

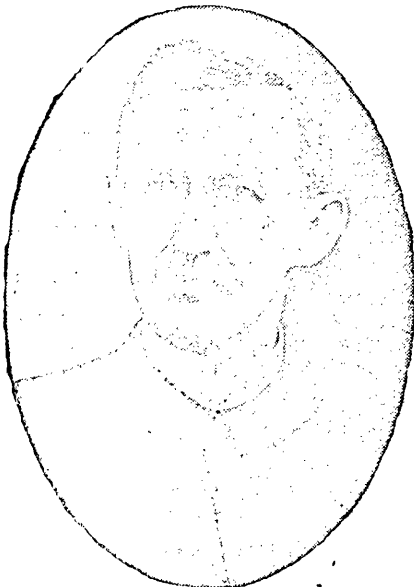
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President Little Rock Conference.

IN WHOM WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE.—Ephesians 1:7.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE, HELD AT FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.

On Tuesday night before the opening of the Conference a fine congregation assembled in the spacious auditorium to hear the sermon by Rev. M. S. Monk, who had been selected by the undergraduates for the occasion. After the opening hymn, prayer was offered by Rev. C. O. Steele, D. D., beloved superannuate of Hot Springs. Then the First Church quartette rendered a beautiful musical selection, and Rev. W. P. Whaley led in the responsive reading of Psalm 103. The text was Phil. 3:13, "But this one thing I do," and the subject, "Life's supreme purpose." Bro. Monk preached a strong and helpful sermon, urging the young preachers to start with a supreme and central purpose to guide them in their most sacred and honorable calling. After the hymn, the benediction was pronounced by Bishop Atkins.

First Day, Wednesday, Nov. 28.

The seventieth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference met in the auditorium of First Church, Little Rock, at 9 a. m., Nov. 28, Bishop James Atkins presiding. After singing, led by Rev. R. E. Houston, Bishop H. M. Du Bose of Berkeley, California, read a part of the first chapter of Romans, commented briefly, and led in prayer.

Governor T. C. McRae was introduced and welcomed the Conference in behalf of the State. He emphasized the value of the Church to society. We owe our security to the Church and not to business men and soldiers. The sorrows of the world today bring the Church face to face with the greatest opportunity. Christians cannot be pessimists. Love must displace hate before the great problems will be settled. The Gospel never had a greater market value than now. It is the duty of the Church to sell it to a war-worn and shell-shocked world at its full value. It is not necessary to explain, but to preach it. The Governor believes that we are at the beginning of one of the greatest religious revivals of all history, and he recognizes the Methodist preachers as leading the vanguard.

Mayor Ben D. Brickhouse welcomed

the Conference in behalf of the city. Reared in a Methodist home, he felt at home in a Methodist Conference. He understood something of the hard task of preachers and sympathized with them. He credited Methodism with a large part of the activity which resulted in the prohibition of the liquor traffic, and spoke feelingly of the leadership of our sainted George Thornburgh in the cause of prohibition. He said that prohibition prohibited because Christian people were in authority in the State and in the city. Mayor Brickhouse argued that the prohibition law was not violated as often as many other laws. The time will come when the liquor business will be considered a remnant of the Dark Ages. The Christian spirit will yet solve our problems. The Church does more than any other one thing for business, and its value should be recognized in the commercial world. He was glad the Church was starting to raise a fund for old preachers, and thought it was a good job for laymen to undertake. The Church should take as good care of its broken down preachers as the City does its policemen and firemen.

Senator George Vaughan welcomed the Conference in behalf of First Church. He said that Christianity alone is the religion for all races. Other religions were ethnic, or national. Christianity alone has the power to keep pace with the world's progress. In the world war Christianity showed itself equal to the demands of the age. The Conference was cordially welcomed to the "Cathedral of Arkansas Methodism." In conclusion Senator Vaughan presented to Bishop Atkins a book by Mr. Silas Rogers, superintendent of First Church Sunday School, "The Radiant Philip Cone Fletcher," being an appreciative biography of the beloved pastor of First Church.

Bishop Atkins, in behalf of the Conference, said that he accepted the orthodox greetings and hoped that both city and church would be blessed. The words of welcome were words of wisdom and worth. We are living in a critical period and only Christianity can solve the world's problems. The world is now trembling lest a worse calamity than the war come upon it.

Dr. C. J. Greene, secretary of the last Conference, called the roll. It appeared that few laymen were present.

Dr. C. J. Greene was elected secretary, and, on his nomination, C. N. Baker, O. L. Walker, and J. C. Glenn were elected assistants, and J. Wayne Mann statistical secretary. The time of meeting was fixed at 9 a. m. and of adjourning at 12 noon. The bar of the conference was designated. Rev. R. E. Houston, singing evangelist of Greenville, Texas, representing the Publishing House, was elected song leader.

The Presiding Elders, through R. H. Cannon, nominated the annual committees and persons to fill vacancies on Boards, and they were elected, as follows:

Committee on Public Worship: P. C. Fletcher, C. M. Reyes, L. C. Holman, E. R. Steel.

Committee on Conference Relations: B. F. Scott, R. R. Moore, G. N. Cannon, H. H. McGuyre, W. R. Jordan.

District Conference Journals: M. K. Irvin, C. A. Fuller, J. J. Mellard, L. C. Galling, W. S. Peel, Mrs. J. H. Arnold, Mrs. W. E. Dew.

Committee on Admissions: M. O. Barnett to take the place of J. A.

Parker.

Joint Board of Finance: W. T. Wilkinson to take the place of J. A. Parker.

Alternate lay delegates were seated in place of absent principals, as follows: Mrs. E. R. Steel, Mrs. W. E. Dew, Mrs. R. A. McClintock, W. W. Taylor, and T. D. Rowe.

The following resolution was adopted and the secretary was instructed to send a copy to former President Woodrow Wilson:

"We give praise to our Heavenly Father that he has preserved the life of Mr. Woodrow Wilson, the world's foremost apostle of peace, and that the strength of his great mind and heart is being used to promote world-brotherhood. We, the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, desire to express to Mr. Wilson our firm belief in the principles he advocates and direct the secretary to wire him this action.—R. W. McKay, P. C. Fletcher, James Thomas.

A motion was offered and carried requesting the Bishop to fix the date of the next Conference session as near as possible to the middle of November.

Dr. James Thomas, Centenary secretary of both Conferences, made announcement concerning Centenary collections. Over \$70,000 has been collected in Little Rock Conference, and this year \$15,000 more than last, and the collections were better than for any year except the first. For-dyce, Banxite and Magnolia had paid in full. Dr. Thomas expressed his belief that our churches will not repudiate pledges, but will yet pay out.

The hour for consideration of the Superannuate Endowment Plan having arrived, Dr. L. E. Todd, secretary of the General Board of Finance, was introduced, and briefly and clearly explained the Plan. He was followed by Bishop W. F. McMurry, president of the Board, who said that all in authority agree on the Plan and are behind it. The itinerant preachers had much to do in the making of America, and our people owe it to them to give them adequate support and comfort after they retire. The right to a decent living and reasonable support in old age inheres in the ministry. "The laborer is worthy of his hire." It is not charity to care for the veterans, but a high moral obligation. Even in the first General Conference of our Church the idea of a superannuate fund was mentioned, and in later Conferences, but we made no really large and practical plans until the General Conference of 1918. The Centenary and Christian Education Movement and Plan for Superannuate Endowment are all part of one great whole. The first opens the field, the next provides for training the recruits for occupying, and the last takes care of the war-worn veterans. The regular machinery of the Church is to be used to carry out this Plan. The unusual methods of the Centenary and Education Movement were necessary to arouse the Church and prepare the way for the present movement. The Bishop's address was full of wit and telling logic. It was a powerful presentation of a worthy cause.

Mr. W. C. Everett, manager of the Dallas Branch of our Publishing House, was introduced.

Dr. C. C. Sealeman, president of our Southern Methodist University, was introduced and briefly and felicitously spoke of the wonderful growth and hopeful outlook of that great institution. It is trying to give

modern education in a Christian atmosphere where loyalty to the things we hold dear is taught and exemplified.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by Bishop Du Bose.

At 3 p. m., after a service of song, and prayer by Rev. S. F. Goddard, Rev. J. D. Hammons, representing the committee on evangelism, introduced Dr. Andrew Sledd of Emory University, as the one who had been selected to preach each day. Dr. Sledd's text was Rom. 1:16-17, "I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, the just shall live by faith."

This declaration is an epitome of Paul's spiritual experience. Good comes to be an ultimate value. There is need of a clearer sense of the fundamental value of righteousness. Paul believed that the universe is an expression of a God of righteousness. Paul's pre-Christian zeal in pursuit of righteousness puts many of us to shame. His career as a legalist was disappointing. He seemed to find a taskmaster, and no open way for the development of his soul. Now we know that God is so revealed that we become continually partakers of the divine nature—new creatures, with new desires and purposes, and powers. In my boyhood I was carefully brought up, but I was afraid of God. In his providence I learned that I might have a new nature so that I need not be afraid, but instead might get comfort and encouragement. Do we insist on conversion of those who enter the Church? Regeneration is God's requirement. There is no hope of a better world nor of a spiritual Church unless we get made-over men. The solution of the world's troubles demands new-made souls, a real impartation of Jesus Christ, righteousness within. The way to get it is simple. It will come in response to our faith. We must trust in Jesus Christ as a personal Savior. The believing soul reaches out into the universe and finds God, and then to him the whole universe becomes filled with God. We are entitled to a faith that gives us a righteous God and a God who is a father, a God who so reveals himself in us that we become his children. No man who has had this experience can be ashamed of the Gospel, and he will be eager to preach it. There is true greatness in the soul that has been bought with the precious blood of Jesus Christ, and that greatness will manifest itself in Christ-likeness.

At 7:30 p. m., Rev. J. H. Glass presided. The hymn, "Faith of our fathers," was sung. Prayer was offered by Rev. W. M. Crowson, and the Scripture lesson, Ephesians 6:13-20, was read by Rev. A. B. Barry. "How firm a foundation" was sung. Dr. O. E. Goddard of Conway was introduced and spoke effectively for the cause of the "Forgotten Man." He said that, while the cause of the superannuates is popular, there is danger of apathy. We should be 100 per cent for it. Four reasons were given why we should put the movement to raise funds for Superannuate Endowment over. (1) An adequate fund to support the old preachers will take the dread of superannuation out of the active preachers and enable them to be more effective today. Every preacher ought

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Married, by Rev. I. N. Cade, on Nov. 24, at the home of the bride in Willow, Ark., Mr. H. K. Bell of Camden, Ark., and Miss Lottie Mann.

Rev. E. T. Miller, Weldon, reports that he is back at work for the new year with everything going nicely. He is looking forward to another great year.

Rev. R. C. (Casey) Cantrell, son of Rev. J. M. Cantrell formerly of the Arkansas Conference, has transferred to Arizona Conference, and is stationed at Bethel Church, Pheonix, Ariz.

WANTED—Homes at once for a little girl of eight and a boy of three. Both these children are above the average and will do well if given a chance. For information apply to this paper.

Rev. E. H. Hook, who is stationed at Booneville this year, in a communication of November 29 says: "We moved yesterday, have most every thing in its place and begin to feel very much at home."

Dr. Geo. McGlumphy, treasurer of N. Arkansas Conference, calls attention to an error in his re-

port as published last week. The amount of treasurer's expense should be \$693.24 instead of \$6,129.58.

Jerre H. Glenn, brother of our assistant editor, and student in Hendrix Academy, has been employed by the Conway Times to take charge of doing this work in addition to his school duties.



REV. C. J. GREENE, D. D.,
Secretary Little Rock Conference.

THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

The session which began Wednesday morning, Nov. 28, and closed last Sunday night, was one of the most pleasant in the history of Little Rock Conference.

There were no real debates, but all seemed to be of one mind on practically all questions. The addresses by visitors and members were short and to the point. Reports were carefully written and ably presented the objects of the different Boards and Committees. The statistical reports showed a gain of \$10,000 over last year, which is fine when crop conditions are considered, only about three-fifths as much cotton having been made as the previous year and the crop being almost a total failure in some sections. The increase in members was less than 300. As every presiding elder reported gains there must have been either error in reporting or many dropped from the rolls. After the figures are published it may be possible to locate the trouble.

In spite of several showers the weather did not interfere with attendance. Dr. P. C. Fletcher and his assistant, Miss Helen Humphrey, managed the placing of guests admirably and the members of First Church and other friends entertained royally. Sometimes it is difficult to entertain a Conference in a city, but this occasion was exceptional, and Dr. Fletcher, who is an ideal host, is to be congratulated on his complete success.

Often attendance on anniversaries and preaching but on practically every occasion the large auditing is less in the city than in the smaller places, torium and galleries were crowded, and often could not seat the people.

All addresses were profitable, but the preaching of Dr. Andrew Sledg at three o'clock each

week day and Sunday night, was exceptionally fine. Tall, slender, with spirituelle face and the traditional scholar's slight droop, Dr. Sledg looks like a genuinely good man. His voice is low, but penetrating, and with slight change of tone expresses deep, suppressed emotion. He combines in a high degree the intellectual and spiritual and the emotional and practical in his preaching. His great purpose was to show us God revealing Himself through Jesus Christ to enable men to have fellowship in the divine life and to overcome the world. His preaching was to the conscience, and was of the type needed to counteract the highly emotional appeals that result in ephemeral feeling without action. If every Conference could have such ethical and constructive preaching our Church would be better prepared to meet the issues of the day. It is gratifying to know that our young preachers at Emory University come under the influence of such a spirit.

A graduate of Randolph-Macon College, Dr. Sledg began teaching as principal of Arkadelphia High School, and then with intervals in the pastorate, taught in several colleges, and was president of the University of Florida and of Southern University before becoming professor of New Testament Greek in Candler School of Theology.

The only thing that prevented the Conference from being delightful in every particular, was the illness of Bishop Atkins, who came from Walnut Ridge somewhat enfeebled, and was unable to preside more than half the time. Fortunately Bishop DuBose, who came to present his Western work, was able to remain and relieve Bishop Atkins of part of his duties. His brotherly and business-like presidency and brilliant preaching were thoroughly appreciated. Bishop Atkins held his cabinet meetings, received the class into full connections, and read the appointments. His patience, fortitude, and sweetness of spirit won love and admiration and all were in full sympathy with him in his affliction and were praying for his recovery.

BISHOP ATKINS PASSES AWAY.

On Monday, after the close of Conference, Bishop and Mrs. Atkins went to the home of Dr. James Thomas to rest for a few days while the doctors were giving the Bishop a careful examination. That night, when he retired, he was in good spirits, but at 11 p. m. he suffered a paralytic stroke, and was unconscious until 10:30 Wednesday night when he passed away.

His two sons and daughter arrived and were with their father at the time of his ascension.

A simple service was held at the residence of Dr. Thomas before the body was carried to the train on Thursday. The funeral will be at Lake Junaluska on Friday.

This notice is brief because it was necessary to change the forms which had been made up on Wednesday before the Bishop's death.

PRESIDING ELDERS AND BOARDS OF MISSIONS CALLED TO MEET.

The Boards of Missions of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, together with the Presiding Elders of the two Conferences, are called to meet in First Church, Little Rock, Dec. 13, at 9 a. m. The purpose of the meeting is to meet representatives from Nashville to perfect plan for the "Pay-Out Centenary Campaign" in January.—James Thomas, Centenary Sec., E. R. Steel, Chairman Little Rock Conference Board of Missions, O. E. Goddard, Chairman Board of Missions N. Ark. Conf.

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to have salary enough to live, educate his children, and buy a modest home for his retirement, and the Church should provide enough to keep him in comfort during his declining years. (2) The worn-out preacher has a vested right to a living, because he has created values and rendered service far beyond the amount of his salary. The Church and the community which have received the benefits are under a high moral obligation to maintain the men who have given valuable service on small pay. (3) Because the preacher must keep in touch with young life, he is retired earlier than men in other professions, and his period of self-support is therefore shorter and period of retirement longer. As lawyers and doctors and business men could not turn to a new occupation late in life, neither can the preacher, and he ought not to be expected to make a living in old age in a new occupation. (4) The sense of gratitude in the Church that has received blessing and benefit through the preacher, ought to move the Church to liberality toward the worn-out preacher. Ingratitude is hateful, and destroys character. The Church that is ungrateful can not exemplify the Christian virtues and

will have lost its power. Dr. Goddard believes that our Church will speedily and cheerfully raise this fund and take away the reproach that rests against it.

Bro. Glass exhorted to diligence in carrying out the plan, and then explained that the Conference had made arrangement for group insurance for the preachers at a very reasonable rate, and called for pledges to pay for insuring several of the preachers who were not able to pay the small premiums, and secured \$400 for that purpose.

Rev. Clem Baker, representing the younger preachers, spoke of their duty to help maintain this insurance for the sake of the older men. He was enthusiastic in his approval of the plan.

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY, NOV. 29

After song service Bishop H. M. Du Bose took the chair, and it was announced that Bishop Atkins was quite ill and not able to leave his room. The Minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

The names of the seven presiding elders were called, their characters were passed and they reported the work of their Districts. Then the names of all the preachers were called and their characters were passed

without the reading of reports.

The statistical secretary came before the Conference for instructions, because the presiding elders had furnished the amounts of the assessments and the reports of some of the pastors differed from the amounts reported by the presiding elders. A resolution was offered that the presiding elders' figures be accepted. A substitute was offered that the pastors' figures be accepted. The substitute failed and the original motion prevailed.

Dr. James Thomas, superintendent of the Orphanage, briefly mentioned certain facts. The splendid building could not be replaced for \$75,000. Considerable repairs have been made, but there is no debt. The preachers are the agents, and the Sunday School superintendents help by taking Christmas offerings. The institution is in fine condition and is doing a great work.

It was reported that A. D. Jenkins, C. W. Drake, J. H. Bradford, B. B. Thomas, B. E. Mullens, and W. A. Steel had died during the year; and that E. Garrett, A. Turrentine, R. J. Raiford, A. J. Ewing, R. P. Wilson, and J. W. Vantrease were in feeble health, and the secretary was instructed to send them messages of love and sympathy.

Grover Cleveland, D. S. Barnes, and J. H. Crossett were discontinued at their own request.

A motion was carried making the awarding of certificates for credits won in teacher-training courses the order of the day at 11 a. m. Friday.

