and board is, to date, \$101,357, as against \$93,651 for the first term last year. Dr. Kern, dean, reports that the School of Theology is better in spirit and larger in numbers than ever before. Dr. E. W. Shuler, head of the Graduate Department, reports that he has a considerable increase in graduate students this year.

All this should be gratifying to those who love and believe in the educational work of Southern Methodism.—G. G. Davidson.

DEDICATION OF GILLHAM CHURCH.

Perhaps no church in the Conference has made more permanent progress during the last three years than has our church at Gillham. The membership is growing in number and in vision and aggressiveness in the Lord's work. A beautiful church was erected in 1921 during the pastorate of Rev. C. A. Fuller. For the last two years Rev. R. G. Rowland has been pastor. The church has been completed and paid out of debt during his pastorate. These people boast of having the best preacher in the Conference. On Sunday, November 4, this beautiful church was dedicated to God's holy service. The writer preached the sermon which was followed by a history of the church by W. S. (Bud) Johnson. We had dinner on the ground that would have been a credit to any king's table.

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GREEN FOREST.

Our meeting began on September 24, and closed on Sunday, October 7. The services were conducted by Rev. A. H. Dulaney, our conference evangelist. Bro. Dulaney preached to audiences of average size at first, but the power and appeal of his messages soon attracted the attention of the entire community, and his hearers crowded our church to its capacity.

Rainy, cold weather interfered during the second week, making it impossible to have any meeting at all one night, but the interest continued, and our meetings on the last Sunday were the biggest and best of all.

There were twentythree conversions and sixteen additions to the church during the meeting. Several other additions will be made as a result.

Bro. Dulaney readily inspires the confidence of the people, and is unusually successful in gaining their cooperation. Especially valuable was his work among the young people. Plans were made for the reorganization of the Epworth League. Our church was strengthened in every department of its activities.—Jack C. Oglesby.

HARTFORD.

The year has been an arduous one, beset with difficulties that at times appeared insurmountable. This is a mining town with practically no income from agriculture or any other industry save the mines. For about two years the mines have operated but little, and many people were reduced to great extremities to secure food and clothing. For a number of months no mining was done at all. At present some of the smaller mines are operating, but not up to capacity. Neither of the large mines is doing any work at all, and they have not done any for a number of months. The business men have all lost money, barring one or two, and they have evidently made but little profit. The financial condition has been almost desperate. In these conditions the work has been carried on this year.

During the pastorate of Rev. W. F. Blevins in this charge a beautiful church was erected. It contains large basement, auditorium, balcony, organ recess, and nine Sunday school rooms. The basement is of concrete and sand rock, the walls of mat-faced brick. The building is furnished with oak pews, two pianos, chairs and tables in the Sunday school rooms. The building of the house was a great achievement. Not many things equal to it have been done in the state by a church with so small a membership as this one has.

At the beginning of the year there was an indebtedness of \$11,000 principal with accrued interest added. The men rallied to the situation, and the principal of the debt is now reduced to \$5,000, but the men have been strained to the hurting point to do this. They have been as heroic as the best of our men in any charge. Many of our best people have had to leave in order to secure work to make a living. The ones left here have carried on because they love God and the church. They are still standing true and loving the church.

People have come into the church in small numbers, the Sunday school has been raised toward the standard, prayer meeting has been a strong service all the year, the Missionary Society has done fine work, the League has carried on its work, good congregations have attended preaching, the social and recreational work of the church has been most helpful.

It will be very difficult to pay all the finances in full because of industrial conditions and the load on the men of the church in saving the church building, but it has been a successful year. We have more than

held our own in a condition of depression and recession and the spirit of the people is not broken because of their difficulties. This is a fine small church composed of people as loyal as any.—W. T. Martin, P. C.

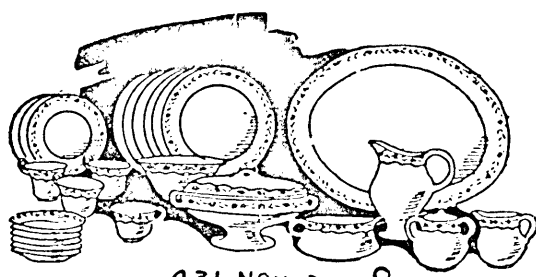
FIRST CHURCH, BLYTHEVILLE.

Dr. W. C. Watson, First Church's beloved pastor, will go to the Annual Conference this year carrying with him as his report for his third year in Blytheville—the most successful achievement in the church's history and a record worthy of the splendid pastor and his large membership of over one thousand, a membership composed of Methodists from all

over the land, for our city is cosmopolitan. It is this class of citizens that has made the "Wonder City" what it is—a progressive, wide-awake liberal-minded citizenry, which, when they undertake to do a thing, usually put it over with a bang.

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A resume of the report follows: More than 500 members have been received during the past three years. The average attendance at the preaching services being most satisfactory. Prayer meeting every Wednesday night is a source of real spiritual uplift, an average of about 100 being present at each service.

Too much praise cannot be given the men of the church especially, whose devotion to this mid-week service is nothing short of marvelous; business men leading in prayer and leading the service when called upon; making splendid talks in the experience meetings and showing an unselfish spirit at all times. The women never fail and the prayer service always looks to them for a big share of spiritual uplift.

The Sunday school and church are supporting a missionary in Cuba. 200 Hymnals were also recently purchased and placed in the pews for use of the increasing congregations.

The Missionary Society with more than 200 members is functioning wonderfully and the activities during the past twelve months mirror the strong leadership and close devotion maintained by the good women. They have paid a debt of more than \$500 on the parsonage since the present pastor came, which is just one of their worthy accomplishments another being the help they are giving in the support of a deaconess for this District.

The First Church is paying nearly \$400 a year on the salary of the Lake Street church, and has assisted them in other ways as well in the good work the Lake Street is doing

in the city. The crowning social event of the year was the banquet spread by the Board of Stewards in September in honor of the new members received in 1923. "Elaborate" is the only word that would express it and the sterling bunch of men saw that everybody met everybody else and the feast resulted in a good old get-together fairly teeming with goodwill and fellowship.—Reporter.

BRINKLEY.

One of the choicest appointments in the North Arkansas Conference is the town of Brinkley. We have had a wonderful year. The present year began under most difficult circumstances, for the pastor was recuperating from an operation and did not begin his duties anew until April 1. Brother Norris Greer kindly came and took my place until I was able to resume my duties. He won our people by his brotherly spirit and forceful sermons. On Easter Sunday we again took up our duties and God has blessed our efforts in a gracious way. To date we have received seventy-eight into the church, fifty-three of whom came on profession of faith. Every interest of the church is thriving. The Missionary Societies gave a splendid report to the Fourth Quarterly Conference. The Sunday School is at its best. The Junior Church meeting in the afternoons is growing and the children respond readily.