The Conference then went into the Thanksgiving Service. After prayer by A. C. Millar and the hymn, "America," Bishop Du Bose read the 138th Psalm, and "Faith of our Fathers" was sung. The Bishop announced as his text Psalm 138:1, "I will praise thee with my whole heart; before the gods will I sing praise unto thee." In part, the Bishop said that Thanksgiving is a sacrament rather than a festivity. True thanksgiving rises into the highest of spiritualities. It is almost an exclusively Christian grace, yet there were great bursts of song from some of the Hebrew prophets and poets. Paganism knew practically nothing of thankfulness. Its sacrifices were to placate the anger of its divinities. Gratitude was the note of the Messiah's kingdom. Each year brings its exhibit of good things. Our nation has reason for thanksgiving for abundant harvests and for health and prosperity, and freedom from the strife and poverty and death of the Old World.

currency has maintained. There are yet higher blessings. We measure feel contrition for sinfulness and lusts and other things. Let us thank God for it. If we have seen troubles that we might have prevented, let us be sorry when we realize what we might have done. Let us rejoice that we have the curse of rum and are determined to stop it. We may be happy over the increase of members and of funds, and yet humbled that we have not done more. If we have a desire to consider the essential things and a yearning for the salvation of souls, let us rejoice. If as individuals we have a new revelation of spiritual power, let us be happy. It is not enough to praise in words, our thanksgiving should be of the heart. If the life of Christ surges through us, we shall have the supreme emotion of the soul. The highest expression of the soul is that which recognizes God as Lord. Men need to develop selfhood, but to let selfishness be destroyed. The true self is to live, to become like God. The self is to be preserved for God. Let us discover God in our providences. They are, as it were, his habiliments. Let there be whole-heartedness in our thanksgiving, and a desire to make a proper use of our blessings. Our nation should protest its full allegiance to God. We are strongest when we are on our knees before Him. Let us seek eternal alignment to truth. Our souls should reach out after God.

At the conclusion of his sermon Bishop Du Bose spoke of the immense size of the District under his care. The Pacific Coast country is the greatest home mission field in the world, and we make a capital mistake when we do not cultivate it. The people need the Gospel, but are immersed in pursuit of wealth and pleasure, and forget God. There is a marvelous growth in population, and multitudes are going from the Southland. Money is needed to erect chapels which will soon house self-supporting congregations. The prosperity and progress of the people are a menace. The Bishop, enthusiastic in his interest in the Western field, called for a collection, and, in a few minutes, secured \$967.

The session closed with the benediction by Bishop Du Bose.

At 3 p. m. a great congregation assembled to hear Dr. Sledd preach. After singing and prayer, he announced as his text I Tim. 1:12, "I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry." These were among Paul's last words. It was remarkable that, suffering and facing death, he could thank God and remarkable that he could be thankful for the things which had come to him. He gave thanks not for material blessings or for peace or honors, but that God had empowered him to be faithful for service. The danger of this generation is the tendency to translate blessings in the values of the streets. Paul in the dungeon thanked God for putting the power in him which no earthly ingenuity could take away. That power is the sense of the Father-

ness of God, his constant presence and help. There is danger in looking back to an unusual experience and forward to a culmination. We think of Moses and the burning bush and then of God and heaven, and live in a wilderness between. We too often worship the God that was and is to be and know not the living, ever-present God who saves. He who empowered heroes and saints long ago empowers today. This power is the spirit of the living Christ working through us in terms of doing. It is not for our salvation alone. There is no such thing as a selfish salvation. Faith is dynamic, but it works differently in different men. Conversion is necessary. It matters not so much how it comes as it does that it comes. Christianity implies the expulsion of the old sinful spirit and the enthronement of the living Christ. There is danger in depending on the mere mechanism of religion. The Church has no call to compromise. It should go forward to victory, but it is weighted with members who have the spirit of compromise with the world. We need a Church filled with the power of God. The spirit of Christ will utterly revolutionize so that we no longer think in the common terms of the world, but have a burning desire to achieve an unearthly purpose. Let us get power to look men in the face and tell them the truth. Let us not depend upon material forces. The influx of divine power is conditioned on fidelity. Infidelity to a moral trust is treason to Jesus Christ. The surest way to get God's power is to be faithful to the tasks which he imposes.

At 7:30 p. m. the Board of Missions held its anniversary. Dr. E. R. Steel presided and read as a Scripture lesson the last verses of Matthew's Gospel, and called upon A. C. Millar for the prayer. Dr. Jas. Thomas, the persistent Centenary secretary of the two Conferences, praised the pastors for their faithfulness, and expressed the opinion that the Centenary is as live today as it ever was, and his belief that a large percent of the pledges will be paid. This year \$70,000 has been collected, and this is more than in any year except the first. God has honored our Church by giving it leadership in the Centenary, and we must honor him by meeting his expectation.

Mrs. C. F. Elza, the gifted president of the Little Rock Conference W. M. S., was introduced and spoke eloquently of the woman's work. Fifty years ago women of Little Rock Conference organized the first W. M. S. of our church and gave \$25. Last year they gave \$25,000 to foreign missions alone. Forty-five years ago they helped to educate a Chinese girl who is regarded as the Belle H. Bennett of China. The Southern Methodist women are going to raise \$500,000 for the Scarritt Bible and Training School which is to be relocated in Nashville. This has been a great year for the Little Rock Conference women. Under the leadership of Mrs. E. R. Steel 2,000 have engaged in Mission Study. \$45,000 was raised for local work. Mrs. F. M. Williams, the Conference historian, has just written a book, "Builders of A Kingdom: A History of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society," of which the women are very proud. Mrs. Elza said that the women are interested in the Western Assembly at Mt. Sequoyah and expect to co-operate in erecting a building there.

Dr. Steel commented on the wonderful work of the women and challenged some one to say what the men had done.

Dr. R. L. Russell, one of our missionary secretaries, was introduced, and announced as a text, 2 Cor. 8:11, "Now therefore perform the doing of it; that as there was a readiness to will, so there may be a performance also out of that which ye have." Dr. Russell argued that circumstances warrant us in believing that God was in the beginning of the Centenary. The fields were ripe. Recruits

were needed and God called for advance. It was providentially timed. In pledging \$37,000,000 we did a glorious thing. We have sent out more missionaries than in all previous years. God has prospered us. An army of young people are ready to go. We have had great revivals, adding hundreds of thousands to our numbers and establishing new Missions in Europe and Asia where we had never dreamed of entering. Much is yet to be done. We have paid only half of what we promised and the balance is sadly needed. Our Mexican preachers have paid their pledges and voted to continue paying on the same scale, and they ask that the amount of money sent them shall be gradually reduced. Let us tell the news of the glorious achievements over the whole Church. If we dishonor God by repudiating our solemn pledge, we can never be trusted to pay other pledges.

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY, NOV. 30.

After singing, and prayer by Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, Bishop Du Bose being in the chair, the Minutes were read and approved.

Regular minute business was taken up and rapidly transacted. Rev. T. E. Hayes, ninety-four years old, the father of Mr. C. E. Hayes, and a former member of the Conference, appeared, and a resolution of appreciation of his service and presence was offered by Dr. Alonzo Monk and adopted.

Report No. 1 of the Board of Christian Literature was presented. It called for a small appropriation by each of the Boards as a recognition of the publicity service rendered and in order to meet expenses. R. W. McKay and W. P. Whaley spoke, and the resolution was adopted.

Question 44, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was called. Rev. P. Q. Rorie nominated El Dorado and it was selected without opposition.

The name of George Thornburgh, an illustrious layman, long a leader in all good works, was referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

The following visitors were introduced: Revs. J. W. Cline, T. H. Hearn, P. E. Kemper, J. W. Coontz, J. G. Benson, Pres. J. M. Williams and Mr. W. C. Everett. Mr. Everett, manager of our Dallas Publishing House, said that last year was the best in the history of the House. More new books had been published than in any previous period. Certain recent books were named and recommended. Bishop Du Bose also commented on the value of books and mentioned the "Aftermath Series" which he is editing in the interest of sound doctrine.

Rev. Paul E. Kemper, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League spoke vigorously on the fight to enforce prohibition. He was warmly applauded.

The order of the day having arrived, the diplomas for credits earned in Sunday School Training Schools were awarded after the report of the Sunday School Board had been read by C. M. Reyes. Mr. C. E. Hayes, president of the Board, spoke, praising the magnificent work that had been done by Rev. C. N. Baker and his faithful assistants. Bro. Baker read the names of those who had taken credits, and stated that Little Rock Conference leads all the Conferences in the number of credits earned.

Dr. J. W. Shackford, Secretary of the General Sunday School Board, spoke. He said that there was no Conference in the Connection in which the outlook for Sunday School work is more promising. In the past we have not been fair to our young life. We must recognize the open door of childhood as the door for Jesus Christ to enter our life. A returned missionary has said that the outstanding fact that he had observed in the Church was the advance in Sunday School activity. The discovery of childhood is the biggest thing in modern American history. It is necessary to start right with the children to overcome the materialis-

tic trend of the age.

It was announced that Prescott District was the banner District on offerings.

Rev. C. C. Neal, commissioner of Education of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church for Oklahoma and Arkansas, was introduced and made a telling speech on the relation of his Church to ours and on his work. He was warmly applauded and an offering of \$78.12 was made for his cause. He may be assured of the sympathy and support of the Conference.

The morning session closed with the benediction by Dr. W. M. Hayes.

Again, at 3 p. m., after singing, and prayer by A. C. Millar, a large congregation gathered to hear Dr. Sledd preach. Rev. J. D. Hammons presided and took a collection for expenses of Committee on Evangelism.

Dr. Sledd announced as his text John 8:31-2, "Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed in him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." A condition of true discipleship is to know Christ's teaching and have his principles exemplify themselves in life. Faith in Jesus that does not accept his teaching as the rule of life, is dead. The real Christian is the one who abides in Christ's words. We often forget this fundamental relation, and interpret faith in formal and mechanical terms. Saving faith in Jesus Christ involves acceptance of his teachings, for in his teaching he gave expression to his principles. There can be no division between moral life and faith or inner life without peril to character. If any man will be Christ's disciple, he must deny himself. This means the displacement of the center of gravity of the carnal man. No self-centered man can be a true disciple. The disciple must renounce all; that is, his relation to stuff must be such that he will automatically choose that which enables him to keep faith with Christ. Wealth must be consecrated or it is not Christian, but giving in itself does not make a bad man good. Giving must relate itself to Christ. Most of us think too much of stuff. The hardness of eternal principle is in the Word of God. It sets forth a life that appeals to the souls of men. The command, "Abide in my words,"



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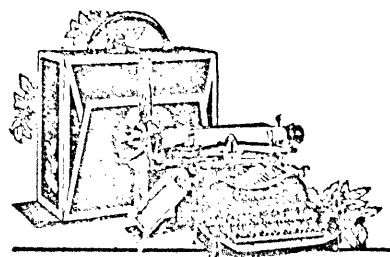
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is not a requirement of conformity to a ritual, but of moral conduct. An easy Gospel fails to command respect. Those who abide in Christ's words, and apply the principles in life, shall know the truth and have an assurance of God's approval that will free from fear and desire to sin. Instead of wanting to be bad we shall want to do good.

At the close of the sermon, Mr. C. F. Holland, secretary of the Board of Commerce, was introduced. He said that he felt at home in a Methodist Conference because he had been reared in a Methodist parsonage. He believed that he represented a body of business men who were trying to apply the principles discussed by Dr. Sledd. Mr. Holland invited the Conference to take a drive over the city and announced that automobiles were ready.

At 7:30 an educational meeting was held. Dr. R. W. McKay presiding. After prayer by Dr. J. M. Workman and the reading of the eighth Psalm by Dr. McKay, Dr. Stonewall Anderson, secretary of Education spoke.

We are now in the third pay-up period of the Christian Education Movement, which Dr. Anderson regards as a providential movement. God calls his Church to appreciate and exercise its teaching function. This movement is God's call to declare truth to the world, and we must have strong institutions to teach the truth. We need not fear Biblical criticism. It is simply a method of seeking truth. It is proper to find out who wrote the Books of the Bible, and when and under what circumstances. Good men sometimes reach different conclusions. Critics with right spirit find eternal truth. Dr. Anderson believes that the teachers in our schools are good and orthodox. We must not cease to evangelize, but we must strengthen character and prepare for better work by educating our people. We should seek to Christianize the education of the world.

Dr. Andrew Sledd, of Emory University, was introduced and spoke briefly. The question arises, Is our education Christian? There should be a difference between Church and secular institutions. Since the State has so widely and efficiently entered the field of education, the task of the Church should be clearly defined. We should only undertake what we can do better than the State. Education to be Christian must be more than intellectual. It must have a positively spiritual element. The Christian school must provide training in a genuinely spiritual atmosphere. The spirit of Christ should dominate the administration and be in every teacher. Christ must be permitted to speak through living personalities. The transfigured life has weight in itself. Teachers with Christ-filled lives will not be content to allow students to pass through the institution without meeting Christ. There should be discipline, because there is little of it in the homes. The lack of discipline is a menace to our civilization. In college the football team often undertakes to dictate terms to the faculty. If we want Christian colleges, we must back them in the spirit of Christ.

Dr. J. W. Shackford, Sunday School secretary, was introduced and spoke. He said that we should recognize God in growth in all departments of life. It ought not to be necessary to have an earthquake to enable us to see God. As He works through growth, we should cooperate with Him in working in the growing child. Our religion is one of personal relation, and we should seek to establish the right relation of our youth to God. The search after truth is really a search after God. Jesus is growing a kingdom in the lives of men, and wants to begin with the children. Our children appeal for a chance to learn of Jesus. We must give it in our homes and Sunday Schools. Let us train our teachers to know the

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mind of Christ. When we know the child and know Christ, we shall advance the Kingdom of God. Christ is the answer to the hunger of the soul. Our task is to make Jesus so glorious that men will see him and desire to advance his kingdom.

FOURTH DAY, SATURDAY, DEC. 1.

The Conference met at 9 a. m., with Bishop DuBose in the chair. Rev. C. O. Steele led in prayer. The Minutes were read and approved. The Bishop announced that he had on Friday ordained J. A. Hall a local deacon.

Through Dr. James Thomas the Conference Board of Trustees made its Report.

The Report of the Board of Missions was read and adopted.

A telegram of appreciation from former President Woodrow Wilson was read.

Report No. 2 of the Board of Christian Literature was read, and, pending its adoption, J. C. Glenn, A. C. Millar, and T. P. Clark spoke. On motion of S. Anderson the Report was amended so as definitely to approve the editorial policy of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

Bishop Atkins, who had been detained in his room by illness, appeared and took the chair.

The Report of the Commission on Budget and Report No. 2 of the Board of Missions were read and adopted.

Bishop Atkins called the twelve young preachers for admission into full connection to the chancel, and, commenting very briefly on their duties, took the vote and they were admitted. The Bishop advised against entanglement with the K. K. K. on the ground that a minister ought not to limit his ministry of service to any class or group in the community.

The Report of the Board of Education was read. Dr. Stonewall Anderson spoke explaining the plan and policy to assist in serving Methodist students in the State University at Fayetteville.

Dr. J. H. Reynolds, after giving a few items concerning ministerial students at Hendrix College, made a strong plea for 100 per cent attendance and full support of the Summer School for Ministers. It had become, he said, a completely organized and standardized school. It will open June 11 and close June 26.

Dr. E. R. Steel added his approval and urged all presiding elders to help their preachers to attend.

Prof. T. B. Manny briefly explained the Rural Life Department at Hendrix College and the Survey and Library Service, and asked for the co-operation of the pastors.

President J. M. Williams explained the plans and purposes of Galloway College. It is prospering and has wonderful opportunities if funds can be secured to build and endow. Preparation for home-making is the great objective.

President J. M. Workman presented the conditions and prospects of Henderson-Brown College, the co-educational college of Arkansas Methodism. It too has a bright future if sufficient funds are provided to maintain high standards. Dr. Workman introduced one of the teachers, Miss Trieschmann, and ten life-service students, and Miss Trieschmann expressed the high ambitions of the group.

Dr. R. W. McKay, educational secretary made his report, which showed \$36,000 collected on Christian Education pledges this year, and \$170,000 in two years.

Conference Treasurer C. E. Hayes made his report which showed a little over 60 per cent collected on assessments, and an increase of \$10,000 over the total of last year.

Mr. J. M. Way, assistant secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, was introduced. He spoke of the work which the laymen are trying to do and said that it should now be understood that Chapter 20 is a part of the Book of Discipline, and the law now requires complete organization down to the local church. It takes time to get started, but there is

great promise of usefulness in the Layman's Movement to help the pastors improve the efficiency of the church membership. The laymen were trying to find ways to do things, not ways to fail. They want adequate salaries for pastors and full collections and urge the Every-Member Canvass, and emphasize stewardship and instruction on tithing.

Dr. John Van Lear, Presbyterian pastor, and Prin. W. B. Hubbell of Fulsom Training School, Smithville, Okla., were introduced; also Dr. O. P. Christian, of the Home-Finding Society, who announced that soon a Home for the Children of the Poor would be erected in this city.

The Reports of the Bible Board and the Orphanage Board were read, and Dr. James Thomas indicated the work, prospects, and needs of our Orphanage.

The Report of the Committee on District Conference Journals was read.

Bishop Atkins spoke feelingly of the kindness shown him during his illness and of the service rendered by Bishop DuBose.

The appointments for preaching on Sunday were announced, as follows:

First Methodist:—9 A. M. Love

Feast, Rev. C. O. Steele, the 11 A. M. Bishop James At all Bishop H. M. DuBose. be 11 A. M. Junior Congregation C. D. Meux. ole 3 P. M. Memorial Service, ap- W. McKay, D. D. 7:30 P. M. Rev. Andrew Sledd D.

Winfield Memorial.—11 A. M. Rev. Andrew Sledd, D. D.

7:30 P. M. Bishop H. M. DuBose. Asbury Memorial.—11 A. M. Rev. W. C. Davidson.

7:30 P. M. Rev. T. O. Owen. Highland.—11 A. M. Rev. F. N. Brewer.

7 P. M. Rev. J. L. Leonard. Pulaski Heights.—11 A. M. Rev. T. A. Hearn, D. D.

7:30 P. M. Rev. S. F. Goddard. Twenty Eighth St.—11 A. M. Rev. J. D. Baker.

Hunter Memorial.—11 A. M. Rev. Paul Q. Rorie.

7:30 P. M. Rev. A. B. Barry. Capitol View.—11 A. M. Rev. J. E. Cooper.

7 P. M. Rev. F. F. Doak. Henderson.—11 A. M. Rev. J. A. Henderson.

7:30 P. M. Rev. F. G. Roebuck. Forest Park.—11 A. M. Rev. T. O. Rorie, Jr.

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 First Presbyterian.—11 A. M. Rev.
 Alonzo Monk, D. D.
 7:30 P. M. Rev. J. L. Cannon, D. D.
 Central Presbyterian.—11 A. M.
 Rev. J. D. Hammons.
 7:30 P. M. Rev. W. R. Richardson,
 D. D.
 Reformed Presbyterian.—11 A. M.
 Rev. Marion S. Monk.
 Fort Logan H. Roots.—3 P. M. Rev.
 B. F. Musser.
 Benton, Ark.—11 A. M. Rev. W. P.
 Whaley.
 Primrose Chapel.—11 A. M. Rev.
 B. F. Scott.
 Mabelvale.—11 A. M. Rev. L. C.
 Catlin.
 All Souls Church, Scotts.—11 A.
 M. Rev. Jas. Thomas, D. D.
 Grace Presbyterian Church.—11 A.
 M. Rev. John W. Cline, D. D.
 7:30 P. M. Rev. S. R. Twitty.
 The Conference adjourned to meet
 at 2 p. m.
 Benediction by Bishop Atkins.
 At 2 p. m. the Conference convened
 with Bishop Du Bose presiding.
 Rev. C. O. Steele offered prayer. The
 Minutes were read and approved.
 The following Boards and Committees
 made reports which were adopted:
 Committee on Evangelism, Com-
 mittee on Conference Relations, Con-
 ference Board of Finance, Board of
 Church Extension, Epworth League
 Board, and Board of Temperance and
 Social Service; and the Sunday
 School Board made a supplemental
 Report.
 Rev. J. J. Galloway, financial sec-
 retary of Henderson-Brown College,
 spoke of our large educational pro-

gram which will attract attention if
 put over within ten years. He is
 working for endowment so as to
 maintain the rank of the college.
 Rev. J. H. Glass made a statement
 about the plan of group insurance
 which has been adopted.
 The Report of the Statistical Sec-
 retary was made. It showed a mem-
 bership of 57,717.
 Bishop Du Bose thanked the Con-
 ference for consideration and cour-
 tesy and the collection of \$1,000
 made to his work in the West.
 Adjournment was taken to 3 p. m.
 Sunday for the Memorial Session.
 At 3 p. m., after prayer by Rev. J.
 D. Hammons, Dr. Sledd announced as
 his text, I John 4:7, "Beloved, let us
 love one another; for love is of God;
 and everyone that loveth is born of
 God, and knoweth God."
 John's writings are documents of
 love. Two Greek words, "phileo"
 and "agapao," are used in the New
 Testament to express love. The first
 has primarily a feeling content, ex-
 pressing affection between those who
 are like-minded. The primary con-
 tent of the second is a volitional af-
 fection which implies choice. "Phileo"
 is never used in the imperative
 mode, because feeling cannot be com-
 manded. Mere emotional states are
 not sufficient for the foundation of
 character or great movements. Feel-
 ing has value to start action, but can-
 not be maintained. When feeling has
 subsided, people are exhausted and
 are not inclined to act. There is
 much superficial emotionalism, but
 we need something deeper and
 stronger. "Agapao" is used when
 we are told to love God. We are to
 choose him no matter how we feel.
 When we accept God we must stand.
 I may not love my enemies in the
 same sense that I love my kindred,
 but I must love them in the sense
 of choosing to treat them well and
 wishing them no harm. As a Chris-
 tian I can not have enemies. Peter's
 feelings were right, but he lacked
 stability. We need more iron in
 our natures. The sweetness will fol-
 low the forming of our purpose. If
 we love God we must love our broth-
 ers. There must be no wedge be-
 tween God and men. Some think
 that they love God and not men, but
 their feeling toward God is a mere
 emotion. Those who say they love
 their children, but do not discipline,
 are weak sentimentalists. We ought
 to probe ourselves to determine
 whether our feeling is mere emotion
 or rational love, the result of choice.
 If our love has the right quality it
 flows out in deeds. How dwells the
 love of God in the man who with-
 holds his resources from others who
 are in need? Our treatment of our
 brother is a measure of our love for
 God. Love casts out fear of what
 man does or God may do. We can
 face death without dread if we have
 Christ in us manifesting himself in
 our attitude toward others. The
 apostle is marvelously bold when he
 says, "We know that we have pass-
 ed from death unto life because we
 love the brethren."
 The service closed with the ben-
 ediction by Rev. C. M. Reeves.
 At 7:30, after beautiful pictures of
 First Church and the Centenary and
 the Shepherd Psalm, had been
 thrown upon the screen, the Epworth
 League Board held its anniversary.
 Rev. S. T. Baugh presiding. Prayer
 was offered by Rev. W. W. Nelson
 and the Scripture lesson, 2 Tim. 2,
 was read by Rev. C. L. Williams.
 Miss Martha Matthews, a life-ser-
 vice student of Henderson-Brown
 College, sang a beautiful solo. Pres-
 ident Baugh commented on the pur-
 pose of the League, and said that the
 devotional meetings were somewhat
 like the old-fashioned class-meeting.
 The League has made rapid growth
 and is furnishing most of the mis-
 sionaries and special workers. The
 importance of holding in each church
 one Epworth League service before
 the whole congregation and taking
 a collection, was emphasized.
 The pennants for largest offerings
 were then awarded.
 Neill Hart, a student of Hendrix
 College and president of L. R. Con-
 ference League, was introduced and

spoke about the ideals and achieve-
 ments of the Leaguers, and urged
 that efforts be made for a large at-
 tendance at the League Assembly.
 At the close of the address the
 Hendrix College Glee Club rendered
 several fine selections, both instru-
 mental and vocal.
FIFTH DAY, SUNDAY, DEC. 2.
 At 9 a. m. the Conference Love
 Feast was held. Rev. C. O. Steele
 was the leader. He is in his eighty-
 fifth year, and has been in the min-
 istry sixty-six years, and was pas-
 tor of First Church fifty-eight years
 ago. He called for all who had been
 preaching fifty years, and four re-
 sponded: W. M. Hayes, W. M. Crow-
 son, J. H. Gold, and Brother Child-
 ers, a local preacher.
 There were many helpful testimo-
 nies and the occasion was spiritual
 and uplifting.
 At 11 a. m. Bishops Atkins and Du
 Bose entered the pulpit. Hymn 212,
 "Zion Stands," was sung. Bishop Du
 Bose led in repeating the Creed. Dr.
 J. W. Shackford offered prayer. A
 quartette rendered beautiful music.
 Dr. E. R. Steel led in the responsive
 reading of Psalm 84. Bishop Du
 Bose read as the second lesson Eph.
 1. After the offertory and announce-
 ments, Hymn 415, "Faith of our
 Fathers," was sung. Bishop Atkins
 congratulated the Conference on the
 good fortune in having Bishop Du
 Bose to help preside and to preach
 and thanked him for his aid.
 Bishop Du Bose took as his text
 Eph. 1:7, "In whom we have redemp-
 tion through his blood, the forgive-
 ness of sins, according to the riches
 of his grace."
 On account of his rapid delivery
 and remarkable language it is almost
 impossible to report the Bishop's
 sermon; but his theme was "Redem-
 tion through the Blood," and his dis-
 course was an exaltation of Christ's
 sacrifice for our redemption and a
 setting forth of the power of the
 blood of the slain Redeemer to cleanse
 from all sin. It was such a sermon
 as only our gifted Bishop Du Bose
 can preach, and must be heard as a
 whole to be fully appreciated.
 At the close of the sermon Hymn
 189, "All Hail the Power of Jesus'
 Name," was sung, and then the can-
 didates to be ordained deacon were
 presented by the secretary, Dr. C. J.
 Greene. Dr. E. R. Steel read the
 Epistle and Dr. J. W. Shackford read
 the Gospel. Using the regular form,
 Bishop Atkins ordained the young
 ministers and dismissed the congre-
 gation while kneeling.
 At 3 p. m. the Conference conven-
 ed in Memorial Session, with Dr. R.
 W. McKay presiding by appointment
 of the Bishop. Dr. McKay offered
 prayer and Rev. J. A. Sage read John
 14. "Rock of Ages Cleft for Me"
 was sung. It was announced that
 A. D. Jenkins, J. H. Bradford, W.
 A. Steel, C. W. Drake, B. B. Thomas,
 and B. E. Mullens, traveling preach-
 ers, and Mrs. Mary Scott, Mrs. Mary
 E. Parker, and Mrs. J. E. Caldwell,
 widows of preachers, and George
 Thornburgh, a distinguished layman,
 had died during the year, and that
 memoirs had been prepared, but, on
 account of their length, they would
 not be read, but would be recorded
 in the Journal.
 Brief but touching tributes were
 paid by the following: R. W. McKay,
 James Thomas, L. E. N. Humbley, C.
 O. Steele, F. N. Brewer, J. D. Ham-
 mons, J. S. Utley, S. K. Burnett, L.
 M. Powell, W. H. Evans, David Bolls,
 P. C. Fletcher, W. R. Harrison, W.
 W. Christie, and J. A. Sage.
 The memoirs were adopted and the
 Conference adjourned, with the ben-
 ediction by Rev. J. P. Lowry, to meet
 at 7:30 p. m.
 Sunday night at the appointed hour
 the large auditorium was filled to
 overflowing with a great congrega-
 tion eager to hear the appointments.
 "Amazing Grace" was sung, and
 Dr. Alonzo Monk offered prayer.
 Then Dr. Sledd, preached from the
 text, John 20: 24-25, "This is the dis-
 ciple which testified of these things,
 and wrote these things; and we know
 that his testimony is true. And
 there are also many other things,

which Jesus did, the which, if they
 should be written every one, I sup-
 pose that even the world itself could
 not contain the books that should be
 written. Amen."
 The object of John in writing his
 Gospel was to present Jesus so that
 faith in him might impart life to
 men. It is difficult to define life
 from the biological, the psychologi-
 cal, or the spiritual viewpoint. Eter-
 nal is an adjective used in the Scrip-
 tures connected with life. In Greek
 it expresses both duration and
 quality. Its qualitative significance
 is harmony or adaptation to a new
 age. It means not merely life pro-
 jected, but life of a higher quality,
 and projected as a consequence of its
 quality. The quality attaches now
 and carries forward the life. No
 subtle change occurs at death where-
 by the soul comes to life. We enter
 into life now by faith. Christian
 life is an eternal now. Life eternal
 is to know God and his Son Jesus
 Christ. We have not the capacity
 for full knowledge here, but we have
 more than we use. We may know
 God in Christ as righteous and as
 a loving, tender Father. The whole
 world is aglow with his presence.
 Even H. G. Wells, with all his lack
 of spiritual insight, has said, "Man's
 natural environment is God." Eter-
 nal life is a stage higher than the or-
 dinary life. It is attained by know-
 ing Jesus who bestows it as the un-
 earned grace of God. But God can
 not bestow it upon the unbelieving
 heart, nor upon one who refuses to
 do his will. God plans that we
 should come up higher, but we must
 apprehend his purpose and fulfill his
 conditions. In that sense our re-
 demption is in our own hands.
 At the close of the sermon, "He
 Leadeth Me" was sung and Bishop
 Atkins ordained five elders. Dr. P.
 C. Fletcher read the Epistle and Dr.
 Andrew Sledd read the Gospel, and
 Dr. T. A. Hearn, Dr. J. W. Cline,
 Dr. James Thomas, and A. C. Millar
 assisted in the imposition of hands.
 Resolutions of thanks were offered
 by S. R. Twitty. Bishop Atkins com-
 mented briefly on the method of ap-
 pointing, and spoke of the unselfish
 devotion of the presiding elders and
 the brotherly spirit which had pre-
 vailed. He said that the most valu-
 able man in any community is a
 good preacher who lives a godly life,
 and added that Arkansas does not
 pay the preachers enough. He hop-
 ed for great revivals and especially

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 acts, penetrating through every air
 passage of the throat and lungs—loos-
 ens and raises the phlegm, soothes and
 heals the membranes, and gradually but
 surely the annoying throat tickle and
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others. Built two new parsonages. Repaired others. Paid more than \$6,000 on Christian Education. Paid nearly \$12,000 on the Centenary. Finances for P. C.'s in advance of last year. Collections on the Conference Claims almost a thousand dollars more than last year. I have not missed an appointment during the year. Have traveled 9,000 miles. Have met most of the official boards at their local Churches. The preachers have been faithful. Harmony and good will have prevailed with Presiding Elder, preachers and all the people.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

J. W. Harrell, P. E.

Received by letter in the whole District 738, by vows and baptism 569, total 1,307. Lost by removal 218. Infants baptized 72. Centenary pledges \$141,312; paid this year \$10,017. Total paid 44 per cent. Christian Education pledges, \$62,016, paid to date \$14,183; paid this year, \$12,131.

The Sunday School work has gone forward this year as never before. Two new churches built, another going up. One new parsonage. Five young preachers in college.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

J. H. Cummins, P. E.

The Prescott District made progress along almost all lines during the year 1922-23.

The Sunday School enrollment was increased to almost the membership of the church, and many were added to the church from the Sunday School. The work of the Epworth League and the W. M. S. is in a healthy and growing condition. Pastor's salaries and the benevolences are in advance of last year. The pastors have all done good work on their respective charges.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

J. Frank Simmons, P. E.

The Texarkana District is composed of twenty-four charges, nine stations and fifteen circuits. It has 86 organized congregations, and 5 other preaching places, making 91 appointments in the District. This is more than any other District in the Conference. The membership reported last year was 8,666 which is exceeded by the Little Rock District only. The District embraces a territory 133 miles long by an average of 35 miles wide, making a total of 4,655 square miles.

On the whole the pastors have been faithful and true to the ministry and charges committed to their care. They have proven themselves to be real ambassadors of God. Only two pastors—Rev. J. D. Hammons of First Church, Texarkana, and Rev. J. F. Taylor of Empire—are completing a quadrennium. Bro. Hammons has won a place not only in the hearts of his own people, but also in the citizenry of Texarkana by his level-headed judgment, his impartial

administration, his eloquent and evangelistic preaching, and his far-seeing leadership in Church work. There is no citizen in north Howard county that will be missed more than Brother Jack Taylor, as we all know him. Everybody knows him in every hill and dale in all that country. He has read God's word and prayed in perhaps every home in north Howard County, and preached in every church and school building. He is a true apostle of God.

Membership Gains.—During the year we have had 75 revival meetings. Many of these were held by the pastors themselves. A total of 509 has been received on profession of faith, and 408 by certificate, making a grand total of 917 received during the year. 530 have been dismissed, leaving a net gain in membership of 387. The large number dismissed is due in part to the fact that many church registers have been revised and brought down to date. Two new congregations have been organized.

Churches and Parsonages.—There are 61 church buildings owned exclusively by our Church, and 6 others in which we share the ownership with other denominations or organizations. One church has been built in North Heights, Texarkana, led by Rev. J. R. Dickerson. College Hill church has been completed save the basement. Brother B. F. Roebuck and his people have wrought nobly and victoriously during the last three years.

One beautiful little church—the one at Gillham—has been dedicated.

This has been a year of repairing churches and parsonages. 11 churches have been recovered, painted, remodeled, or some needed repairs done. 6 parsonages have likewise been put in much better condition. There are 22 parsonages in the District, with indications that there will be two or three more by this time another year. The total expenditure on churches and parsonages this year has been \$11,146.

Finances.—Indications are that we will have good financial reports, the best of the three years past. Last year only 12 charges reported salaries paid in full or lacked only a few dollars of being in full. This year I am confident that 15 charges will do this well. Last year we paid 63 per cent on Conference Claims. Pre-conference reports from the pastors indicate that we will do as well this year on the Claims. When we take into account the increased assessment for this year, we feel that we have made some gains over last year. The financial progress is due in a large measure to the adoption of better financial methods by many boards of stewards. A few of the charges have made large advances over last year, and few, if any, will fall behind last year's record.

Centenary and Christian Education.—Our people are paying their pledges to these good causes. Many of course are not meeting them as they should, but on the whole those who have not paid except to when they get the money to pay with. \$8,898 has been reported on the Centenary. Last year the District reported \$5,425. This represents a gain of \$3,473 for this year over last. \$7,190 has been reported on the Christian Education. Last year we reported \$5,990.

Licensed to Preach.—Only 1 young man has been licensed to preach, and he is now in school. We regret that the number is not many times larger. Three persons have been given license to exhort.

Things More Personal.—I have been almost constantly out in my District during the year. I have spent comparatively little time with my family. I have tried to keep in touch at all times as best I could with every charge. I have conducted five one-unit training schools in my District, and taught in four Standard Training Schools, one of which was in the Texarkana District. I have preached 116 times and held 96 Quarterly Conferences. I have not preached as many times as usual this year, but have enjoyed and have been helped by the good preaching of some

of the pastors.

I close the year realizing that I have made mistakes, but I have tried to be faithful to my God and to the responsibilities placed on me by the Church which I love. The pastors have been kind and thoughtful of me. Truly of such men could Christ say: "Ye are the salt of the earth." The Lord has blessed us and we have had a good time together in our part of the Master's vineyard.

REPORT OF PASTORS.

ARKADELPHIA CT.—God has wonderfully and gloriously blessed our work this year. We have organized three new Sunday Schools, one Epworth League, and one Prayer Meeting. Have taken into the church this year fifteen members by profession of faith. You will find no better, nor more loyal people in the entire Conference than the people of the Arkadelphia Circuit.—Manuel E. Scott.

MALVERN CIRCUIT.—The work of church and ministry this year has been fairly successful. We have been very happy in our work and the Lord has blessed our feeble efforts to minister to the good people of this historic charge. A net increase of 20 has been added to the church, 15 of these coming from the Sunday School. 3 Sunday Schools doing good work, running the entire year. Some forward steps have been made such as providing more comfortable seats for the smaller children, the adoption of approved song books, etc. Our two years have been most enjoyable, and I trust in a measure profitable to the Kingdom of God.—G. L. Cagle.

CAMDEN CIRCUIT.—We have had five additions to the church, dismissed seven by certificate and lost three by deaths. We have had several reclamations among our church members. We raised all S. S. Day collections allotted to us. We have many good people on the Camden Circuit.—C. A. Fuller.

CEDAR GLADES MISSION.—We have had a good year on Cedar Glades Mission. Have held 6 meetings with about 30 conversions, mostly among the members of the church, with 4 additions. Our Sunday Schools are in fine shape with 310 enrolled in all departments. The good people of the Cedar Glades Mission have paid the preacher, presiding elder, and district claims in full. Went over the top in S. S. Day offering. There is a better spirit of cooperation among the people at present than ever before in the last two years.—R. W. Groves.

BAUXITE.—Our church at Bauxite is to be congratulated on the splendid record it has made for the past four years, especially along financial lines. It is just four years old as a station and rejoices in the fact that it has had but one pastor. While it suffered the loss of almost half of its membership in 1921 owing to shut-down to the Bauxite Mill, yet all assessment for support of ministry and church benevolences have been paid in full together with Centenary Pledges. The people of Bauxite are loyal to the church and have been exceedingly good to pastor and wife. Bauxite is one of the cleanest towns in the state. A good place to live and work. This has been a most pleasant quadrennium for us and we regret very much to part company with these bright-minded, generous people.—J. T. Rodgers.