The finances for the year will all be paid in full. We have a loyal Board who have the interests of the church at heart. They took care of us in a fine way during the time we were from the charge last winter. We have collected \$600 this year on the Centenary and fully expect to make other large collections before Conference.

Brinkley experienced the most thorough reviving in its history during the month of September. Rev. E. J. Rollins and Rev. L. A. Meade and their wives with Mr. Bundy, spent five weeks with us in a real old-fashioned Holy Ghost revival, free from sensational methods and clap-trap methods. They preach the old-fashioned gospel in a way that wins men to Christ. Every church in Brinkley cooperated in the campaign and a fine spirit prevails. The revival has not stopped, for men and women are still being converted and uniting with the various churches. Our church is greatly strengthened in numbers, financially and spiritual power. During the coming days we expect to see Brinkley Methodism flourish as never before.—Sam B. Wiggins, Pastor.

SMACKOVER.

Smackover, "the city that forgot God," as the citizens describe it, is ending its first year's existence as an oil town and city pastorate. The curtain is falling on next to the last act and the seats are almost deserted. What once was a willing mass of people, with activity like unto the building of Babel's tower, today is but a string of frame stores with a cluster of shacks around them for the residents. The town grows smaller every day.

The church is still the church of other days. The members of the church have, all but a few, moved away and the remainder are being sued over church property. When the pastor first saw the church it was a small country church with the doors open and scores of bums sleeping on the seats. There was no preaching and the Sunday School had not been held for three months. This boomed up during the excitement until men were stationed at the church door to keep any more from entering the building. The Sunday School numbered 110. Everything was carried on by newcomers, but they were transients and only about forty joined and they have since moved away. The incidentals reported at the Fourth Quarterly Conference for the months of July, August and September were \$690. There are four moving picture houses op-

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ing in the city and one directly in front of the church, with an orchestra, that ran all day Sunday. The pastor had to contend with this and the sin and the indifference even of Methodists.

A few more months and Smackover may be a town of only 300 people. The local congregation lost the opportunity of collecting money for a new church from the transient oil men and the school directors have failed to get a new school building. There is however yet a small opportunity.

Presiding Elder Cannon has been untiring in his efforts for Smackover and looking after the wants of the pastor. No Elder could be more aggressive than he in caring for the demands of the great oil fields. If some Elder pays you every compliment known to ecclesiasticism, well, brother, you are to be honored as the one man for this stragetic field. It may hurt your pride, but it will make you religious.—T. O. Rorie, Jr.

MOUNTAIN VIEW.

The Mountain View charge has had a very good year. The interior of the parsonage was papered and painted in May. A Deleo light plant was installed for the parsonage and church in August. We are ready to start a new church building at Big Flat, in Baxter county. The respect and appreciation for the church has grown this year. We have had six Sunday Schools, three Leagues, one Woman's Missionary Society and one Aid.

Rev. L. E. Conkin and wife of Calico Rock held the meeting for us at Mountain View in September. It was a real success. Nine united with the church and the church is more spiritual than it has been for years. Their work was excellent. Brother Conkin's preaching was strong, forceful, inspiring, heroic and spiritual. He reaches men. Sister Conkin won the young people. She did some excellent work among the Leaguers. They left the church and the pastor closer together and the church on a solid foundation. The interest has held. Every department of the church has shown more interest since the meeting. The members and friends of the church gave the pastor and his wife sixty dollars at the close of the meeting to buy suits for themselves before Conference.—H. E. Stroup, P. C.

HOT SPRINGS CIRCUIT.

We, at New Salem church and Sunday School, are still alive and trying to do good work. We observed Parents' Day Sunday, Nov. 4, and had a nice program. We have observed "Children's Week." Our Superintendent, Bro. J. W. Lynch, is missed very much. He is at Texarkana with Bro. Dickerson, where he is on the sick list. We hope he will be with us again soon. Walter Godwin has charge of the Sunday School during his absence, and we all think Walter does fine for so young a Superintendent. We have a good live League of which Ralph Lynch is President. Our Woman's Missionary Society is among the interesting, solid facts of our community. We are to finish paying our pledge on pastor's salary this week. I am sure the Stewards of New Salem Church could not pay out before Conference if it were not for the Missionary Society. We wish Bro. Clem Baker to know that our Council meeting last Sunday was long and interesting and that Bro. Rogers said we had earned another Seal. Our Chart is beginning to show up. All are invited to visit New Salem.—Mrs. J. M. Lynch, Corresp. Secy.

GURDON.

We are pushing our new church building hoping to have roof on, and basement completed so that we might be able to hold one service in the basement before conference.

There have been at least 75 good homes built here this year, and a number under construction now.

We have received more members this year than we have either previous year.

We have one of the best Missionary Societies in the District. A Junior League has recently been organized, which about doubles the membership this year.

All organizations of our church have assumed their part of the church building and are more than meeting the payments.

Our Sunday School is much better than during past years. We have a fine board of stewards and they have consented to make the pastor's salary just twice what it was the year before I came here.

Our Conference collections will be larger than last year. Last March when we pulled down our brick church for several months the congregation was greatly discouraged, but we are united now as never before and happy over the prospect of such splendid church building which will be such a great credit to a congregation of this size.—W. W. Nelson, P. C.

KENYON CIRCUIT.

This has been a great year for this charge. Under the very able preaching of Rev. James T. Wilcoxon a meeting was held at Old Dickey Store Arbor with 63 professions and 40 additions to our church. This makes a total of 160 professions and 100 additions for the charge this year. Bro. Wilcoxon has been a wonderful aid to the pastor in all the work of the charge, giving of his time and talent to the edification of the people in the rural communities. The circuit next year will be known as Tuckerman Circuit with parsonage at Tuckerman and a raise of \$200 on pastor's salary.—R. B. Craig, P. C.

WARREN.

The fourth Sunday in September Brother H. C. Hoy of Bentonville came to us to hold a week's series of meetings.

The principal object of the meeting was to rally our membership for the fall and winter work.

From the beginning great crowds attended every service. Brother Hoy's sermons were clear, logical and very forceful, and his brotherly spirit and strong preaching captivated the people.

His manner of presenting the Gospel as the great need of the present day was a delight to all.

In fact, we would like to have that young man in our Conference. He made a warm place for himself in the hearts of the people here and our church was greatly blessed by his brief visit to us. We watch his career with great interest.

We are closing out our third year here in good shape. Large congregations attend the preaching of the Word. Every department of the church is functioning well. Last Sunday we had 351 in Sunday School which is about an average attendance.

In the three years we have had a net gain of three hundred in the membership of the church. We are now receiving bids on our new Sunday school building.—J. D. Baker, P. C.

UMPIRE CIRCUIT.

My four years on Umpire charge draw to a close, and, having served here two years before, I have given this mission territory six years of service. In the five preceding years on this charge our work has reported in full on the Conference collections. When reporting five years ago, I made a mistake, not giving my charge due credit, but all the assessments against us, "General work" and "Conference work" were paid in full. Our church here seems to militate against its local progress. When people are saved and join us the higher idealism thus given induces their migration to places of better educational and religious advantages. It seems they should remain here and raise by their faith and zeal their native communities to the Christian idealism desired. God has given his people here some gracious revivals and a goodly number have joined the church mostly on profession of faith. The pastor heartily appreci-

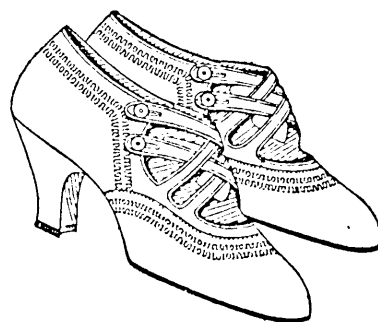
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aid, in the past four years. Our parsonage has been repaired and painted, parsonage well completed, and Umpire and Athens Church buildings have been beautifully painted. The pastor has tried to do his duty in extensive house to house work for our Lord and he has in a manner taken a Bible school around with him. Methodist Sunday Schools are being had where practicable; Union Sunday Schools where not. I am now ready to be moved hence. May Heaven's blessings ever abide on our Umpire charge.—J. F. Taylor, P. C.

CLARKSVILLE.

Conference is near at hand. Our year's work will soon be at an end. Our good Bishop will be calling for our reports.

For us this has been one, if not the best and sweetest years of our ministry. Our Sunday school was checked up in March by Bro. Wheeler. Though he gave us only two seals at that time, he gave us information and inspiration whereby the whole force of workers set to work seriously on our Standard of work. As a result, when we were checked up by our presiding elder, Bro. G. G. Davidson, a few days ago, we made 100 per cent on the B program of work. Bro. Wheeler writes me that we are the only "B" Standard school in the Conference. This we are very proud of, but could never have accomplished it had our entire force of Sunday school workers not stood squarely with us in this progressive program.

We have a splendid bunch of young people in our League, and a more loyal set of young people to the entire church, you will not find anywhere.

The women of our church are found at the post of duty. They support a Bible woman in Japan. They have furnished our church kitchen in such a way that it meets the needs of the entire church. They have placed an order for a pipe organ, at the cost of \$4,400, to be installed in March, and will be able to make a very substantial payment at the time it is installed. Last month they placed in the living-room at the parsonage a real, upholstered, mahogany, four-piece living-room suite. The pastor and his family sometimes have real difficulty in realizing that they are sitting on parsonage furniture, and not in some wealthy layman's home.

Neither have our men sat idly by. In the early spring they painted our church both inside and out. They have looked loyally after the finances of the church and the pastor will be able to report "a good year, Bishop."

We have found Clarksville a very delightful place in which to live, and trust that it may be our good fortune to serve these people another year.—Sam M. Yancey, P. C.

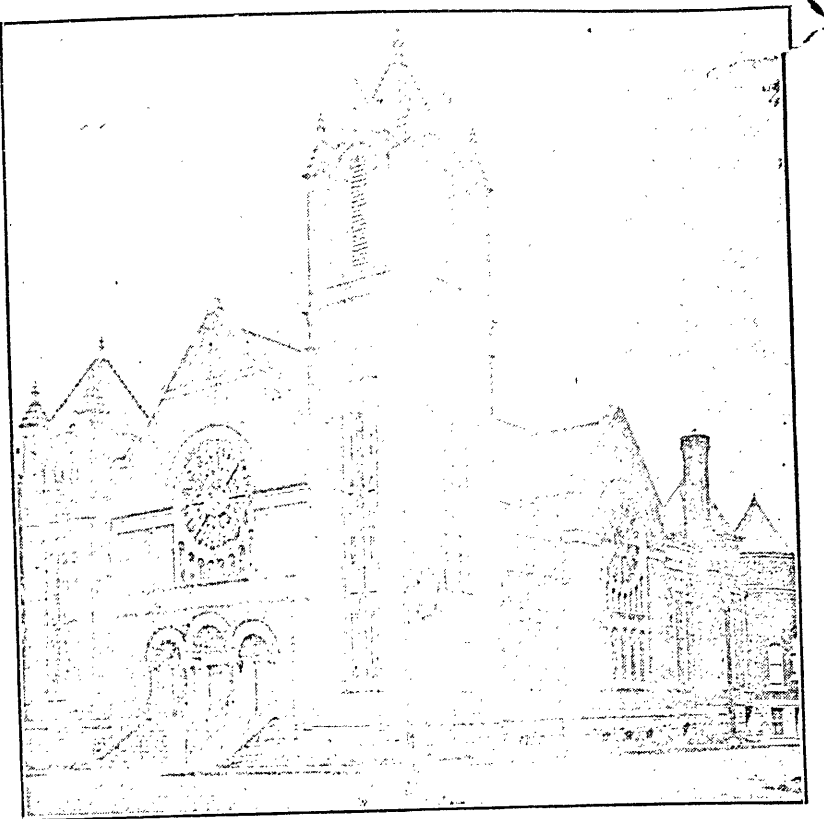
MOST U. OF A. STUDENTS CHURCH MEMBERS.

That the University of Arkansas students are largely religious has been proved by a recent survey of the denominational beliefs adhered to by more than 1,100 men and women in the student body. Of the total enrollment, only 70 are not church members or did not express church preference. Church members registered number 783, with the Methodists leading, not only in memberships, but in preferences as well.

Actual figures on the census follow:

	Members	Preferences
Methodist	321	99
Presbyterian	162	32
Baptist	142	75
Christian	83	38
Episcopal	42	7
Catholic	20	1
Jewish	4	
Congregational	3	3
Lutheran	3	
Christian Science	1	2
Universalist	1	1
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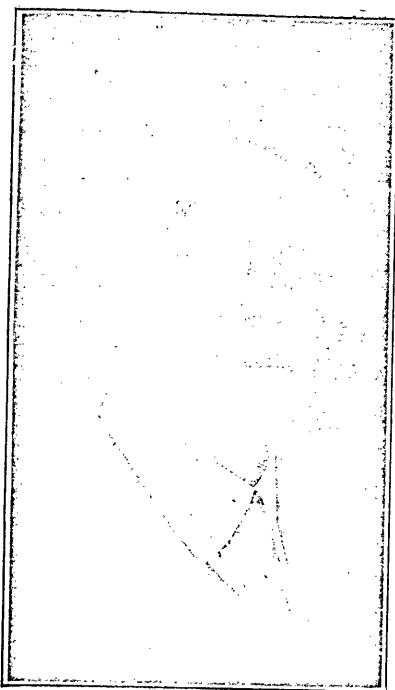
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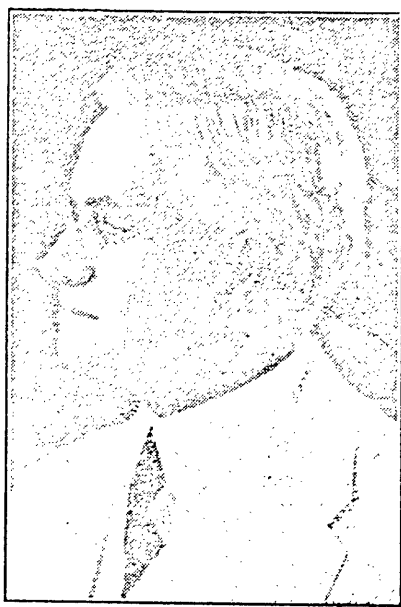
Rev. E. R. Steel, who is finishing his first year as presiding elder of Little Rock District, is one of the most successful and consecrated members of Little Rock Conference. He has served Bentonville, Fayetteville, Central Church, Fort Smith, Conway, and six years at First Church, Pine Bluff. He was also presiding elder of Fayetteville District and Ft. Smith District. He started the fine church at Conway and built the splendid building at Pine Bluff. He led his delegation in the last General Conference. He is hard-working, careful in planning, frank, but fair, conscientious, brotherly, and preaches a plain, earnest gospel. Born and reared in Sevier County, a Hendrix man, he is loved and honored by all. Mrs. Steel, one of the gifted and devoted women of the itinerancy, is a recognized leader in the Woman's Missionary Society.