THIRD STREET CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS.—Received 66 members. Organized two Leagues; now have three Leagues all doing splendid work. Missionary Society has done fine work, raised about \$100, more than last year. The Sunday School continues to grow. Now has an average attendance of about 225. Have built 8 new S. S. rooms. After salary was paid an extra \$200 was presented to the pastor. Raised for all purposes, \$5,700.—J. W. Thomas.

HOLLY SPRINGS CIRCUIT.—We have had good meetings this year in our evangelistic work. We have received a splendid body of young people into the church in the charge. Our Sunday Schools are growing. We have made one modern Sunday School church with rooms for the classes at Holly Springs. We have a live fifth Sunday institute, and are now striving to reach the standard of efficiency given to us by our Sunday School Board.—C. F. Messer.

ENGLAND.—This has been in many respects a remarkable year. Despite the short crops, we have built one of the most modern and beautiful churches in the Conference, costing around \$40,000, maintained our Sunday School and Epworth League throughout the summer in a school house, received twenty-six people into the Church and raised for all purposes over sixteen thousand dollars, the largest sum ever raised by this Church. It has been a happy year.—S. T. Baugh.

WINFIELD MEMORIAL.—The congregation has finished part of S. S. annex at cost of more than \$10,000. Membership is 1,540. Over 100 credits in teacher training have been taken. The finances of the church are in best condition in many years. The total amount raised for all purposes is about \$16,000. Winfield faces the future with hope and determination.—C. M. Reves.

MAGNOLIA.—Progress has been made on all lines, 68 additions. Membership is now 616. Good spiritual prayer meeting. Centenary paid in full, and Christian Education pledges in good shape. Sunday School has made a considerable advance. 12 organized Wesley classes and large increase in enrollment. The school made 100 per cent on B. Chart. Standard Training

School held with 63 graduates. W. M. S. and Epworth Leagues doing splendid work. Financial exhibit will show an increase of \$2,000 over last year and in addition over \$9,000 has been subscribed for a new two-story brick parsonage which will be commenced right after Conference. We have a good town and a fine people.—W. T. Wilkinson.

PINE BLUFF.—Additions to the church 188, removals 42, present membership 1,046. Raised for all purposes \$38,212. Sunday School enrollment 838. Three Epworth Leagues, 152 members. Adult, Young People, and Junior W. M. S. number 114 members. Our people take 280 copies of *Arkansas Methodist*. The work of the year has been very pleasant.—W. P. Whaley.

HICKORY PLAINS CIRCUIT.—Hickory Plains charge is composed of six rural churches, Cross Roads, Hickory Plains, and Johnson's Chapel are in Prairie county. Bethlehem, Hebron and Providence are in Lonoke county. It is a nice little compact circuit, in a poor section of the country. Therefore the people are given to hospitality. Great congregations have attended our ministry, and have had some good revivals. Very poor crops and not a full report. Rev. E. R. Steel, our presiding elder, is loved and highly appreciated by the people.—J. C. Johnson.

NASHVILLE.—This has been a good year for Nashville. A new church is now being built and will be completed early next year. The new church is very beautiful from an architectural standpoint and will be modern in every way. There has been some growth along all lines. The financial budget this year was in excess of \$20,000. There is a splendid spirit of loyalty and co-operation and "best of all is God is with us."—J. E. Cooper.

PULASKI HEIGHTS.—A good revival, assisted by the brother pastors of the city, and two visiting pastors. Net gain in membership of 60. Debts paid on parsonage and for other purposes. Sunday School, League, and W. M. S. in a prosperous condition.—W. T. Thompson.

De WITT.—The new \$40,000 brick church is nearing completion. We owe \$16,000. Additions during year on profession of faith 29, by certificate 14. Organized one church with 20 members. Enrollment in Sunday School 188. Epworth League enrollment in two departments 63, in Woman's Society, 115. Pastor's salary in full.—A. B. Barry.

SHERIDAN AND NEW HOPE.—Have had a splendid year. Have held four series of special evangelistic services, resulting in about fifty conversions and reclamations. Net gain in membership thirty-eight. Organized two new Sunday Schools, giving us a Sunday School enrollment of six more than our church membership. Sunday School Day Offering paid in full. Have built two new churches, besides a large Community Building in Sheridan. We report a small deficit on salaries, and only one third of the benevolences, but we report a total of \$10,286 raised for all purposes, almost four times the total amount raised last year.—E. S. Cook.

COLLEGE HILL.—College Hill charge has had a normal growth. 26 additions to the church. Paid on new church and furniture \$4,000. We are thoroughly enjoying worshipping in our new church. Great interest is being shown in all departments of church. Pastor's and Presiding Elder's salary paid in full. We are greatly in need of a new parsonage, but we hope to build next year.—B. F. Roebuck.

ORCHARD VIEW AND HIGHLAND.—The pastor has closed his third year on the world's greatest peach orchard. No more splendid laymen or laywomen can be found. On the entire charge there are three appointments; one of these—an afternoon appointment—has sixty members. These have paid but \$60 on the entire budget. There are forty-eight Methodists on the Peach Orchard who have paid \$3,364. The Sunday School and League spirit is splendid. Highland made 65 per

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ALTHEIMER AND WABBASEKA.—The spiritual condition of the church is not as we would like it, but from the increased interest in the church activities, we are justified in saying that the spiritual condition of the church is better than at the First Quarterly Conference. We have had two revivals on the work. Bro. Wilkes conducting the one at Altheimer, which resulted in a deepening of the spiritual life of the church. Bro. J. C. Williams conducted the meeting at Wabbaseka, which resulted in twelve uniting with the church on profession of faith. We have received eighteen into the church, six by letter, twelve on profession of faith. Dismissed by death and otherwise six, leaving us a net gain of twelve. We have one W. M. S. at Altheimer. This society is one of the very best. It is functioning in all departments, we have twenty-one members, and ten copies of the Missionary Voice are taken. We have a splendid Junior Missionary Society, twenty-six juniors, and eight babies. The Little Christian Worker is in the home of every Junior Missionary. We are in the lead in the Junior work in the Pine Bluff District. Our Sunday School work is much better than at any time this year. Our school at Wabbaseka, with H. E. Jeter as our Supt., is doing good work. At Altheimer, our school is doing a splendid work with H. A. Dick, Supt., and Mrs. R. K. Wilson, directing the twenty minute worship period. Mrs. Wilson is doing a wonderful work. We have planted our eight shade trees in the parsonage yard, and front, planted out two hundred and twenty-five hedge plants and two Cape Jasmine bushes. Built a garage, recovered the parsonage, built ten rods of new fence. We have the Hymn and Psalm table in both churches, put fifty copies of the Methodist Hymnal in each church. And have put electric fans in the church at Altheimer (three ceiling and two buz, the buz fans were given by the masonic lodge.) Finances not in full, but about 12 1/2 per cent over last year in monies raised for all purposes.—Alva C. Rogers.

GURDON.—The loss of our brick church soon after last Conference greatly discouraged our people early in this year. We began building in September and if we had not been disappointed in getting some building material the roof would have been on. We are building a beautiful commodious church with 14 Sunday School rooms. Our people are united and happy in their efforts to get the new church completed at an early date. Gurdon is growing rapidly, 75 or more new homes have been built this year. Our church is stronger and holds first place in the community.—W. W. Nelson.

OKOLONA.—Some in Okolona are the salt of the earth and some are not. We have had three or four bad crop years, and the poorer the crop the less they pay, and the less they pay the poorer the crop. We had forty additions to the church since May the first. We are planning for a great year beginning next day after Conference.—T. O. Rorie.

DUMAS.—With a substantial increase in membership by profession of faith as well as by certificate, and with salaries and benevolences paid in full, Dumas has enjoyed a successful and profitable year. In spite of economic pressure which has been felt most keenly by this section of the state the per capita payment for the entire membership has been little less than \$50. Members more loyal to the church or thoughtful of their pastor cannot be found anywhere. With a new church that would be a credit to a town much larger, and with a spirit that has characterized their work in the past Dumas gives promise of becoming one of the leading churches of this section of the state.—Roy E. Fawcett.

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ROWELL CT.—We held six revivals on our own work resulting in 150 additions to the church, 132 of them on profession of faith. We baptized 32 infants. Organized six Sunday Schools, three Epworth Leagues. There are some fine people on the Rowell Circuit, and with the proper leadership, they will do some big things in the future. There is as fine a group of young people as can be found in the rural field. They are loyal to the church and are willing to follow their leader. No preacher ever served a more loyal and faithful board of stewards than this on the Rowell Charge. While this has been a hard year, due to calamity coming upon the crops, yet our people have responded nobly to the call of the church and in many cases they have made great sacrifices to meet their obligations.—J. Cyclone Williams.

EL DORADO CIRCUIT.—We have six churches and five Sunday Schools. We have had a very pleasant year in many respects. Have had an increase of 24 in membership. We now have under construction a nice parsonage, when completed it will be worth \$7,000. We have some as good loyal people as can be found anywhere. The people have been good to the pastor and his family. It is nice to serve people when they are loyal.—S. B. Mann.

OGDEN CIRCUIT.—Three S. S., 3 appointments on the charge. Two of them doing good work, especially Ogden. At Hecks, we have for Sunday School Supt. and President of League a good faithful Baptist. Two Leagues. Raised in League at Hecks \$15. All told we raised on the work \$1,072. Amount raised in Sunday S. at Ogden \$178, in all \$1,250 in Sunday School. Have completed 2 years faithful work at Ogden. Two of the appointments are weak. In no little church in Arkansas are the people more loyal to their church than the people of Ogden. I began this three years ago when the membership was only 20, now we have 66. They paid three years ago \$50. This year, \$700.—J. A. Hall.

BENTON STATION.—Just closed second year as pastor of this delightful charge. This also makes the conclusion of my 34 years as a member of the Little Rock Conference, and I wish to bear testimony to the fact that it has been the most gracious year of my ministry. During these two years more than two hundred have been added to the church, the debt on church has been reduced from \$16,000 to less than \$3,000 and the church in every department has moved steadily forward. An outstanding feature is the fact that each month, both last year and this year a hundred per cent plus settlement was taken on the entire budget of the church. This is truly a most delightful charge.—Frances N. Brewer.

HATFIELD CIRCUIT.—I have supplied the charge since the middle of September as the pastor. D. T. Lowe was released to attend to his duties. We have 5 congregations, 3 churches and membership of 311. Have 3 good S. S. with a membership which exceeds church membership. The charge takes 5 General Organs and 16 Conference Organs. Salaries a little short, collections about 20 per cent paid. \$196 total raised.—L. A. Alkre.

STEPHENS.—STEPHENS is a town composed of a fine citizenship. It has been for many years a good substantial town. The first oil discovered in Arkansas was near the town of Stephens. All the oil interest of the discovery was sold to the Standard Oil Company. That company and other oil companies have begun to develop the field. There are now about 150 producing wells around Stephens. The low price of oil has checked the production for the present, but the oil men look to Stephens as one of the coming oil fields. There is no reason why Stephens should not be developed into a splendid charge in every way. I think it is a town of fine possibilities.—F. P. Doak.

LAKE VILLAGE.—This charge has had the greatest year in the history of our Methodism in that good little city. The present pastor has just closed the second year of his administration. During these years the membership of the church has increased one hundred and fifty per cent. The Sunday School has increased in enrollment and attendance 100 per cent. The W. M. S. has developed its work to a fine point of efficiency. All departments of our work are organized. Three missionary societies are supported. There is a marked increase in the finances for the year. Everything is paid in full.—J. W. Rogers.

EMMITT.—We have had a pleasant year, with some advancement. Finances some in advance of last year. A loss of a few in membership. Several of our very old people have died. The salary is in full. There is a deficit on the Conference claims. We have some of the best people to serve in the Conference.—W. W. Christie.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.—Additions to church, 379; total church membership 1,341; total Sunday School enrollment 1,708; pastoral calls made 5,209; value of church property \$185,000; total paid on Centenary \$56,000; total paid on Education \$27,000; raised by W. M. S. \$8,425; total money raised for all purposes \$76,600. The year has been characterized by harmony, progress, cooperation and a beautiful love.—P. C. Fletcher.

TRASKWOOD.—We have had a very good year at Traskwood. We held five revivals with twenty-five conversions, fourteen additions to the church. S. Schools adopting the "C" program of work have advanced from a 10 per cent school to a 70 per cent Sunday school. We have also built a nice parsonage at Traskwood, which will mean much to the circuit. The gen-

eral state of the church is good. A spirit of love and good feeling prevails over the whole charge.—R. C. Walsh.

ASBURY CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK.—There have been 75 accessions during the year. On profession of faith 18. By certificate 57. All our financial obligations have been paid in full. There has been a remarkable increase in every department over last year. The Sunday School has enjoyed a remarkable increase in all departments. Last year there were enrolled in all departments 651. This year the enrollment is 713. Number of officers and teachers reported last year 45. Number reported this year 51. Number of Wesley classes reported last year 3. Number reported this year 8. The activities of the Woman's Missionary society deserve a prominent place in this report. We have three missionary societies. Number reported last year 1. Number of members this year 127. Number reported last year 87. Total amount raised last year \$1,284.11. Amount raised last year \$1,080. The Epworth League is a representative force in our church life. Their devotional services have been of the highest type. The Epworth League has beautifully interpreted Jesus Christ to the young people. God has been good to us in all our endeavors. To him we give all the praise and glory.—Walter Scott.

EAGLE MILL.—The pastor was very kindly received upon his arrival on the work. Tokens of appreciation from the people to pastor and family from time to time have proven their appreciation of their pastor and their willingness to help in the work of the Kingdom. One of the greatest things of the year work is the community revival led by the Cleveland Culpepper Party. Resulted in 139 conversions and 117 for church membership. They are fine workers. We are glad to say that Eagle Mills charge has the best report for annual Conference yet rendered.—Geo. W. W. Warren.

HUTTIG.—Through the beautiful loyalty of the membership and official board Huttig made a record-breaking year. Perhaps she was first in Arkansas to pay the Conference Collections and first to meet her District obligations. Her membership is small, but almost doubled this year. A good revival was held. The inter-ests of the Missionary Society, Epworth Leagues and Sunday School were largely advanced. She paid out this year for all purposes about \$2,700.—J. B. Sims.

HOT SPRINGS CT.—We have four Epworth Leagues, three Senior and one Junior with a membership of one hundred and four. We have within the charge four Sunday Schools with an enrollment of three hundred and thirty-one. Use graded literature throughout all of the schools. All have the late program of work, three using "C" type, one "B" type. The checking movement found that we have two progressive schools under the "C" type, and nearly sixty per cent on a "B" type. Paid all on S. S. Day offering. We have one W. M. S. with three divisions all doing good work.—L. T. Rogers.

PRESCOTT CIRCUIT.—The circuit has had a prosperous year in many respects. 52 have been added to the church, 20 infants have been baptized. One new church is being built at a cost of \$2,000. One Epworth League has been organized with 65 members, one W. M. S. organized with 8 members. The Sunday Schools have gone forward, all adopting the program of work, and many seals have been placed on the same. The pastor and four teachers took credit in the Standard Training School at Hope. The Conference collections are one hundred percent above any previous year. Pastor and Presiding Elder were paid more than last year. Fifteen new subscribers to the Epworth Era and several to the Methodist have been secured.—W. F. Campbell.

HOPE.—Members received on profession 48. Total members received 115. Net gain in membership 67. Present total membership 770. Total enrollment in Sunday School 704. Amount raised by Sunday School \$1,348. Epworth League members 84. Raised by League \$133. W. M. S. of 94 members raised \$3,143. Church debt reduced from \$10,000 to \$8,000. Assessments raised in full. Collected on Centenary pledges \$1,231. Collected on Educational pledges \$1,875. Total amount raised for all purposes \$17,878.—W. C. Davidson.

SPARKMAN & SARDS.—We have paid \$250 on parsonage, \$71 on church and parsonage insurance. Total amount raised by W. M. S. \$290. Total raised by Epworth League \$42. Total raised by S. S. \$397. Salary paid in full \$1,000. Conference claims \$660 all paid in full. \$25 on District Parsonage. Received 32 additions on Arkansas Methodist during the year. Paid on Centenary \$310.50. Paid on Christian Education \$417. To Orphanage \$15.70. Paid on Incidentals and other objects \$119.40. Paid out for revivals and gifts during meeting \$314. Paid on Captain Martin day \$5.50. Grand total for the year \$3,852. Good revivals at both churches and I think I am safe to say for laymen and pastor we have grown in grace of the Master. I am proud to say as pastor that these people never fail to do what church and pastor have wished for them to do. This has been a great year in every way.—H. A. P. Ault.

CARLISLE STATION.—Improvement is plainly visible in all departments of our church. Congregations have been splendid throughout the year. The Sunday School has had fine attendance even during hot summer months. The finances of the church rounded out splendidly in the face of short crops. Missionary Societies are the best I have ever had the pleasure to work with. Three Leagues

are running regularly and are doing fine work. All departments of the church are well organized. The new Board of Stewards has organized and is ready for the work of the new year. Everything is ready—organized—on the track and ready to go when the word is said. Finances slightly in advance of last year.—H. M. Holland.

HUNTER MEMORIAL, LITTLE ROCK.—87 new members, net gain of 72, and 25 on profession of faith, and 62 by certificate. We have organized Junior and Intermediate Departments in Sunday School, put in graded literature in all but adult departments, organized two Wesley Bible classes, a Young Ladies Bible class of twenty members, 20 credits taken in Sunday School work, one diploma has been received, a training class was taught with eleven teachers attending, increase of 80 in S. S.; 30 pupils have joined the church. We received three seals on B. type program. We have three flourishing Leagues the Intermediate was organized in February with 11 and has 34 now, 30 are members of church, 2 life service volunteers; an adequate program of recreational life has been given. The young people of the church are very active in League, Sunday School and all forms of church work.—L. A. Smith.

LEWISVILLE AND BRADLEY.—Our present total membership is five hundred and seventy-eight. We have had a good meeting at each appointment, thirty nine adults and sixteen infants have been baptized. Fifty-eight have joined the church this year. We have two Epworth Leagues, with a good membership. We have six Sunday Schools with a total enrollment of seven hundred and twenty-nine, two Home Departments, one at Lewisville the other at Bradley. Forty-five persons have joined the church from the Sunday School this year. The Sunday Schools have raised eight hundred and eighty-two dollars for all purposes this year. We have two fine women's Missionary Societies, one at Lewisville and the other at Bradley. The time is near when there will be two pastoral charges instead of one here. Bradley is planning to go out for herself and that will mean two fine charges, the one Lewisville the other Bradley. The work as it now stands is a little heavy but very pleasant.—R. R. Moore.