THE LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

The Little Rock District is composed of 24 pastoral charges, nine circuits, three half stations and fifteen stations. Ten are in the city of Little Rock. It represents a great variety of work and embraces one of the finest sections of the State or the South. From Bauxite where 5,000 people work in the great Bauxite mine to the rice fields on the east and the cotton plantations lying along the Arkansas River the territory is unexcelled.

In this District we have 64 congregations. All are housed except about six. Four new churches were built during the year, one at Harris Chapel on Maumelle Circuit, built and paid for in the early spring. It is small, but neat and adequate for the locality. Guyer Springs, some six miles from the city, is just getting well under way with their building. England is on the last lap of their building enterprise which represents a very heroic undertaking. They are just beginning to use a part of their building, but will not have it complete before the first of the year. It will cost, when finished and furnished, nearly \$50,000. Winfield, one of our strongest stations in this city, entered into their Sunday School apartments Nov. 18, not quite complete but usable and when completed will be the most modern Sunday School building in this city, I think, of any denomination. The congregation is still worshipping in their basement and will for sometime. When their church is completed it will be one of the best, if not the best, housed congregations in the state.

A good showing will be made by the preachers on all the charges in the District. The pastors are as well paid as last year, but conference claims not quite so well up. Good showing on the Centenary and reasonably good on Christian Education. Additions to the church in the District will approximate 700. The pas-



REV. P. C. FLETCHER.

tors have had good health, have been blest in their homes and have done a very fine order of work. Nearly every charge has had a special work of grace and in most instances the special effort has been led by the pastor. We are delighted to have the Annual Conference meet in our First Church, which is one of the seven greatest in the connection. It has seen perhaps its best year in its history. Large increase in membership and a vast amount of connective work done. Their report at conference will reflect great credit on the pastor and congregation. Asbury is not destined to be one of our great churches, but is now one of the thriving growing congregations in our city. I would love to write of the men, the pastors, for they are deserving of the highest praise. But the undertaking is beyond me. I am thankful to God that my ministry has been thrown among such a fine lot of fellows as compose the Little Rock District.—E. R. Steel, P. E.

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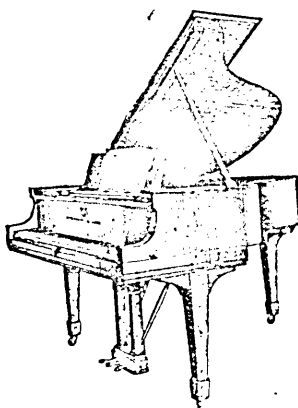
The seventieth session of the Little Rock Conference will meet at our First Church, Little Rock, Wednesday morning Nov. 28, and will probably continue until Monday Dec. 3. Bishop James Atkins, D. D., of Lake Junaluska, N. C. will preside. He takes high rank among the great church leaders of America. When elected bishop he had been our Sunday School editor and secretary and had inaugurated the movement which has caused Southern Methodism to be recognized as one of the world's greatest Sunday School Churches. He has been chairman of our Centenary Commission and a leader in the great Centenary enterprise. He presided over the Conferences in Arkansas in 1906, and again last year, and by his patience and unflinching courtesy has won the love and esteem of all. The Bishop and Mrs. Atkins will be entertained in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Beal.

First Church, Little Rock, has for nearly one hundred years been one of the leading churches of Arkansas Methodism. It was founded in 1831 by the heroic pioneer, Dr. William P. Ratcliffe, when Arkansas was yet a Territory and connected with Missouri in its Methodist relations.

First Church has had a notable history and has included among its pastors a number of the leading ministers of American Methodism, such men as Andrew Hunter, A. R. Winfield, C. O. Steele, Horace Jewell, Wesley G. Miller, R. D. Smart, M. B. Chapman, Walker Lewis, T. E. Sharp, W. R. Richardson and Forney Hutchinson.

Dr. P. C. Fletcher the Conference host, is the 46th pastor of the First Church and he is concluding his sixth and best year as such and his tenth year as pastor in the Capital City. He came to Little Rock from St. Louis, where he had served the old First Church and later Mt. Auburn.

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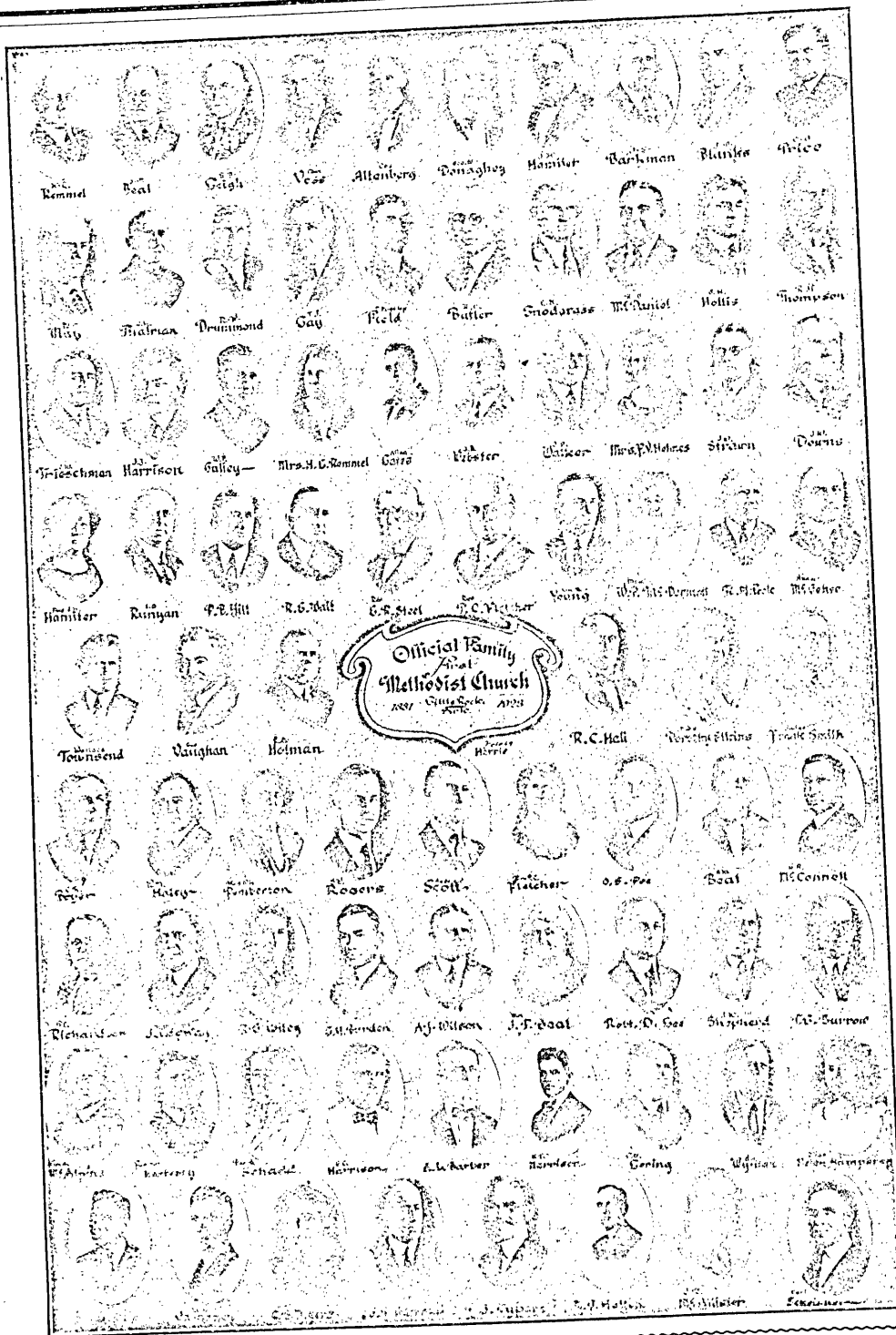
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During the pastorate of Dr. Fletcher the following important movements or enterprises have been inaugurated:

(1) **A Surplised Choir.**—This has added greatly to the beauty, dignity and success of the services. It includes a simple white surplice, falling from the shoulders. No hats are worn. It renders each singer simple in attire and prevents "dress rivalry" and holds the large chorus together. One of the most gifted musical directors of the Southwest—Miss Sarah Yancey Cline—leads the singing. A paid quartet is also a feature of the musical programs.

(2) **The Draft System.**—This includes the drawing on members, such as will consent—through their respective banks, for their church dues. But few of the members are now not included in this plan. It has worked a miracle in finances. Whether the member is ill, absent, what not, the treasury has his or her contributions.

(3) **Moving Pictures, as a Prelude Feature of the Evening Services.**—By this method the congregations have been taken around the world, through the Bible lands, the mission fields, and across the seas. During the Centenary "drive" the conditions which prevailed in the "war zones" and the mission fields were shown, thus quickening the public interest. This picture feature does not add to nor take from a moment of the regular service. It is shown while the congregation is assembling. By the time the minister enters his pulpit the pews are crowded, and goes on with the stated service. This also has worked almost a miracle.

(4) **The Use of the Personal Meth-**

od of Bringing Persons to Christ and into the Church.—Though Dr. Fletcher believes in the right kind of evangelists, and during his ministry has had the assistance of a number of highly helpful men, he has not during his pastorate at First Church held a single additional service, but has intensified the regular services, and by personal methods, reached the unsaved and the unchurched. He has had the joy of receiving more than 2,000 persons into membership, he having dealt personally with each one. He also has received persons into his church only in classes, after each has been carefully instructed. Thus he has a personal knowledge of every one who unites with his church.

(5) **The Introduction of an Enlistment Secretary.**—This has added great efficiency to the organization and enabled the pastor to keep in touch with every situation. The position requires unusual ability, insight and devotion. For three years this place has been filled by Miss Helen Humphry, whose work has produced most remarkable results. She has been the "working brain" of the great official board of 72 members, of which Mr. L. C. Holman is the chairman. Miss Humphrey has handled all of the "pledge cards" and secured from the membership all of the contributions.

First Church subscribed the sum of \$74,000 to the Centenary and the sum of \$47,000 to Education. During Dr. Fletcher's pastorate the total annual income of the church has gone from \$18,500 to nearly \$84,000 and the church membership has increased from 1,100 to beyond 2,300.

Dr. Fletcher is a Virginian by birth, rearing and education, and a product of Randolph-Macon College.

He has served six complete quadrenniums, having entered the North Georgia Conference at Rome Ga., in December, 1894, when yet in his teens. He has served charges at Fort Smith,

Eureka Springs, Fayetteville, Texarkana, Winfield Memorial, Little Rock, San Francisco, Cal., and St. Louis.

For fifteen years or more he has depended almost entirely upon personal methods to bring persons to Christ and into the Church. Every day, by every legitimate means, he seeks to commit men and women to the Christian life. In all his pastoral visiting, and his varied intercourse with men in the business world, on the streets and in the marts of trade he seeks to use every possible opportunity to reach folk—in a natural, commonsense, sincere way. He has always found the average man and woman glad to talk about religion. He holds hundreds of personal and private conferences with those who are seeking Christ. Hundreds of red-blooded, up-standing, out-standing business men have sought in the quiet and seclusion of his study to talk with him. In such conferences he has learned the deep and delicate needs of the seeker. He has been able to lead many step by step, intelligently to the Savior. A part of his requirement when dealing with the individual is that at the next service he publicly confess Christ as Lord and Master. This fully commits him to Christ and strengthens him in his conviction and resolution.

At every preaching service an invitation is extended to those who desire to become Christians or unite with the Church to come forward and enroll for membership. The aim is to ask for a "verdict" as the result of the message. No service closes without an opportunity being given to "confess" Christ. All who enroll are held back for reception in the next class, after each has been carefully examined or instructed, whether he or she comes by baptism, vows or certificate. The pastor seeks to find out who the individual is, where he comes from, what his capacities are for service, and where he can be most

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By this method, and as the result of personal work without the holding of a single additional service, more than 2,000 persons have been received into First Church, a large proportion of them being leading business men. The classes have ranged in size from 17 to 172. As many as eight classes have been received in a year.