GRADY AND DOUGLAS.—The charge as such, has made some advancement. A good church building has been erected at Gould at a cost of \$1,500 and the membership of this same church has been doubled this year. Two good meetings have been held, one at Grady and the other at Gould with good results; Evangelist W. Hardy Neal doing the preaching. We have had a net gain in membership of fifty-five. A Senior and a Junior League have been organized at Grady; and a missionary society has been organized at Douglas with a membership now of eighteen members.—M. K. Rogers.

HUMPHREY AND SUNSHINE.—We have made some progress during the year. The two Sunday schools grade progressive. At Humphrey we had both Senior and Junior Leagues. The Woman's Missionary Society is second to none of its membership. Eighteen members have been built and paid for a beautiful little Sunday school chapel 19x36, three rooms with folding doors so all rooms can be thrown into one. They did some work on the parsonage also. Pastor's and presiding elder's salary in full. Conference claims short, but total finances considerably in excess of any previous year.—J. E. Waddell.

LOCKESBURG.—Lockesburg is both a station and a circuit. Full time is given to the town and the pastor preaches to four rural churches, one each Sunday afternoon. This year there were 90 accessions. Pastor's salary paid in full and 62 per cent on claims, a little above the average for the Conference.—J. H. Glass.

SMACKOVER.—Smackover was one long nightmare, but still the end of it found me refreshed and the same as I always was. The majority of the members fought the church which precluded any constructive work. The new comers (with a small amount from the members) paid \$3100 to the support of the ministry. We left, gladly, a small working membership, many of whom were new comers.—T. O. Rorie, Jr.

WASHINGTON-OZAN.—This is a part of one of the oldest charges in the Little Rock Conference. Washington is said to be the fourth oldest town in the state. Methodism has had a congregation here as long as any other denomination. The present building has been standing for more than 50 years. We have some very fine and faithful people here. They love the church and stand by their pastor nobly. But the charge is small in numbers and not so strong financially due to several causes. One is the small number of people; the other is caused by four successive crop failures. Nevertheless we have made some progress during the year.

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to the support of the church last year and the annual general claims is of last year. Our new building has been completed and we are now building a Sunday School building at Washington. Our Sunday School work has grown by this year and we are doing larger things for another year. J. R. Riddling.

ENTY - EIGHTH ST., LITTLE ROCK.—Twenty-eighth Street in Little Rock has had a good year. Additions to the church were not many, yet we had a net increase of seven. Our Sunday School has helped in the face of some embarrassing hindrances. The Epworth League has some good friends that have kept it alive and it gives promise of better and more fruitful service in the future. The Woman's Missionary Society has but few members but they are faithful and true and have done well the past year. The salaries of presiding elder and pastor were paid in full, but the Conference claims fell to about a sixty per cent level.—W. R. Harrison.

PINE BLUFF CIRCUIT.—We have six congregations of 461 members, five Sunday schools of 522 members, five Leagues with more than 200 members. Some of these schools and Leagues have reached a high degree of efficiency. Our finances are in advance of last year. We have had about 150 conversions and nearly 10 accessions and some of our churches are prepared to do much greater things. We predict a splendid growth for some of these churches.—J. J. Mellard.

WALDO.—This is Waldo's first year as a station. This year's financial record nearly doubled last year's record. A movement is on for a new \$30,000 church, and it will be a reality soon. The W. M. Society made a unique record this year. It recently put \$300 worth of permanent furnishings in the parsonage. Few communities have greater religious possibilities than Waldo.—R. P. James.

AUSTIN CIRCUIT.—We have had a very fine year in this part of Little Rock Conference Methodism. Seventeen souls have come into the church on profession of faith, and two by certificate. The Sunday Schools are more efficiently organized than at the beginning of the year. The Epworth Leagues are doing much to strengthen the source of our supply. Financial conditions have been the cause of a small deficit in the budget, but God's people here have been hopeful and faithful. They have been ready to be used in the vineyard of the Lord and to do a nobler work in the year just dawning.—A. J. Christie, the, P. C.

De QUEEN.—We have had a very happy year at De Queen. We have a membership of 570 as good people as you will find anywhere. Have received 30 new members this year, P. C's and P. E's, salary in full and 75 per cent of claims paid. Raised for all purposes \$5,825. We have a good League with 35 members and Missionary Society with 63 members and both functioning. Church building valued at \$17,800. De Queen is a growing town of 3,000 population.—S. K. Burnett.

DERMOTT.—56 additions, thirty-one on profession of faith, 25 by certificate. Two splendid Leagues, great W. M. S. Plans being drawn for a new Church building to cost \$25,000.—E. C. Rule.

MONTROSE.—We have had good success on the Montrose charge during the year just past. Good congregations, and we have received nineteen members into the church. Our Sunday School has increased considerably in attendance and has made three forward steps and is in a flourishing condition.—R. A. McClintock.

THORNTON.—Thornton charge has four appointments, three out in the country. The Sunday School work is in fine condition with a splendid corps of officials. A splendid choir of young people help to make every service inspirational. A field of great opportunity for service is here, and a band of faithful people will be found by the new pastor.—G. N. Cannon.

WESSON CIRCUIT.—Taken as a whole Wesson Circuit need not blush at her record for the year just closed. Perfect harmony has prevailed in the church and its work in all departments. We report a net loss of 32 members. We have an increase of 128 in Sunday School, bringing the enrollment up to about equal to the church membership. The Sunday Schools have raised more than twice as much money as they did last year. The salary was not quite in full, but benevolent assessments report an increase of about 65 per cent over last year's receipts. Including Sunday School pledges we have raised \$186 on Centenary pledge. We do not know a more loyal and liberal people than Wesson Circuit.—J. M. Cannon.

OAK HILL CIRCUIT.—One of the most important things done this year was the overthrow of the liquor traffic in our community. The pastor has the following statement from Mr. Thad W. Rowden, federal prohibition director: "There have been approximately 25 stills seized, averaging 80 gallon capacity, and ranging from ten gallon to 400 gallon stills. 22,500 gallons of mash were destroyed, and 500 gallons of whiskey. Fifty men were convicted for violation of the National Prohibition Act. We feel that you have been very instrumental in this clean-up in Saline County, and we appreciate very much the cooperation which you have given us in the past, and we feel sure that you will continue to render us all the assistance in your power." This statement does not include the men convicted and whiskey and mash destroyed by county officers. Conditions on the charge have greatly improved.—J. B. Hoover.

WATSON-KELSO.—This charge is composed of two preaching appointments in the northern part of Desha County in a very rich cotton country composed of large plantations. The church has a splendid support of the people in the community, loyal to the church as they consider loyalty to all the work of the church. During the past year the church has made progress along the lines of church activities. Has two Sunday Schools doing splendid work. One Epworth League doing splendid devotional work, and a young people's Prayer Meeting well organized and doing splendid work.—J. D. Dunn.

HENDERSON, LITTLE ROCK.—Sixteen accessions by certificate. Eight by vows. Removals by death and otherwise thirteen. Present membership 169. Six adults and one infant baptized. Total amount raised by S. School \$267.96, Missionary Society \$239.50, P. E's and pastor's salaries paid in full, \$1,130. Conference Claims paid in full, \$348. Total amount raised during year \$2,081.08. Raised by Epworth League \$226.60. Church and parsonage out of debt and insured, and members and pastor jubilant over success, and condition of church spiritually. Slogan—Forward.—John P. Lowry.

CAMDEN STATION.—Large increase in Sunday School and Leagues. Our church is very much alive, our services are spiritual and are attended by large congregations. We report a net gain in membership. Every assessment made against the Church paid in full. Our total financial report is \$17,760.30. The largest perhaps ever made by this great church. The Lord has been with us.—F. P. Harrell.

DALARK CIRCUIT.—We have not done all the work that we would like to have done on the Dalark Circuit this year, but still we feel that the work is in better spiritual condition than at this time last year. There has been no increase in the total membership this year because of the loss of members who have moved away and those who have died. The Methodist population of our section has been migrating this year. Though there were more than twenty conversions the circuit has lost many of its most capable workers. But those Methodists who remain are a loyal group and have merited praise because they have so heartily given themselves to the work. There are none more faithful. They have cared for their pastor and comforted him much. There were three Epworth Leagues organized this year with the aid of the young people of Arkadelphia and of Henderson-Brown College. Two of these Leagues were senior, and one junior. The students of Henderson-Brown have been of great service to the Dalark Circuit this year as have also the splendid laymen of Arkadelphia. We have worked hard this year and have enjoyed our work and loved our people.—C. D. Cade.

HAMPTON.—The Hampton Charge has had a most delightful year. Better than any previous year in many respects. There were 210 conversions, 116 accessions, to the church. This is the greatest ingathering the charge has ever had in one year. Have three wide-awake Sunday Schools. The schools raised over \$300 for all purposes. Have two Epworth Leagues. The charge has an upward look. Expects to do more next year than it did this.—H. R. Nabors.

DIKES.—A splendid little city in the middle western portion of Howard County and on the De Queen Eastern R. R. The town is a very interesting point of over 2,000 in habitants. The Methodists have a splendid church and parsonage and the only resident pastor among the denominations represented there. They believe in taking care of their preacher. For the past two years, while not paying everything in full they have overpaid the pastor's salary. The different organizations of the church are doing well.—J. L. Leonard.

BUCKNER.—We have a new charge at Buckner, which was very much organized at the beginning of the Conference year. Have received eight into the church. Each congregation, as a whole, has been revived spiritually. Pastor and presiding elder were paid in full, and over \$1,800.00 collected on the charge for all claims. Have laid plans, which if carried out in the coming year, will, we believe, result in a more successful year's work.—W. O. Tisdale.

BLEVINS.—The past year has been in many respects the very best in our history. All departments of our work have been greatly strengthened. There were 52 additions to our churches. The Sunday School enrollment was considerably above that of our churches. Blevins Sunday School is a progressive "B" school. The Epworth League is intending again to make a gold seal. This is indeed one of our best little charges.—Jesse Galloway.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON BUDGET.

We, your commission on budget, submit the following report:

The amount of the assessment made by the General Conference apportioned to this conference is \$49,317.57. The percentage of this sum handed down by the General Conference allotted to each of the sixteen interests for which the General Conference made assessments, is as follows:

	Per Cent	Amount
Foreign Missions	29.11	\$14,356.34
Home Missions	11.33	5,877.68
Church Extension	09.25	4,561.88
Education	05.40	2,663.15
Theological Schs.	03.85	1,898.73
Negro Work	02.89	1,425.28
Superann. Fund	09.64	4,754.21
Ep. League	02.27	1,119.51
S. Schools	09.54	4,704.90
Bishop's Fund	08.48	4,182.13
Am. Bible Society	02.46	1,213.21
Gen. Conf. Exp.	02.65	1,306.92
Temp. and Social	00.58	286.04
Asbury Memorial	00.19	93.70
Lay Activities	01.78	877.85
Hospitals	00.58	286.04

The total amount of the assessments made by the Annual Conference for all interests for which assessments are made is \$75,663.00. The percentage of this fund allotted each of the several interests for which the Annual Conference has made assessments, is as follows:

Church Extension	06.03	4,563.15
Education	23.66	17,900.00
Conf. Missions	11.90	9,000.00
S. Schools	09.57	8,000.00
Ark. Methodist	02.64	2,000.00
Conf. Claimants	30.66	23,200.00
Conf. Exp. Funds	01.32	1,000.00
Lay Activities	04.63	3,500.00
Orphanage	00.61	5,000.00
Ep. League	01.98	1,500.00

Total \$75,663.00
The total General Conference assessments added to the total of the Annual Conference assessments gives a combined total assessment of \$124,980.57, which is apportioned to the several districts as follows:

Arkadelphia District	\$16,094.25
Camden District	16,230.75
Little Rock District	25,736.15
Monticello District	17,247.55
Pine Bluff District	17,549.25
Prescott District	14,933.45
Texarkana District	17,189.07

Total \$124,980.57
The percentage of the combined total assessments for the General and Annual Conference claims respectively are as follows:

Gen. Conf. Assess.	3946	\$49,317.57
Am. Conf. Assess.	6054	75,663.00

The following table shows what per cent the assessments made for each cause is of the combined total assessments:

Foreign Missions	1149	\$14,356.34
Home Missions	0447	5,877.68
Church Extension	0365	4,561.88
Education	0213	2,663.15
Theological School	0152	1,898.73
Negro Work	0114	1,425.28
Superannate Fund	0038	4,754.21
Epworth Leagues	0009	1,119.51
Sunday Schools	00376	4,704.90
Bishop's Fund	00335	4,182.13
American Bible Society	00097	1,213.21
General Conf. Expenses	0105	1,306.92
Hospitals	0023	286.04
Temperance and Social Ser.	0023	286.04
Vice Memorial	0007	93.70
Asbury Memorial	0007	93.70
Lay Activities	007	877.85

Total \$49,317.57

Assessments by the Annual Conf.
Ratio Amt.
Church Extension 0365 \$ 4,563.00
Education 2366 17,900.00
Conference Missions 072 9,000.00
Sunday Schools 064 8,000.00
Epworth Leagues 012 1,000.00
Arkansas Methodist 016 2,000.00
Conference Claimants 3066 23,200.00
Conference Expense Funds 008 1,000.00
Orphanage 01 5,000.00
Lay Activities 028 3,500.00
Total \$75,663.00
Grand Total \$124,980.57
For the information of all interested, there will hereafter be required that any cause making an asking of this Commission must furnish a written statement showing the amount that was received the preceding year and showing how it was disbursed, and must also name the amount needed for the ensuing year and furnish an itemized statement showing how it is intended to be disbursed.—J. D. Hammons, Chairman, W. R. Boney, Secretary.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Amount assessed	\$124,980.57
Amount paid	76,271.42
Which is .60 per cent plus of Assessment.	
Arkadelphia District	\$ 9,228.87
Camden District	11,448.43
Little Rock District	18,108.76
Monticello District	9,439.00
Pine Bluff District	9,536.71
Prescott District	8,329.25
Texarkana District	10,180.40

Year's Increase	\$76,271.42
Disbursements for the Year 1923.	\$10,322.31
Assessed	\$124,980.57
Collected at Conf.	61,931.62
Balance collected during year in excess of \$12,000 distributed	2,329.80
Gen. Conf., 3946 per cent of \$64,271.42	\$25,361.50
Annual Conf., 6054 per cent of \$64,271.42	39,909.92

Disbursed during year	\$64,271.42
Collected 60 per cent plus of Assessment.	\$76,271.42
General Conference Claims.	
3946 per cent of \$76,271.42	\$30,096.70
Paid	Per cent
Foreign Missions	1149 \$8,763.37
Home Missions	0447 5,877.68
Church Extension	0365 4,561.88

Education	0213	1,624.58
Theological Sch.	0152	1,159.33
Negro Work	0114	869.50
Superann. Fund	0038	2,898.31
Ep. League	0009	686.44
Sunday Schools	00376	2,867.80
Bishops Fund	00335	2,555.09
Am. Bible Society	00097	739.83
Gen. Conf. Exp.	0105	800.85
Hospitals	0023	175.45
Temp. & Social	0023	175.45
Asbury Memorial	0007	53.39
Lay Activities	007	533.88

Total \$30,096.70

Annual Conference Claims.	
.0654 per cent of \$76,271.42	\$46,174.72
Church Extension	0365 \$ 2,783.90
Education	1432 10,922.07
Conf. Missions	072 5,491.54
S. Schools	064 4,881.37
Ep. League	012 915.25
Ark. Methodist	016 1,220.37
Conf. Claimants	1857 14,163.60
Conf. Exp.	008 610.17
Orphanage	01 3,050.85
Lay Activities	028 2,135.60

—C. E. Hayes, Treas. \$46,174.72

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

During the year your Sunday School Board has supported one full time worker and three half time workers. The services of Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Fowler and our office secretary being divided equally with the North Arkansas Conference. In addition to these employed workers great service has been rendered by the officers, group leaders and approved representatives of the Conference Board in the several Districts of the Conference.

Our work for the year may be classified as follows:

1. Campaign for the Orphanage.
2. District Organization meetings.
3. Campaign for Evangelism in the Sunday School.
4. Campaign for Centenary Collections in the Sunday School.
5. Sunday-School-Day Campaign.
6. District Institutes.
7. Rural Sunday School Campaign.
8. Standard Training School.
9. Non-Standard Training School.
10. Promotion of Elementary Standards.
11. Annual Check-Up Campaign.

In cooperation with the North Arkansas Conference \$2,500.00 was raised through Christmas offerings in the Sunday School for our Methodist Orphanage.

Through the diligent leadership of our seven wide-awake Sunday School presiding elders and by means of the aid of the funds set aside for financing their work, each District now has a well functioning District Sunday School organization. We cannot speak too highly of the splendid service rendered by these volunteer workers.

The carefully thought-out program for evangelism in the Sunday School given us by the General Sunday School Board, was put on in eighty-nine Sunday Schools and one thousand nine hundred and ninety Sunday School pupils joined the church on Easter Sunday.

Your Sunday School Board complied with the request of the Bishops and joined the other agencies of the church in a special Campaign in behalf of the Centenary, early in the Spring. Several thousand dollars past due on Sunday School Centenary pledges were collected, and re-awakened interest in missionary education created.

Our Sunday School day offering will total about \$5,500. Three thousand of which has been turned back to the District organizations. This is about one thousand dollars more

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We have held nine Standard Training Schools and twenty-five Non-Standard Training Schools during the year.

Under the wise leadership of Mrs. F. T. Fowler our Conference has made large gains in promotion of the Elementary Standard.

Our Mr. F. T. Fowler has done the same type of constructive work that has characterized his efforts in the past.

Annual Check Up Campaign.

It is with great joy that we come to speak of the Check-up Campaign, October 14-28. The purpose of the Campaign was to reach that part of your year's program which was "A visit to each Sunday School in the District by a District or Conference officer, and the placing, interpreting and checking up of the Program of work in each school so visited. For eight years we have been diligently seeking to develop a trained leadership among the preachers and out-standing laymen of our Conference, believing that when we called upon them for service they would not fail us. The Check-Up Campaign justified our faith; 85 picked men and women were called upon to do this work; 84 responded graciously. The facts secured in this Campaign have been carefully tabulated and are before you as a part of our Conference exhibit. We call your attention to a few outstanding facts:

Number of schools reporting 373.
Number of charts placed in this campaign "C" type 145, "B" 50, total 332.

Total "Ranking Schools," Progressive 37, Advanced 5, Standard 2, total 44.

Total seals awarded in Campaign 1,065.

Total number "Key Women" 247.
Schools using graded literature 199.
of Campaign 101.

Schools observing Decision Day 89.
Wesley Classes organized as result of Campaign 153.

Schools reporting Sunday School Day offering 317.