Dr. Fletcher knows full well that receiving persons into the church is not enough; they must be looked after, cultivated, loved, encouraged, given something to do. In other words, they must be held to God and the Church. What can be more wicked than "deliberately to drop" persons from a church roll—as if they were no more than flies scraped from a window frame. Great care at this point is given every person on the roll. It is no easy thing to bring men and women to God. It takes work, prayer, agony, suffering, tears. How seldom, then, should we "drop" them, just because they are not to be found easily.

Dr. Fletcher has kept a typewritten personal journal through every day of his ministry, including every item of interest or importance, and these journals—now in seven large volumes—are bound in morocco. In these journals he has a record of over 61,000 pastoral calls made, including the individuals' names.

As a "special," First Church is erecting a Science Hall on the campus of the Soochow University, Soochow China, at a cost of \$65,000. It will be called "Cline Hall," in honor of Dr. John W. Cline, its president for 15 years, and an honored son of Arkansas.

The methods of Dr. Fletcher have not been unusual. He has consecrated himself to the Christian ministry and his whole life is being poured out in service for men. He has a passion for reaching men. He works continually at his task. His first inquiry when he meets a stranger, whether in the church or on the street or in the ways where men meet, is about that individual's relation to Christ and His Church. As he is always seeking men it is no surprise that men often seek him.

All classes have been reached under his ministry. The children love him, the young people count him their best friend, men of business respect him and give him their confidence and the aged find comfort and blessing in his ministrations. The rich and poor meet together in First Church as children of the one God and Father in beautiful fellowship and service.

This great congregation not only receives many people into Christian fellowship but also seeks to put all to work. A special service as far as possible is found for every member. Such a working organization naturally is full of life and enthusiasm and numerous activities of the membership attract those who are seeking a friendly, helpful church. Radiating from this congregation are streams of influence pulsing through this warm hearted pastor and the people who have caught the contagion of his life and methods going out into all the city and even the far corners of the state.

The total church membership of First Church now is 2,312 with another class to be received next Sun-

day. The total collections for the year will run something over \$76,000. The Sunday School enrollment is 1,700, with a total collection of \$5,703. The Missionary Society has 385 members, with a total collection of \$8,425.

A very beautiful "History of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock" is about to come from the press. The historical sketch was written by Mrs. W. H. Pemberton, the "Historian of First Church," by election of the official Board. The book contains the pictures of a number of the 46 pastors, and as a frontispiece, a group of the 72 officials, together with a few others. It also includes a roster of the 2,300 members. Each department of activity is splendidly presented. The chairman of the Board of Stewards is Mr. L. C. Holman, one of Little Rock's leading business men. The great Sunday School of nearly 2,000 enrollment is presided over by Attorney S. W. Rogers of the law firm of Rogers, Barber & Henry. He has made a most remarkable record during the year. Mr. C. H. Wickard has revolutionized the school by means of his up-to-date methods as the Secretary.

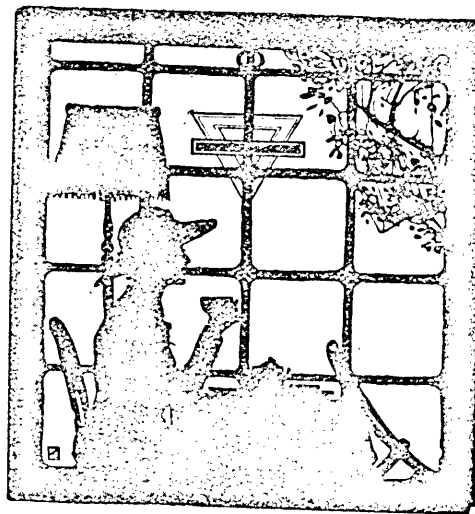
SLOAN-HENDRIX ACADEMY.

About 28 years ago, realizing the need for better facilities for training students for entering college, Hendrix College provided in its constitution for the establishment of academies closely correlated with the college and under the oversight of the president of the college. Learning of this, Rev. W. M. Wilson, in 1898, while pastor at Imboden, invited the writer to visit his town and lay the academy plan before the people. They became interested, and under the leadership of Bro. Wilson and Capt. W. C. Sloan, who donated the campus and considerable money, the citizens of Imboden succeeded in raising the \$10,000 required. A very substantial and convenient brick building and a comfortable and commodious frame dormitory were erected. Today the two could not be built for \$20,000.

The school opened in 1899, with Prof. W. E. Hogan, a Hendrix College graduate, now assistant general secretary of Education of the whole Church, as principal. As few people then knew what was required to make a genuine college, the Academy was undervalued because it did not claim to be a college, and about that time strong public high schools began to develop and it became possible for young people to prepare in high schools for college, and because there was also some antagonism in public school circles, it was found very difficult to maintain the standard and finance the school. Several other good school men followed Prof. Hogan, who meanwhile had become professor of Mathematics at Hendrix College, but the lack of funds created situations almost impossible to handle, and again and again it seemed that the enterprise would have to be abandoned. However, a few courageous souls continued to believe that the school was needed and could be maintained. In 1906 Prof. Williamson, scholarly, able, consecrated, inspired new confidence and was gaining substantial recognition for the Academy, when, in his third year, he died, and the conditions for a while seemed almost hopeless.

The Church had not been committed to the policy of liberal support for any of its schools, much less even for academies, but at last small donations were made and a small assessment assumed by the Annual Conference.

In 1911, Prof. J. C. Eaton, who had made an enviable record as an academy principal in the mountain country and who had been especially successful in preparing young people to become teachers, was induced to accept the principalship under a five-year contract. Under his able administration the school has grown in prestige and in favor until now its graduates are accepted by the best



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Some years ago our General Board of Education, at Nashville, Tenn., with the far-visioned Dr. Stonewall Anderson as secretary, conceived the idea of establishing in the mountains of North Arkansas a school in which teachers might be trained for service in the mountain region, and, on account of Prof. Eaton's record and the location of the Sloan-Hendrix Academy contiguous to the mountains, it was adopted for that purpose, and a small appropriation has been made to supplement the ordinary income. While the attendance has never been large, the results have been gratifying. Approximately one-third of the students have taught rural schools and most of them have secured high-grade certificates. During the present year of the nine first-grade certificates issued in Lawrence County seven were given to students of the Academy, and none of the five who applied for state professional license failed, although some 80 per cent of all the applicants failed. Among the thirteen towns in the county seven have Academy students as principals, and three others have Academy students in their faculties. The enrollment last year was 113, representing eleven counties, and 17 were seniors. During the life of the Academy 61 young women and 74 men have graduated. The enrollment this session is 91, and of these seven are preparing for the ministry.

In 1919 the Centenary Commission designated \$50,000 for endowment and equipment of the Academy, payable in annual installments for five years. On this three and one half payments have been made. The Academy is one of the beneficiaries of the Christian Education Movement, and will receive from \$35,000 to \$70,000 according to the amount collected.