As a result of this Campaign Mr. W. W. Brabham of the General Board writes us that the Little Rock Conference has placed and checked more charts, awarded more seals and

has more Sunday Schools recognized as either Progressive, Advanced or Standard Rank than any other Conference in the entire Church. As an agency for a general awakening of interest throughout our Conference in Standardized Sunday School work this Campaign has been beyond any doubt the biggest thing we have ever attempted. In two weeks we really accomplished as much work as one worker on full time could have done in two years and the cost will not exceed \$200. We shall recommend that this be made a permanent feature of our work. In other years our statistics have given us only the things that have been done. We now have the record of what has not been done. For example, we know the names and numbers of the schools that had no additions to the church; the schools not using graded literature, the schools having no missionary offerings, etc. This information will be of untold value to us in planning our work for another year.

General Summary of Work Done.
Number of Standard Training Schools held 9.

Number of Non-Standard Schools held 25.

Total Schools held 34.

Classes taught in Standard Schools 59.

Classes taught in Non-Standard Schools 26.

Total number of classes conducted 85.

Number of class sessions held (one hour each) 850.

Conference School for Leaders 1.
Conference Institute for Elementary Supts. 1.

District Institutes General 12.
District Institutes Elementary 8.

District Officers meetings, 14.
District Group meetings (R. U. Campaign) 7.

City Elementary Institutes 1.
Conference with Elementary worker (Mrs. F. T. F.) 25.

Rural Institutes 98.
Schools visited by Mr. F. T. Fowler 92.

Schools visited by District Officers and Lay Leaders 373.

Schools visited by Clem Baker 50.

Total visits to Schools by Conference and District.

Workers 518.

Total Schools checked 373.

Total charts placed 227.

We have re-elected Rev. Clem Baker Conference Superintendent of Sunday Schools and respectively ask that he be appointed to this office.

We have elected Rev. D. H. Colquette Superintendent of the Department of Sunday School supplies and ask that he be appointed to this position. We have elected J. M. Workman, F. G. Roebuck, and Clem Baker as a committee of three to cooperate with the Board of Education in working out a cooperative program of religious education in our Conference. We have appointed C. E. Hayes, P. C. Fletcher, and Clem Baker as a committee to cooperate with the Board of Church Extension in the promotion of church buildings. We have appointed C. M. Reves and Clem Baker members of the Board of Managers of the Hendrix Summer School for Ministers. We have asked the Commission on Budget to continue our present assessment for the promotion of our work for another year. We have pledged ourselves to a campaign for securing Christmas offerings for the Orphanage; a three months' campaign of evangelism according to the General Board's plan; the cooperation with the General Board in all plans suggested by it for Conference work; and the diligent prosecution of all other duties assigned to our Board. We have elected Mrs. F. T. Fowler Conference Elementary Superintendent.

We have appropriated \$500 to the Arkansas Methodist.

We recommend:

1. That this Conference authorize the Annual Conference Sunday School Board to employ Mr. F. T. Fowler on full time as Conference Missionary Superintendent of Rural Sunday School Work, with permission to finance his work through monthly missionary offerings from the Sun-

day Schools directed by the Workers' Council to this purpose.

2. That the editor of the Conference Minutes be instructed to publish the list of Sunday Schools, superintendents, and their addresses in the Journal of this Conference session.—C. E. Hayes, Chairman, P. C. Fletcher, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 1, BOARD OF EDUCATION.

We, the Board of Education of the Little Rock Annual Conference, have before us for our consideration, reports from each of the three colleges, Hendrix, Galloway and Henderson-Brown.

HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE:

We note with pleasure that the work of Henderson-Brown College has been the best in its history. There has been a rapid increase in the enrollment of regular College students. At Henderson-Brown College we have a student body of 316. A large number of young men and women have consecrated their lives for definite Christian service. A splendid moral and religious spirit pervades the institution.

We endorse the program set forth in the meeting of guests and friends last October, to secure a \$300,000 endowment. We pledge our hearty support in helping to realize this great undertaking.

We recommend the endorsement of Rev. J. J. Galloway as executive secretary of Henderson-Brown College.

We also recommend that H. C. Couch, Rev. R. W. McKay, and R. W. Huie Jr. be elected trustees, to succeed themselves.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY:

Dr. C. C. Selecman, President of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, Texas, gave his report concerning the activities of the institution. The University has shown a remarkable increase in the enrollment of students. A constructive type of work is being done in the Theological Department. We recommend that Rev. J. L. Cannon succeed himself as trustee.

HENDRIX COLLEGE:

Hendrix has enjoyed the best year of her history. We now have 342 students in the College and 75 in the Academy, making a total of 417. Among these there are 40 ministerial and 12 Life Service students, making a total of 52. Hendrix College conferred the A. B. Degree upon forty seniors last June.

Last winter the Alumni of the college decided to raise funds sufficient to build a gymnasium and a stadium. While they have not completed the campaign, they have built the stadium and are now raising the balance necessary for the gymnasium.

The college has an endowment of \$550,000, including the contribution of the General Board of Education. The college has another contract with the General Education Board for \$450,000, all to go to endowment. The General Board of Education will provide \$150,000 of this sum. This contract will lapse next March if the college fails to cover in subscriptions the \$300,000. We endorse this

movement and pledge ourselves to our cooperation in securing the additional endowment.

We recommend that the day Program be continued until the necessary funds are secured.

We recommend that C. M. Reves of Little Rock succeed as Trustee.

SUMMER SCHOOL FOR TEACHERS:

We recommend that the Board of Managers be composed of the President of the college and two representatives from each of the following Boards of the two Annual Conferences in Arkansas: Education, Sunday School, Missions, and Lay Activities.

We recommend that Dr. Stonewall Anderson and Rev. W. C. Scott be elected to membership on the Board of Managers.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE:

At Galloway College we have a student body of 277. There are at present 173 girls in college work; 82 in Academy work, and 20 doing work in the Special Departments. The college has a Library consisting of a little more than 5,600 volumes.

The physical property at Galloway college is in good condition, and has a valuation ranging between \$380,000 and \$405,000.

We commend the work of the Alumnae Galloway in their plans to raise a Building and Endowment fund of \$100,000. This sum is to take care of the development of the home life of your girls.

We endorse the plans of the Board which has launched an endowment Program to secure \$500,000 and we ask that the Conference give the Board its cooperation.

We recommend the endorsement of Rev. H. H. Griffin as commissioner of Galloway College.

We also recommend Rev. C. M. Reves as trustee to succeed Rev. H. B. Trimble.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL SECRETARY:

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, our General Secretary brought to us the educational situation in our church. We were more than convinced that religious education is an essential element in our civilization. This fact places before the church unlimited opportunities for service. We therefore recommend the following:

1. That the undergraduate preachers begin their Conference courses of study not later than four weeks after the adjournment of the Annual Conference. And in order that all may be able to do this, the Board of Education will loan to any undergraduate, needing such loan, an amount sufficient to pay the fees of the Conference courses of study—PROVIDED—that the charge which he serves fails to pay him less than \$800.

We are glad to report that our Publishing House will credit all undergraduate preachers, and therefore we urge an immediate purchase of the books for the Conference courses of study.

2. We endorse the findings of the Conference on Religious Education held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 17-19, 1923. The reports of this Con-

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ce are as follows:

(a) "We believe that the moral and religious are equally as important elements of human nature as the physical and the intellectual, and therefore the State should openly and positively recognize the necessity for a thorough moral and religious training and should cooperate in securing such training as far as the constitution and the laws of the several States of the nation will permit.

(b) "We believe that the State should furnish moral instruction in every grade of public school work from the primary grades to the university.

(c) "We believe that adequate religious instruction should be provided in every community by the Churches acting harmoniously to meet the community needs, and that the State authorities should cooperate in every proper way to secure the attendance of public school children upon such private courses of religious instruction.

(d) "We believe that even greater emphasis should be placed upon the dignity and responsibility of the teaching profession, and that State, Church, and private normal schools, colleges, and universities should stress even more strongly the moral and religious elements necessary in the character development of those who are to teach by example as well as by precept the young life of the nation.

(e) "We believe that the Church should provide adequate buildings for devotional and social purposes in close proximity to higher institutions of learning, both of the State and of the Church, and that pastors should be selected for such Churches as are able to reach effectually the student body of these higher institutions. This work is of such vital, far-reaching importance that the church boards of education and of missions should carefully investigate the facts in connection with all such schools and, wherever it is necessary, make appropriation sufficient to supplement the local Church agencies.

(f) "We believe that optional courses in religious education should be furnished in all higher institutions of learning, both of Church and of State, and that special emphasis should be placed at the present time upon the preparation of an adequate number of men and women to devote themselves to the work of religious education, and we believe that a peculiar responsibility rests upon the Church to train such workers in its own institutions.

(g) "We believe that this work is so vital to the national welfare that there should be hearty, effective co-operation between the various denominational agencies, local and general, and between the denominational and State agencies, local, State, and national, with the one great purpose that there shall be universal moral and religious training throughout the United States."

OTHER RECOMMENDATIONS:

We recommend Rev. R. W. McKay as a representative of this Board to attend the session of the Methodist Educational Association for the current year.

We recommend to the General Board of Education that they appropriate \$1,000 for a student pastor at the University of Arkansas.

We recommend Rev. R. C. Morehead as our Conference Secretary-treasurer of Education.

We recommend that the Conference assessments for the ensuing year be as follows:

Henderson-Brown College\$ 5,000
Galloway College 5,000
Hendrix College 5,000
Summer School For Ministers 1,000

Ministerial Education 1,200
Incidental Expenses of the Board 200
For Student Pastor at State Normal 500
Total \$17,900
We recommend that Rev. J. L. Cannon, Rev. R. W. McKay, Rev. W. C. Scott be elected from the Board of Education to cooperate with the committee from the Sunday School Board in all things of common interest to the two Boards.—Stonewall Anderson, Chairman, Walter Scott, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF THE CONFERENCE BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Moneys Received—
E. D. Irving, treasurer\$1,871.60
C. E. Hays, Conf. Treas. 9,571.00
Total\$11,442.60

Moneys Paid Out—
Hendrix College\$1,840.00
Hendrix College Summer School 710.00
Galloway College 2,840.00
Henderson-Brown College .. 2,840.00
Loaned to Emmet McKay .. 50.00
Loaned to Joe D. Wilson .. 50.00
Loaned to McElrea 250.00
Paid to S. M. U. tuition \$4.00
Loaned to Joe V. Wilson 100.00
Loaned to Emmet McKay .. 100.00
Membership fee, W. E. Hogan 6.00
Total\$11,200.27
—R. W. McKay, Treas.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We, your Board of Missions, submit the following report:

In view of conditions at home and abroad, Christian people should be concerned about properly relating themselves to questions fundamental. No civilized nation on earth today is unimpaired save only the United States of America. Our man-power is unhurt, our temporal holdings are growing year by year, and if we are able to be the Good Samaritan to a distressed world, we must look well into our own spiritual condition. We must go forward with the assurance that victory is ours, if we will with courage in the spirit of service in the name of our Christ do our full duty.

We urge upon our pastors and officials the duty of leading our people to feel the obligation of paying 100 per cent of the budget plus, of the respective charges. Until we reach this point, we shall have failed and will not be clear for action and greater achievement. Our Conference Treasurer reports to us that the collections on the budget this year will be around 61 per cent, which, while filling us with gratitude as compared with some of the Conferences, leaves us with bowed heads and shamed faces for the fact that we did not pay all that was assessed on our charges. Our work in the Conference and in the General Board in efforts to evangelize and to carry the Gospel to the last man is hindered when 40 per cent of the meager amounts placed upon the charges is reported short.

Centenary.

It is unnecessary for us in this report to recount any of the achievements of the Centenary. All of our constituency who read are well aware of the achievements of this mighty Centenary program; but it is a fact that every dollar subscribed, thirty-seven millions of dollars, is due, and only 50 per cent of it is paid. The months of December and January are set apart for pay-out months, at which time we hope to enlist all of the organizations of our Church to collect the remaining 50 per cent, or eighteen millions of dollars. Unless this is done, the world program that has meant so much to us as a Church and to our mission fields at home and abroad, will suffer.

In working out the details for the pay-out months, December and January, next, your Board has fallen in

line with all of the other Conferences in the following plan; that all churches be put in four groups, to-wit:

First-Class Group—Those churches that have paid in full their pledges.
Second-Class Group—Those churches that have paid four-fifths of the total amount of their pledges.
Third-Class Group—Those churches that have paid three-fifths of the total amount of their pledges.
Fourth-Class Group—Those churches that have paid less than three-fifths of the total amount of their pledges.

We recommend to the Centenary authorities that the First-Class Churches have proper recognition by being published in the Honor Roll of the Arkansas Methodist. Second-Class Churches should be urged to pay in full the balance of their pledges by February 1, 1924; Third-Class Churches should pay a minimum of one-half of the balance due by February 1, 1924; Fourth-Class Churches should pay a minimum of one-third of the balance due by February 1, 1924.

We were fortunate in having with us on the occasion of the Missionary Anniversary, Mrs. C. F. Elza, President of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Little Rock Conference, and Dr. R. L. Russell, of Nashville, who made inspirational speeches to our people.

The Boards of Missions of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences have agreed to enter into prison and hospital work in a practical way in Arkansas, a long neglected duty, and this conclusion on the part of these two Boards of Missions, we rejoice to report to our Conference. We, therefore, recommend that the following appointment be made by our Bishop:

Missionary to Prisons and Hospitals—Rev. D. H. Colquette.

We had an illuminating report from the Board of Managers of the Summer School for Ministers at Hendrix College, which school without any question did the most efficient work at its last session that has been accomplished since its beginning. We have elected Drs. James Thomas and E. R. Steel as members of the Board of Managers of the Summer School for Ministers, to represent the Board of Missions.

The report of our Conference Evangelist, Rev. B. A. Few, revealed the fact that his work has been wonderfully blessed during the year. Meetings have been successful and good work along all lines done for our Church and our Lord. We, therefore, recommend the appointment of Rev. B. A. Few as Conference Evangelist.

We have elected Dr. James Thomas secretary of Missions for the Little Rock Conference, which position, together with his work as Centenary Secretary for the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, will occupy his full time, and we bespeak for him the cooperation of our brethren in every possible way. We, therefore, recommend the appointment of James Thomas as Centenary Secretary for the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences.

We have elected the following Evangelistic Committee: J. D. Hammons, E. R. Steel, S. F. Goddard, J. L. Deloney.

We make the following appropriations for the ensuing Conference year:

Arkadelphia District.
Cedar Glades Ct.\$200
Hot Springs Ct. 200
Oaklawn and Tigert 100
Leola Circuit 200
Traskwood Circuit 100
Carthage and Tulip 200
Malvern Circuit 100
Piney Circuit 50
Lono Circuit 50
Total\$1200

Camden District.
Atlanta Circuit\$ 50
Chidester Circuit 220
Camden Circuit 200
Eagle Mills Circuit 200
Kingsland Circuit 50
Total\$720

Little Rock District.
Oak Hill and Maumelle\$400
Carlisle Circuit 200
Twenty-Eighth Street 150
Forest Park 150
Total\$900

Monticello District.
Hamburg Circuit\$100
Ingalls Circuit 200
Snyder Circuit 200
Monticello Circuit 200
Fountain Hill Circuit 200
Total\$900

Pine Bluff District.
Hawley Memorial\$150
Roe Circuit 150
Rowel Circuit 150
Pine Bluff Circuit 200
In hand of P. E. 100
Total\$750

Prescott District.
Bingen Circuit\$100
Center Point Circuit 200
Columbus Circuit 150
Delight Circuit 150
Prescott Circuit 100
Mt. Ida (Ep. League) 500
Total\$1100

Texarkana District.
Egger Circuit\$200
Fouke Circuit 100
Hatfield Circuit 180
Paraloma Circuit 210
Spring Hill Circuit 180
Umpire Circuit 240
Total\$1110

Miscellaneous Appropriations.
Arkansas Methodist\$500
Student Pastor at Conway 300
Student Pastor at Fayetteville .. 300
Hospital and Prison Work 100
Total\$1200

—E. R. Steel, Chairman; James Thomas, Sec.

REPORT OF BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES.

Up to this time the Board of Lay Activities has not had funds with which fully to inaugurate its work. But the allotment made at last year's session of the Conference is now available and we have planned our work accordingly.

We ask your approval of the following suggestions and that all Presiding Elders, Pastors, Lay Leaders and members of Lay Committee in the local churches co-operate heartily in carrying them out:

(I) Co-operate with the other Conference Boards in carrying forward the work laid out in the Discipline, such as Missions, home and foreign, Christian Education, in the Sunday School and in our own institutions of learning, Church Extension and caring for our Superannuates, and building and maintaining hospitals.

(II) Perfect the organization provided by Chapter XX of the Discipline of 1922. This is a great task, one that requires much time and effort; but it is necessary. The work of our Church cannot be enlarged and extended except by increasing the number of workers, by increasing the number of regular contributors, and by getting most of those who already contribute to adopt the only Scriptural plan of financing the work of God's Kingdom on earth. To the end that the work may be thoroughly organized and functioning effectively at the earliest possible moment, we urge:

(1.) That Pastors and Church Lay Leaders co-operate in organizing a Church Board of Lay Activities in every church in the Conference; that said Boards hold monthly meetings to receive reports from the Evangelistic, Social Service, Missionary, Christian Education, Christian Stewardship, and Lay Speakers' Committees, and to formulate definite plans for carrying on these and other lay activities required by the Discipline and by the Annual Conference. Paragraph 547 of the Discipline requires that the committee named above "be utilized in every church."

(2.) That a special effort be made to get all the lay leaders, District

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Associate, Circuit and Church, to attend the District Conference and that the District Lay Leader arrange in advance with the Presiding Elder to present attractively and forcefully the work of the Lay Leaders and Lay Committees. We also recommend that at least two hours be set apart for this program.

(3) That special effort be made to inform every person concerned of the new plans for Lay Organization and work.

The Manual of Lay Activities should be in the hands of all Lay Leaders and Chairmen of Committees in the local churches. It may be purchased from the Publishing House at the following prices: one copy 25c; six copies \$1.25; one dozen \$2.50.

III. As a financial program for the various boards of Lay Activities we suggest the following and also urge its adoption by every district and charge:

(1) The payment of adequate salaries for pastors, same to be paid by the month.

(2) Payment in full and early in the year of all benevolences. We are not, according to the government statistics, contributing one-fourth the amount of the minimum required by the Bible. The per capita income is \$586. We had 2,357,559 members last year. Our actual gifts totaled \$34,297,729. They ought to have amounted to \$138,152,957.

The above figures are taken from the Nashville Christian Advocate.

(3) We urge that every church conduct as early as possible the every-member canvass for the purpose of securing adequate funds to meet all claims promptly and in full and with a view to making every member a regular contributor to the work of the church. Only about one-fourth of our members pay anything for the support of the church. Is it worthwhile to develop our people in the grace of giving? How many regular and liberal contributors have you known to drift out of the church and become hopeless backsliders?

(4) The Stewardship of Property should be preached in season and out of season, taught in the Sunday School year in and year out, and advocated by all of our lay speakers. Money, although badly needed by the church, is a secondary consideration. The supreme need of the church is for spiritual power in its members. Stingy men and women are not spiritually minded. Let us urge all of our members to give a tithe of their incomes and not wait until the end of the year to pay it over to the church. Furthermore, let us teach that tithing is a high privilege to be enjoyed, not a burden to be borne. When faithfully practiced it leads to both spiritual and material prosperity.

(5) We re-affirm our loyalty to the Missionary Centenary, the Christian Education Movement, and the Special Effort for the Superannuate Endowment and pledge our co-operation with those whom the church has selected as leaders of these movements.

IV. In addition to our financial program an extensive Cultural Program must be carried on all the time, not only for the purpose of getting the work done, but also for the purpose of keeping our laymen regularly and profitably employed. Men develop spiritually by exercising their spiritual gifts, and in no other way. In this cultural program, we recommend the following:

(1) A continuous campaign of Personal Evangelism. This work should be under the general direction of the Bureau of Evangelism at Nashville, under the specific direction of the Presiding Elders, Pastors, and Lay Leaders and headed up by the Evangelistic Committee of the Board of Lay Activities in the local church.

(2) Social service should be given a new emphasis. It needs to be defined in terms which the laymen understand. True Social Service is the organization of "community movements to carry out the teachings of Jesus in uplifting all the people and in destroying evil institutions."

(3) Let us cooperate with the or-

ganized classes in their effort to induce men to study the Bible daily and to pray without ceasing.—S. T. Poe, Chm.

V. We recommend that all stations, circuits and pastoral charges adopt the Budget Plan for the Arkansas Methodist by adding a sufficient sum of money to the Budget to place the Arkansas Methodist in every Methodist home.

VI. We endorse the summer school for ministers conducted at Hendrix College each year and therefore recommend that each Church Lay Leader and his associates be treated as a committee to see that all of the ministers attend this school and if necessary work out some plan to provide them with the necessary finances.

VII. We recommend that Gallo-way Harrison and S. W. Rogers, both of Little Rock, Arkansas, be named as the representatives from the Board of Lay Activities to join with the committees from other Boards in caring for the ministers summer school at Conway.

VIII. We recommend that Conference pledge its determination to collect the preachers, and Presiding Elders salaries and the conference claims in full. Respectfully Submitted, Chairman Board of Lay Activities.

REPORT OF EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD.

We, your Epworth League Board, submit the following report:

We note the increasing interest in Epworth League work throughout the Conference. Reports indicate that good work has been done in most of the Leagues.

Your Board has been diligent in securing observance of Anniversary Day and in assisting the Conference Organization in its work. We are recommending that every congregation observe Anniversary Day next year with an offering. We are setting a goal for the offering to equal one per cent of the amount assessed for preacher's salary. We recommend that Young People's Day or Anniversary Day be observed in all congregations whether there is an Epworth League or not.

Your Board thanks you for your co-operation and most respectfully asks for a continuation of your support and good will.

Financial Report.

Receipts on hand from last year\$214.77
Received from Conf. Treas. ... 793.23

.....\$1,008.00

Conf. Pres. for travel, hotel, pennants, etc.\$ 32.00

Expenditures Anniversary Day

Programs, etc., etc. 76.00

Paid to Conf. Epworth League 990.00

.....\$1,008.00

—S. T. Baugh, Chairman, J. E. Cooper, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE.

The Church is responsible for Prohibition. It waged a battle against liquor for nearly a century. It agitated, educated, and through its own organization, the Anti-Saloon League banded together the enemies of the Saloon and finally won the victory.

The same energy, zeal, determination, and sacrifice which were necessary to secure prohibition must be exerted to maintain it. Work of organization and education must go on as long as there is organized opposition to the Federal Constitution and state statutes. Dry public sentiment must not be allowed to dwindle. To do so means the menace of reaction.

Wet interests are especially active at this time because they know that if they are to be successful in staging a reaction against prohibition, it must be done quickly as the dry cause is growing in popularity as its benefits are more clearly apparent. The dries themselves will be to blame if through indifference a backward step is taken.

All the dry forces must be massed back of enforcement officers, as the responsibility is plainly on the vot-

ers who select the enforcement officials.

The Anti-Saloon League is the child of the Church. Through the years the church has given the League that moral and financial support necessary for it to successfully battle with the organized liquor forces. The church now needs the League as never before to combat the organized forces of nullification and to preserve to the Church and to humanity fruits of Prohibition.

We commend the effective work of the Anti-Saloon League of America and our own State Department, at 409 Donaghey Building, under the leadership of Rev. Paul E. Kemper, Superintendent. We pledge him our undivided support, and gladly offer him our pulpits. We shall urge the fullest co-operation on the part of our people; and thus preserve to the Church and to humanity the fruits of prohibition.

Whereas, in recent months, the Turkish army has violated the rules of civilized warfare, especially in the slaughter of helpless children and in the basest treatment of women; we therefore pledge our continued support of the Little Rock Conference to the committee in charge of Near East Relief, and call upon our people to respond to the appeals of that committee.

We recommend that our preachers preach on Sabbath Observance and that our people observe the sanctity of the Holy Day.

We recommend the election of the following: Hon. J. O. A. Bush, Dr. A. C. Millar, Dr. B. A. Few, Rev. P. Q. Rorie, and Rev. L. C. Gatlin as Trustees of the State Board of the Anti-Saloon League, and that Dr. B. A. Few be elected delegate to the National Anti-Saloon League Convention to meet January 12, 1924, Washington, D. C.—P. Q. Rorie, Chairman, L. C. Gatlin, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE ORPHANAGE BOARD.

We, your Orphanage Board, beg leave to report the following:

We rejoice that our Methodist Orphanage is able to do such splendid work as has been accomplished the past year.

Our matron Mrs. S. J. Steed, is giving eminent satisfaction. We have received during the year eight orphans, and placed in good homes ten orphans, leaving in the Orphanage October 1, 1923, thirty-four children. This makes a total of 421 children placed during the existence of the orphanage.

The passing away of Col. George Thornburgh, in March, made it necessary to elect a new superintendent. Dr. James Thomas of Little Rock was elected to this position. We regret exceedingly the loss of Col. Thornburgh whose translation was a great loss to our church and especially to our Orphanage. Perhaps he was the best friend that the Orphanage had ever had. However his mantle falls upon Dr. Thomas, who for many years was a co-worker with him. Doubtless the Orphanage under his wise leadership will make greater progress and accomplish a larger good than ever before.

We received from Col. Thornburgh's office a special fund of \$4,789.59. Of this amount we have spent on repairs and for labor on the Orphanage \$4,055.41, leaving a balance in the special fund of \$734.18.

We collected from the two Conferences for the Conference year 1922-23, to-wit: North Arkansas Conference, \$2,767.52, Little Rock Conference \$3,240.01 making a total for the two Conferences \$6,007.53.

The running expenses of the Orphanage from October 1, 1922, were \$9,264.44 leaving a deficit of \$3,256.91 for running expenses. This deficit was made up by the board of children whose parents were able and willing to pay, and by the collection of \$2,500 taken by the Sunday Schools of both Conferences as a Christmas offering.

We repeat from Col. Thornburgh's report to you of November 6, 1922, that "if the Conferences would pay their assessments in full, or nearly

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so, we would have from this source funds sufficient to run the Orphanage and enlarge its work, which we would be glad to do."

We respectfully ask this Conference to accept an assessment as of last year of \$5,000. We further ask the Conference to recommend that the Sunday Schools take a Christmas offering as they did last year for the Orphanage.

At a recent meeting of the Board the following officers were elected: James Thomas, President and Superintendent; C. M. Reves, Secretary; Exchange National Bank, Treasurer; James Thomas, P. C. Fletcher, C. M. Reves, J. B. Stevenson, and A. E. Holloway were elected the Executive Committee.

We recommend that C. M. Reves be confirmed as a member of the Board in place of Col. Thornburgh.—T. O. Rorie, Jr., Chairman, Jess Gallo-way, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION.

We, your Board of Church Extension, beg to submit the following report:

Loan Capital.

Okona, Ark.\$166.00
Fountain Hill, Ark. .. 166.00

Total Loans\$332.00
Loan Capital available\$356.37
Total Loan Capital 688.37

Donation Capital.

Bal. in hands of Parent Board, Nov. 23, 1923\$306.47
Rec. from Conf. Treas. 2,783.90

Total\$3,090.37

The following donations have been made:

Church	Amt. Asked	Granted
North Heights	\$250	\$100
Umpire	40	16
Athens	30	16
Bauxite	300	175
Holly Springs	300	175
Ulm	66	66
Gould	200	125
More's Chapel	200	100
New Hope	350	200
Delight	300	200
3rd St., Hot Spgs.	350	150
Congo	100	60
Gurdon	500	300
Foreman	500	300
Dierks	300	175

Total\$3786 \$2158

Parsonages.

Umpire	\$ 25	\$ 16
Traskwood	350	225
Bingen	200	125

Total\$575 \$366

The General Board of the Church Extension reports to us that there were before the last Annual Meeting of the Board held in April, 1923, applications as follows: for donations, \$667,785.21 for churches, and \$29,333.32 for parsonages. To meet these large needs it had a donation fund for the year of \$94,655.47. Loan applications for churches \$746,500 for parsonages \$32,300, a total of \$778,800 with a fund of \$282,902 with which to meet it. In other words, there were applications for donations for \$602,463 more than the Board could appropriate and for \$495,897 more in loans than the Board had to loan. These figures indicate the large building program now on throughout the Church and also explain the many disappointments, where needs were great, and the Board was unable to respond to the need.

Your Conference Board has elected W. P. Whaley, B. H. Logan and J. R. Dickerson to co-operate with C. E. Hayes, P. C. Fletcher and C. N. Baker from the Sunday School Board as a joint committee on architecture; we also wish to announce the selection of W. P. Whaley and C. N. Baker as a sub-committee to represent one Boards in matters of visitations relative to architecture where such visitation is necessary. We again call your attention to the following resolution adopted by this committee one year ago, as follows:

"Resolved, that the Conference Board of Church Extension shall hereafter neither grant nor recommend a loan or gift for the erection of a new church until the plans of such church have been reviewed by the joint committee of architecture from this Board and the Conference Sunday School Board."

We also recommend that the churches that do not expect to ask financial aid submit their building plans to our committee on architecture for review and suggestions, in order that all our buildings may be in harmony with the most modern ideals, and adapted to the kind of work the church is endeavoring to do.

The Board has also granted authority to the Executive Committee to act in all matters of emergency either in the case of loans or donations when funds for either are available, authorizing and directing them to

make such loans or donations as in their judgment the emergency may demand.

The incidental expense for the year, including the expense of the Executive Committee meeting and the expense of a representative for the meeting of the General Board, amounts to \$59.85.

Our financial statement for the year ending December 1, 1923, is as follows:

Total cash available,	
donation fund	\$3,090.37
Donations to Chs.	\$2,158.00
Donations to Par.	336.00
Incidental Exp.	59.85
	\$2553.85 \$2553.85

Bal. available, don. fund.....\$536.52
—W. P. Whaley, Chairman; G. W. Pardee, Sec.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE RELATIONS.

We, your Committee on Conference Relations, recommend that A. C. Graham and J. H. Gold be continued in the supernumerary relation.

We recommend that the following be given the Superannuate relation:

C. O. Steele, J. W. Vantrease, A. Turrentine, D. D. Warlick, E. Garrett, J. L. Johnson, E. F. Wilson, David Bolls, R. J. Raiford, J. B. Williams, W. F. Lasseter, H. Revely, W. M. Crowder, J. J. Menefee, A. J. Ewing, E. M. Pipkin, J. W. Berry, J. C. McElhenny, S. W. Rainey, A. G. Cason, J. R. Rushing, L. M. Powell, S. A. Hill, J. H. McKelvey, C. A. Fuller, J. A. Biggs and Roy Farr.—B. F. Scott, Chairman, J. M. Cannon, Secretary.

REPORT OF LITTLE ROCK CONF. BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

In accordance with our report of last Conference we collected in our loans and on February 17, 1923, we turned over to L. E. Todd, D. D., Secretary of the General Board of Finance, of St. Louis, Mo., \$1,830 to be administered for the Little Rock Conference, interest on which is to be sent to our Board of Finance. I am happy to announce that the Kilpatrick-Morrison Superannuate Fund has been increased \$140 by special gift from Brother Morrison and his good wife who live in Beaumont, Texas. To this has been added \$50, given by that princely layman of Stamps, Arkansas, W. R. Boney, making a total of \$190 received by our Treasurer this year. I have delivered to the treasurer of our Conference Board a check for \$24, interest which we have gained on amounts in our hands. In addition to the above amount we hold in trust one home for superannuates, located at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, valued at \$3,000. This home is now occupied by Mrs. J. H. Riggins and family. We attach hereto the copy of the Constitution of this Board which we request the editor to publish in the Minutes with this report.—James Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

REPORT NO. 2 BOARD OF EDUCATION.

Dr. A. C. Millar gave his report touching the progress of the Western Methodist assembly at Mt. Sequoyah. We are delighted with the constructive work of the assembly. We recommend that C. E. Hayes and Dr. A. C. Millar be elected trustees to succeed themselves.

Prof. W. B. Hubbell and his faculty are doing an excellent work at the Fulsom Training School. We commend this work and give Prof. Hubbell right of way in the Conference to promote his cause.

We appoint the pastor of Central Church, Hot Springs, Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, and Dr. J. M. Workman to investigate the establishment of a Training School in the mountains northwest of Hot Springs.

We recommend the appointment of Dr. R. W. McKay as Conference Secretary of Education.

Rev. C. C. Neal of the C. M. E. Church was before us in behalf of the Educational work of his church. We commend the work he is doing

among the colored people, and especially in his efforts to train the young preachers and suggest that our pastors give their people an opportunity to make a free-will offering for this work on Interracial Sunday, which is the second Sunday in February, 1924.

We have heard with pleasure of the inauguration of a forward movement by Central Church of Fayetteville to care for the religious welfare of Methodist students attending the University and we pledge to Central Church our hearty sympathy and moral and financial support in the work which it is undertaking in behalf of the students of the University.

We recommend that C. J. Greene be appointed Professor in Hendrix College; J. M. Workman, President of Henderson-Brown College; R. C. Rhodes, Professor in Emory University; and Thornburgh Workman, Professor in Southern Methodist University; and F. C. Cannon, Professor in Henderson-Brown College.—Stonewall Anderson, Chairman, Walter Scott, Secretary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD, REPORT NO. 2.

We heartily commend the Western Assembly at Mt. Sequoyah to our people, and we earnestly urge the General Sunday School Board to hold a two weeks' School for Leaders there during the summer of 1924.

We wish to express our appreciation of the success of the assembly attained in its first session, and to Dr. A. C. Millar, Prof. J. L. Bond, and their associates for the unselfish work done.—C. M. Reves, C. E. Hayes.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM.

We rejoice in the large attendance of our preachers and laymen upon the ministry of Dr. Andrew Sledd, and their words of commendation of this policy on your committee of Evangelism. We shall seek next year to secure another outstanding man to deliver these messages.

We recommend, first, that all the preachers of the Little Rock Conference, a month or more before Easter, call together a select group of laymen of their charge and put on a pre-Easter Campaign of personal evangelism.

Second, that our presiding elders in their first meeting with the preachers of their Districts assist the pastors in the exchange of revival work, and where practicable arrange for a District evangelist to do rural work.

Third, we recommend Rev. B. A. Few, and Rev. Grover Cleveland for appointment as Conference Evangelists.—J. D. Hammon, Chairman, S. F. Goddard, Sec.

REPORT OF BIBLE BOARD.

We need not try to tell you about the merits of the Bible, or the importance of its universal circulation, as this is well known to all to whom this report may go. No other Book is so needed by those who have it not, and none so popular with those who love it, as the "Book of Books."

The Scriptures are now translated into 770 languages, and the total distribution by the Bible Society last year was more than 5,000,000 volumes. China is calling for Bibles faster than the Society can make them; while the Roman Catholics of Central Europe, South America, and Mexico are breaking away from their old moorings and demanding an open Bible. Slowly but surely the people of the earth are turning to the Book which, alone, reveals the Son of God as the cure for the world's ills.

The loss of the Bible House at Tokyo, Japan, cripples the work in Japan, and is a great financial loss to the Society, and the Church. This loss is most difficult to replace, since valuable plates for both China and Japan were utterly destroyed.

The Southwestern Agency distributed last year 112,325 volumes of Scripture in 31 different languages.

You will be interested to know that we spent \$11,000 in the work of the Bible Society last year in the

Southwest. The Dallas Depository, at 911 Main Street, maintains a stock of about 100,000 volumes, and sells at cost of manufacture to all. To the blind, the poor, the orphan, the inmates of rescue homes, reform schools, hospitals and prisons, the Bible has been supplied as liberally as funds have allowed.

Rev. D. H. Colquette, of our Conference, has a depository in Little Rock, and goes about over the State representing this great work. He furnishes the Scriptures without cost to the poor and unfortunate, and can supply many different styles of Bibles and other good books from the depository. Our pastors and laymen should heartily cooperate with him in his effort to get the Book into the homes of all the people.

We recommend the appointment of D. H. Colquette as Agent of the American Bible Society for the ensuing year.

We also recommend the observance of Bible Sunday, which has been designated as December 9, if not then, as nearly as practicable.—T. P. Clark, Chairman; D. H. Colquette, Sec.

REPORT NO. 2 OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

We wish to submit this additional report upon the subject of our plant at Mt. Sequoyah. We heartily commend the Western Assembly at Mt. Sequoyah to our people, and we beg the General Board of Missions to consider the advisability of erecting a building there similar to the one at Lake Junaluska.

We wish to express our appreciation of the marvelous achievements in physical improvements and the program put on the first year. We to Dr. Millar and his associates we wish to express our thanks for the unselfish work done.—E. R. Steel, Chairman; James Thomas, Sec.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

We, your Committee on District Conference Journals find but one record that we could pronounce perfect, viz: Prescott District.

The other six records all have the same one fault, viz: In the heading of the Minutes that they spread upon the record. We have placed in each of the record books a recommendation.

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tion that they head their records as follows:

The Session of the District Conference, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the Little Rock Conference, convened at date

We also find one of the last year Sessions has not been signed by the President, viz: Pine Bluff District.

Otherwise, all of the records are plainly written and cleanly kept.—M. K. Irvin, Chairman; C. A. Fuller, Sec.

CORRECTION IN TREASURER'S REPORT.