Two years ago the Board, realizing the need of more room and equipment, planned for larger things. A fine farm of 135 acres just outside the town was secured. Most of it good land and in cultivation. On it in a beautiful grove is a substantial residence of 12 rooms which will be slightly remodeled for a girls dormitory. There are two cottages and three barns. It was decided to build on the new site a large administration building, 62x100 feet, with basement and two stories, containing chapel with gallery, recitation rooms, office, library, music room, laboratory, dining room, kitchen, room for home economics, and apartments for matron and rooms for about 12 boys. This building was begun in June and is nearing completion. It is of reinforced concrete and practically fire-proof. Rev. J. F. Glover, the indefatigable pastor of the Imboden Church, who had practical experience before entering the ministry, was made superintendent of construction. He prepared the plans and took charge of the labor, and using local gravel and help, is building at less than the lowest cost by any other process. The result will be a building easily worth \$50,000. It could not be duplicated for that in Little Rock, and yet the cost is only about \$25,000.

As it became possible to have Bishop Atkins on Nov. 10, it was arranged for him to lay the corner stone. At 10:20, the weather being perfect, a crowd of friends from town and country assembled on the new site. Dr. Jas. A. Anderson, presiding elder of Paragould District in which Imboden is located, made the opening prayer, and the writer, on account of his connection with the founding of the academy, gave a brief outline of its history and purpose. Bishop Atkins then delivered a peculiarly appropriate educational address, and laid the corner stone according to the ritual of our church. It was a very happy and auspicious occasion, and Principal Eaton and Brother Glover are to be commended and congratulated for the achievement represented in the present status of the Academy and the erection of this building, which is the best of its kind in the State. The old

property has been sold, and with other funds which will later be received a fine boys' dormitory will be built and other improvements made. It is expected that the farm will be a substantial auxiliary.

I confidently believe that the Academy has bright prospects. While it is true that the public high schools will prepare the students of urban centers for colleges it is also true that there will always be many rural districts, especially in the hill country that will never have high schools, and their youth must secure their more advanced education away from home. For many reasons such students can get what they need at far less expense in such an academy as Sloan-Hendrix. Especially is this the case when students are mature and require special classes and instruction. Then board is cheaper and opportunities are many for self-help. The ambitious youth from the hills furnish the best available material for making such stalwart characters as the times demand for safe leadership. Consequently Sloan-Hendrix Academy is so situated in our piedmont region and so organized that, if properly equipped and maintained it will serve church and State in a remarkable way. The town of Imboden because of the character of its citizens and the general environment is ideal for an institution of this type. It should never have over 300 students, because it could not maintain its standards with more, but it should gradually grow to that number. It is now an institution of which all its friends are justly proud, and as the years pass it is destined to occupy in a high degree a unique place among the schools of our State. Principal Eaton, plain and unassuming and modest to a fault, knows of no way to advertise except through the products of his school. Judged by that method he occupies a high place among our true educators. He is one of our teachers who has never permitted himself to be allured to an easy task by a high salary. Again and again has he refused tempting offers, and at great financial loss has stayed where duty seemed to call. He has not accumulated money, but has won a crown that cannot be taken away in time or in eternity. It is a privilege to have been his student and an honor to be known as his friend.—A. C. M.

IMBODEN METHODISM.

Among the first Methodist organizations in Arkansas were churches in Lawrence County. There was preaching in that section over one hundred years ago, but as Imboden was established after the building of the railroad, there was no church until the town was started. The first preaching was in the school house, and Rev. G. A. Danelly was the first pastor and Rev. G. M. Hill the first presiding elder. At first Imboden was on Powhatan Circuit, and it has been connected with Smithville, Mammoth Spring, and Black Rock. It was made a station in 1915 when Rev. J. F. Jernigan was pastor. He was followed by Revs. Elisha Dyer, H. L. Wheeler, and J. F. Glover.

The first building, a large frame structure, was built in 1896 on the highest point in town. It burned in 1922, and Bro. Glover, the pastor, immediately started a movement which resulted in building a brick and concrete church at a cost of \$20,000. It has basement, classrooms and galleries. As Brother Glover personally superintended the construction at least \$5,000 was saved. Only \$2,300 is due, and it is payable to the Church Extension Board on easy terms. Last year this church of less than 200 members, none of them rich, raised \$20,000 in cash for all purposes—a remarkable record. New lots were secured and the old retained, making almost a half block of slightly property. The comfortable parsonage is worth \$2,000.

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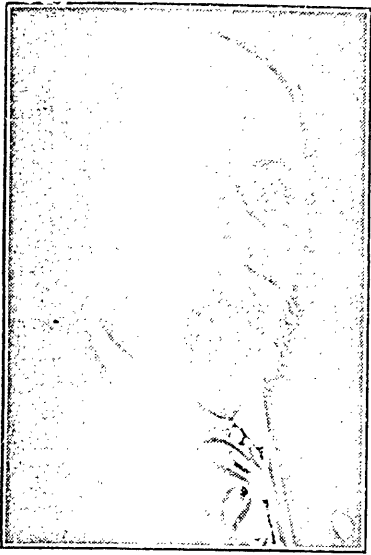
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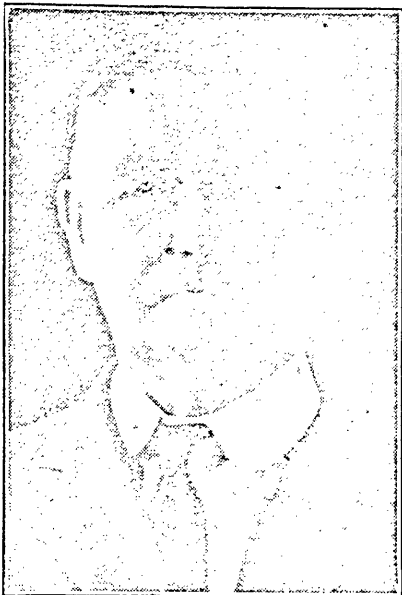
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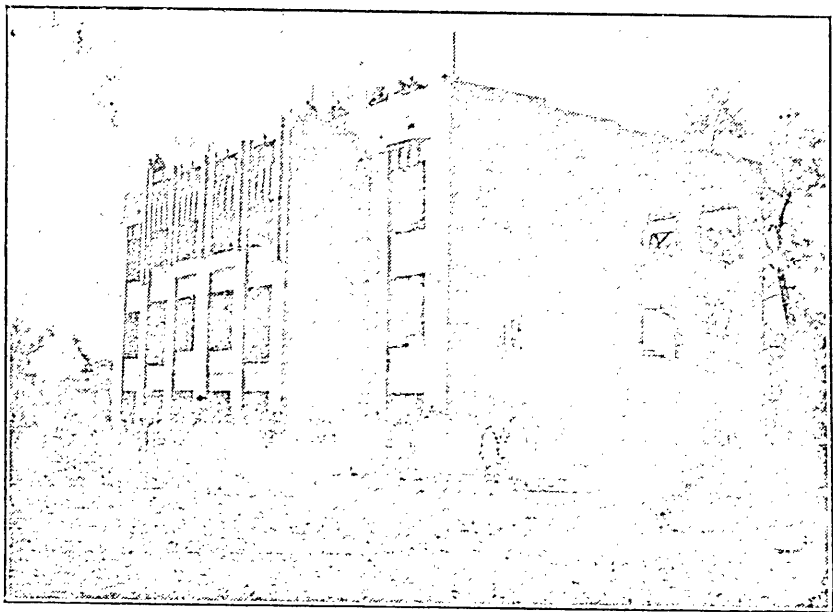




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F. Blackwell president, is an active and progressive organization. The Sunday School under the superintendency of Bro. A. W. Lindsay, wide-awake and aggressive, is well organized and enrolls 160. The Epworth League has a membership of fine young people, who, under the leadership of Prof. Thomas Du Boise of the Academy, are preparing themselves for active christian service.

Rev. J. F. Glover, who is finishing his third year at Imboden, seems to have been the providential man for a forward movement. He had served successfully at Plainview, and, being an experienced business man, he was unusually prepared to lead in building the new church and in superintending the construction of the new Academy building. He teaches the Bible in the Academy, looks faithfully after his pastoral duties, and acts as architect and builder for the new buildings, and, while he gets no extra compensation for this last service, he is saving the church more than \$10,000. He has so won the confidence of the whole community that the people do almost anything that he suggests. This was quickly demonstrated when he secured the advertising in this issue in a few hours. The church is now in good condition and is paying a fair salary and meets all claims. About 20 members have been added this year. There is a strong feeling that Bro. Glover should return. It was a pleasure to be with him both in his home and on the streets. It is always interesting to visit in a community where the people love and honor their pastor as the people of Imboden appreciate Bro. Glover.—A. C. M.

IMBODEN: THE BIBLICAL TOWN.

Imboden may very properly be called the "Biblical Town," because it is "founded upon rock and set upon a hill." It is located on the south side of clear, swift-flowing Spring River, on a hill that is so rocky that it is difficult to find space in the yards for trees, and yet the soil, formed from friable lime-stone, is wonderfully fertile.

The town was established in 1883, when the main line of the Frisco Railroad from Kansas City to Memphis was built. It was named for John Imboden who owned the land which Capt. W. C. Sloan purchased and laid off as a townsite. It was a village of 300 when the Sloan-Hendrix Academy was established twenty-five years ago. It has never had a "boom," but the natural, steady growth has brought the population up to 640.

Surrounded by a fine farming country, Imboden is a strong business center. It now has: A commercial Feed and Grist Mill, one Cotton Gin, one Lumber Co., one Wholesale Feed and Flour House, four General Merchandise Houses, one Bank, one Drug Store, one Hotel, two Restaurants, one Bakery, two Groceries, one Barber Shop, one Shoe Repair Shop, one Electric Shop, one Moving Picture Show, two Real Estate Offices, a Telephone Exchange, one Newspa-

per, two Job Printing Plants, 2 Garages, one Automobile Sales House, one Cream Agent, four Doctors, two Dentists, and one Lawyer.

The school district has a very substantial two story brick building for the grades. The house cost \$10,000, but could not be built today for \$15,000. The public school and the Sloan-Hendrix Academy are so related that they cooperate heartily and meet the educational needs of the community.

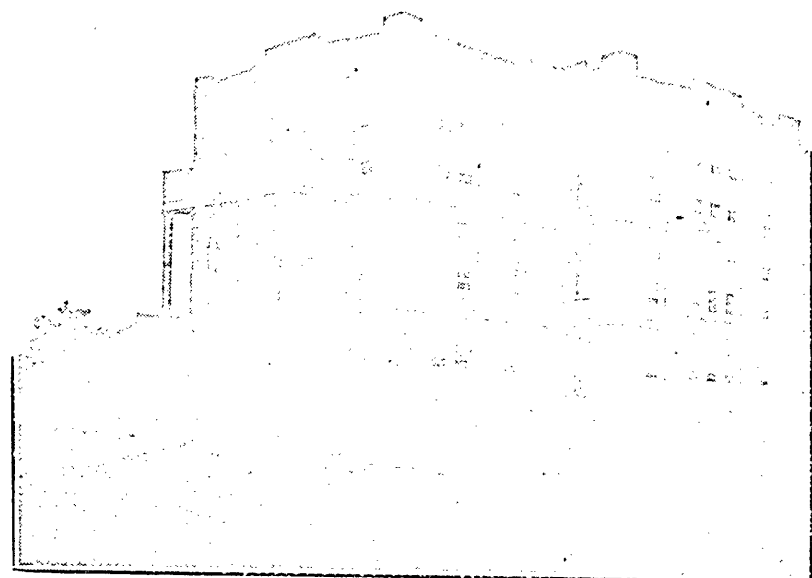
In addition to the fine Methodist church elsewhere described, there are three churches, the Baptist, the Disciples, and the Pentecostal, all having buildings. The people of Imboden believe in their churches and liberally support them. Most of the people are connected with the churches and Sunday Schools.

The country around Imboden is splendidly adapted to diversified farming. The bottoms lands of Spring River are usually rich, and the lime-stone soil of the hills produces all kinds of grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables. As blue grass grows luxuriantly and spring water is abundant stock-raising is profitable. Situated on a great railway between Kansas City and Memphis, Imboden is happily located for dairying and poultry-raising. Being in the foothills of the Ozarks, the country has a pleasant climate, and the combined advantages of alluvial lands and mountains.

This year, at the suggestion of Mr. I. L. Franks, editor of the Imboden Journal, the Tri-County Fair, for Lawrence, Sharp, and Randolph Counties, was established, and proved to be such a success that it will be made permanent. Two systems of hard-surface roads extend into the surrounding country, and give easy access to markets, schools, and churches.

There are in Imboden 137 families, and the permanent character of the population may be seen in the fact that 113 families own their homes, and 69 are connected with the business and professional life of the town.

Aside from the advantages offered by the Academy Imboden is a good town in which to live. It is in Lawrence County one of the oldest and best counties in the State; has a good railroad and highways; its business enterprises are strong; its agriculture is diversified; its climate is healthful and pleasant. The people are sturdy, honest and industrious, and believe in their schools and churches. The cost of living is moderate and the opportunities for making a living are many. The prices of lands are reasonable. In a few years there should be a family on every forty acres for ten miles around, sending the children to the schools, and making a living by dairying, poultry-raising, and growing fruits and vegetables. Parents of moderate means who want the benefits of a good school and moral surroundings for their children, should investigate opportunities at Imboden.—A. C. M.



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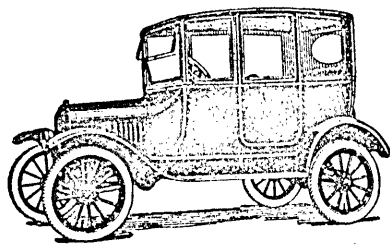
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