The report of the Treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference as published in last week's issue of the Methodist is incorrect in the amount of the Expense of Treasurer's Office. It should read \$693.24 instead of \$6,129.58. The mistake was made by the printer's crediting the amount that was paid to J. S. Ewalt, Treasurer Conference Board of Missions, to the Expense Account, and omitting the \$693.24 paid on Expense.—George McGlumphey, Treasurer.

THE ORPHANAGE.

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

Mrs. J. S. McDonnell, Little Rock, gift, \$1.50.

Woman's Missionary Society, Dardanelle, gift, \$3.00.

Miss Mary Simpson, Little Rock, \$10.00.

Rev. J. W. Hughes, Birthday Offering, Searcy, \$1.00.

Ladies Aid, Millville, \$10.00.

Ravenden Springs Circuit, gift, \$4.00.

Batesville Sunday School Birthday Offering, \$28.08.

Bono Mercantile Co., Bono, gift, \$25.00.

Stamps Sunday School, gift, \$17.40.

The Matron has received at the Orphanage the following articles:

Kempner Shoe Store, 2 dozen pairs white slippers.

Ladies of DeQueen, by S. K. Burnett, one quilt.

C. P. Purnell, Hazen, candy.

Winners' Club, Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock, one quilt.

Central Church, Rogers, one barrel fine canned fruit.

Ladies Aid, Scranton, two quilts.

Mrs. J. E. Pitts, Glenwood, one box of clothing.

Miss Mamie Neal, Horatio, pair shoes and hose.

Primary Dept. Pulaski Heights Sunday School, fruits and canned goods.

Winfield Memorial Ep. League, groceries, fruits and turkey.

Ladies of Haynes Church, two new quilts and dresses.

Three dozen apples by a friend.

Rev. J. G. McCullom, Lamar, candy and oragnes.

First Church, Little Rock, Circle No. 9, clothing.

First Church Little Rock, Woman's Missionary Society, \$16.00 for girls' hats and making forty-four garments.

First Church, Little Rock, Circle No. 2, three gas heaters, 2 gallons ice cream and three cakes.

Mt. Tabor Sunday School, by W. H. Smith, one dozen cans fruit.

Kensett Sunday School, potatoes and fruit.

Woman's Missionary Society, Altheimer, valuable box of clothing.

Pfeiffer Bros., Dry Goods.

Stuttgart Primary Dept. of Sunday School, one outfit for boy.

Woman's Missionary Society, Malvern, one outfit for girl.

Warren, Ark., Primary Department of Sunday School, by Jewel Bond, toys and dry goods.

Ladies from Princeton Church, one quilt.

Woman's Missionary Society, Colt, quilt.

Ladies Aid, Beebe, apples and candy.

Woman's Missionary Society, Magazine, fruit, pop-corn, and two pairs shoes.

Wesson Pie Shop, Little Rock, 29 pies.

Primary Dept., North Little Rock Sunday School, fruit and posters.

Woman's Missionary Society, Holly Springs, canned fruit.

Woman's Missionary Society, Third Street Church, Hot Springs, twenty-three new garments.

Woman's Miss. Society, Brinkley, one box of clothing.

Highland M. E. Church, Little Rock, potatoes and pickles.

—James Thomas, Pres.

TARBELL'S TEACHER'S GUIDE.

The Teacher's Guide, by Martha Tarbell, Ph. D., for 1924 is a great lesson tool. In its nineteenth year of publication, Tarbell's is a favorite among teachers of all grades. It is the royal road to efficiency in Sunday School teaching. Illustrated, with maps and charts, its 500 pages of Sunday School Helps sell for \$1.90. It is published by Fleming H. Revel Co., New York and Chicago, and may be obtained at any book store.

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Please mention the Arkansas Methodist; also give your denomination.—The Layman Company, 35 North Dearborn Street, Chicago, Ill.

OBITUARIES

ROGERS.—David Nelson Rogers was born in Dallas County, Arkansas, Oct. 27, 1850, and died at his home in Fordyce, Ark., Oct. 29, 1923, having spent his whole life within a few miles of the place where he was born. He was married to Miss Mary Frances Hardeman Nov. 11, 1869, who, after living with him fifty-four years, is now left to finish the journey of life alone. Ten children were born to their union, six sons and four daughters. One son and one daughter died in early childhood. The rest are still living. They are H. J. Rogers of Holly Springs; Rev. M. K. Rogers of Grady; Rev. L. T. Rogers of Hot Springs; Rev. H. J. Rogers of Arkadelphia; David N. Rogers, Jr., Mrs. G. T. Reynolds and Mrs. E. L. Spraggins of Fordyce; and Mrs. Nathan Steelman of Ebegette, Arkansas. Besides these eight children he leaves more than fifty grand-children and great-grand-children. He was converted in early life and joined the Methodist Church in which he was an ardent and active member until death. He came of good Methodist stock and in his life and character he was true to the best traditions of early Methodism. The altar fires were never allowed to go out in his home. Morning and evening, with unflinching regularity, he gathered his children about the fireside and read the Word of God and led them to the throne of grace in prayer. "Those who knew the beauty and sanctity of his home life are not surprised that two of his sons are honored members of the Little Rock Conference, and that a third son is a faithful local preacher, and that all of his other children are devoted Christians and members of the Methodist Church. For perhaps fifty years, or more, he was a steward in his church. He measured up to the scriptural standard. "Moreover it is required of stewards that a man be found faithful." Through all of the long years of his service as steward of New Hope church he never allowed that little church to be delinquent one penny on either the pastor's support or the church claims. He was a man of transparent honesty and sterling integrity. His word was his oath. If at times he seemed rather strict in his demands upon men he was not more rigid with others than he was with himself. It is safe to say that no man who ever lived in that country was more highly respected, or more implicitly trusted. In his business life he followed literally the admonition of St. Paul, "Owe no man anything." He conscientiously and systematically paid a tithe of his income to the Lord. He began life at the bottom of the financial ladder but by industry, economy, and right living he acquired more than a competency for his declining years. After several years of gradually declining health he reached the point, some two weeks before his death, when he knew that the end was near. He talked freely with his wife and children of the approaching end and assured them of his unquestioning faith in the certainty of eternal life through Jesus Christ. Truly, a good man has entered into rest.—J. A. Sage.

VARNAADORE.—J. C. Varnadore was born in Texas, in 1857, and died, Oct. 28, 1923, in his home at DeWitt, Ark. Came to Arkansas some years ago. He was twice married, the last time to Miss Lillie Bell Fortune. To this union were born four children. One of these preceded father and mother to the happier clime. Mr. Elmer Varnadore, Mrs. Rosa Haller and Earl Varnadore survive, all of DeWitt, where Brother Varnadore spent the latter years of his life. His last wife departed this life July 16, 1922. He was a good man, a member of the M. E. Church, South, a faithful, loving husband and a true father to his little family. May they follow in the way that father and mother directed, and

at last meet them in the everlasting home of the good where partings will be no more. His remains were laid to rest in the cemetery at DeWitt Oct. 29. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. B. Barry, pastor, and the writer.—F. R. Canfield, pastor of Roe Circuit.

MAULDEN.—John M. Maulden was born Jan. 26, 1840, and died Oct. 23, 1923, near Roe, Ark. He was born in Mississippi, and moved to Arkansas in early days. Was married three times. His last wife went home to glory in 1899. One child, one sister, and two brothers are living. One child, two brothers, and five sisters are dead. Joined the M. E. Church, South, in early life and was an active member until old age kept him from church and from service. A good man has gone to meet his loved ones in the "Sweet Bye and Bye." He was a soldier in the Confederate Army and died a soldier of the Cross. His remains were laid to rest in the Hunter's Chapel cemetery Oct. 25. Funeral services were conducted by his pastor.—F. R. Canfield.

MONK.—Harry Monk, Jr., son of Harry and Laura Monk, was born

July 31, 1894, was converted and joined with the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, when but a lad of three years. He answered the call of his country for service in the world war July 8, 1918. In a very short time he was in the front line trenches where he spent 40 days under fire. He proved himself a good soldier. The war being over, he landed in the United States, March 8, 1919, and was discharged from Camp Pike about two weeks later. Harry then began to further fit himself for the duties of a private citizen, but soon found that he had contracted tuberculosis. He was then sent to the Government Hospital at Pastime Park, Tucson, Arizona. He showed much evidence of improvement and seemed to be getting well until an acute complication arose. As late as Oct. 12 he wrote his father and mother of his continued improvement and of his hopes to come home on a visit soon, but he fell asleep in Christ, Oct. 24. Harry was a noble son, a good soldier and a true Christian. He realized the gravity of his sickness, and while he was hopeful of regaining his health, assured his father and mother that he was ready whatever might be the end.—G. C. Johnson, Pastor.

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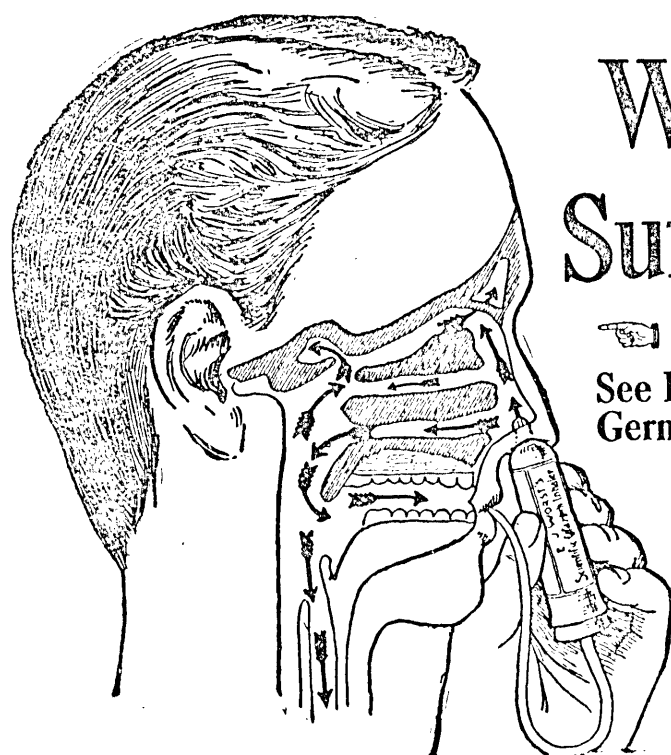
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RALLY CONFERENCE

NEVILLE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Ct. at Cedar Creek, Dec. 8-

and Havana, at B. Dec. 9-10.

and Washburn, at Abbott,

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elle Ct., at Field's Chapel, Dec.

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ardanelle, Dec. 16.

Hartford, Jan. 5-6.

Mansfield, Jan. 6-7.

Waldron Ct., Jan. 7-8.

Huntington and Midland, at H. Jan.

10-11.

Magazine, at Magazine, Jan. 12-13.

Booneville, Jan. 13-14.

Branch and Coles, at Branch, Jan.

19-20.

Paris, Jan. 20-21.

Paris Ct., at Boulah, Jan. 22-23.

Scranton and Blaine, at S., Jan. 23-24.

Prairie View and McKendree, at P.

V., Jan. 24-25.

Danville, Jan. 25.

Walnut Tree, at Camilla, Jan. 26-27.

Gravelly and Bluffton, at G., Feb. 2-

3.

Plainview, Feb. 3-4.

Rover, at Nimrod, Feb. 5-6.

Ola, at Ola, Feb. 9-10.

Perry and Houston, at Houston, Feb.

10-11.

District Stewards meet at Boone-

ville Dec. 12, 10 A. M.—B. L. Wilford,

P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Vandale Ct., at Vandale, Dec. 9.

Wynne, First Church, 7:30 p. m., De-

cember 9.

Cott Ct., at Cott, Dec. 16.

Parkin, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 16.

Aubrey Circuit, at Aubrey, Dec. 23.

Wheatley-Palestine, at Wheatley,

7:30 p. m., Dec. 23.

Forrest City, Dec. 30.

Widener-Madison, at Widener, 7:30 p.

m., Dec. 30.

Cherry Valley Ct., at Cherry Valley,

Jan. 6.

Harrisburg, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 6.

Crawfordsville, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 13.

Earle, Jan. 13.

Elaine Circuit, at Elaine, Jan. 20.

West Helena, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 20.

Turner Circuit, at Postelle, Jan. 26-27.

Holly Grove-Marvell, at Holly Grove,

7:30 p. m., Jan. 27.

Clarendon, Feb. 3.

Brinkley, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 3.

Hunter Circuit, at Hunter, Feb. 10.

Lexa-LaGrange-Haynes, at Lexa, Feb.

17.

Helena, First Church, 7:30 p. m., Feb.

17.

Marianna, Feb. 24.

Hughes-Hulbert, at Hulbert, 7:30 p.

m., Feb. 24.

The District stewards and pastors

are called to meet in First Methodist

Church, Forrest City, December 18, at

9 a. m. for the purpose of distributing

assessments on the District and dis-

cussing measures for the work dur-

ing the year. Let every one come if

possible.—William Sherman, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Weldon & Tupelo, at Weldon, Dec. 8-9.

Cotton Plant, Dec. 9-10.

DeView and Revels, at DeView, Dec.

15-16.

McCrory, Dec. 16-17.

Gregory and McClelland, at Gregory,

Dec. 22-23.

Augusta, Dec. 23-24.

Griffithville Ct., at G., Dec. 29-30.

McRae Ct., at McRae, Dec. 30-31.

Marshall, Jan. 5-6.

Leslie, Jan. 6-7.

Bald Knob and Bradford, at B. K.,

Jan. 12-13.

Judsonia, Jan. 13-14.

Searcy, First Church, Jan. 15.

Pangburn Ct., at Pangburn, Jan. 19-

20.

Heber Springs, Jan. 20-21.

Scotland Ct., at Scotland, Jan. 26-27.

Clinton & Shirley, at Clinton, Jan.

27-28.

Valley Springs, Feb. 1-2.

Bellefonte Ct., at Bellefonte, Feb. 2-3.

Harrison, Feb. 3-4.

West Searcy & Higginson, at Haygood

Memorial, Feb. 9-10.

Kensett, Feb. 10-11.

—Jefferson Sherfan, P. E.

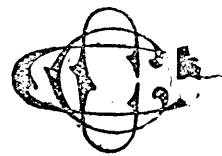


The Call of the Conference Claimants

EDITED BY LUTHER E. TODD, SECRETARY

Board of Finance, M. E. Church, South

510-513 Security Building, St. Louis, Mo.



THE PINKS AND THE THRILL OF MOBILIZATION.

Comparatively few people know just how big is the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. In the homeland alone since August, 1923, I have traveled approximately 20,000 miles in visiting seven Annual Conferences. I have yet to travel nearly 10,000 miles more in visiting ten additional Annual Conferences. This states nothing concerning the miles traveled by those associated with me in helping to present the cause of the "forgotten man" to the home Annual Conferences. Nor does it state anything about the miles covered by five of our bishops who have belted the globe to reach our eighteen foreign Annual Conferences and Mission Conferences, where they set in motion the plan of special effort for superannuate endowment. If anyone thinks this is an easy or simple task, anyone needs to do a little figuring on the subject.

Mr. Preacher-Man, Lend Me Your Ear.—Perhaps I should request the loan of your trousers instead, as mine are worn nearly threadbare from constant slipping and sliding on railway train seats of every character, the result of constant going hither and thither throughout the Church seeking to provide an old-age support for you when you shall have been superannuated. But, notwithstanding, it is your ear I want. Listen, "just between us and strictly confidential," etc., have you effected the organization for the Superannuate Movement at your first Quarterly Conference as called for in the "Workers' Guide"? And if so, why have you failed to send the pink leaf report to the Board of Finance telling about it? Don't you think you owe it to those who are working night and day to provide for you when you cannot provide for yourself to do this service which has been so earnestly requested of you? How can you be careless and indifferent in this matter which is so vital to the success of this sacred cause? It seems to me that the pink tint of every flower or sky line or my lady's dress and cheek should condemn you as unfaithful until that pink leaf report from your charge is safely in the hands of the Board of Finance. Come on, boys, the game is on! Hold the line! Carry the ball! We must make a touchdown! Send in your pink leaf report.

East Oklahoma Conference.—A night and half a day traveling from St. Louis brought me to a small town railway junction in Oklahoma. There I waited for three hours to get a train which landed me at Shawnee late Wednesday afternoon. On Thursday morning I explained the plan of special effort for superannuate endowment to the East Oklahoma Conference. They heard me gladly and voted unanimously to do for the movement all that was asked of them. I have not visited any other Conference that received the details of the plan with greater enthusiasm or more determination to do the work.

The Oklahoma boys have had a hard year. Poor crop conditions, floods, the slump in oil prices, and some other things have made the work exceedingly difficult. However, this wonderful State has a powerful comeback. The people there are not the kind who whine and give up. They have the real fighting spirit, and they recover quickly from every unpromising situation. Many preachers assured me that the superannuate cause would win in that Conference, notwithstanding the present depression in financial affairs. Whatever happens, I know those loyal

men will make a real effort.

Dr. C. C. Sealeman delivered the inspirational address, and it was splendid. As I sat there listening to his eloquent words my mind went back to our days together at college when he won every speaking contest in which he engaged. The superannuates are fortunate in having Dr. Sealeman addressing some of the Conferences in their behalf. About three years ago he subscribed to superannuate endowment as much as he subscribed to the Centenary, and he has already paid four fifths of his subscription. He has a right to speak on the subject, for he has proved his convictions concerning it in a manner more convincing than words. May his kind grow in number!

Bishop Moore impressed upon the Conference the fact that the movement was solely dependent upon the presiding elders and pastors. He said: "If any preacher fails to do his whole duty in the effort to raise the ten million dollars for superannuate endowment, he will not only be ashamed of himself but greatly regret his failure when he becomes dependent on the fund in his old age." I trust that these words will burn their way into the heart of every preacher in the Church. Furthermore, it will be terribly humiliating to those preachers who fail to do their best for this cause and then afterwards receive sustenance from a fund which they had no part in creating.

The East Oklahoma was the sixteenth Conference I have visited this fall. Some of the brethren asked me how I was able to hold up under the strain of constant traveling and the burden of the office work in addition. I think it is in answer to the earnest prayers of thousands of people all over the Church. If it were not for this spiritual tug of friends of the "forgotten man," I should have snapped long before this. And, too, this glorious work lies very near the heart of our dear Lord. He will surely give strength to those who get under a real and strenuous program to provide the ordinary comforts for his worn-out prophets.

North Mississippi Conference.—About thirty-two hours traveling east and south from Shawnee brought me to Greenville, Miss., the heart of the great Delta. There the North Mississippi Conference was busily engaged on Saturday morning. Hardly had I appeared when Bishop Ainsworth called me to the pulpit and very soon thereafter announced the order of the day—that is, the presentation of the plan for superannuate support. A member of the Conference told me that he believed practically every preacher was present when I for the seventeenth time explained the details of the movement proposed. The attention was perfect, the interest intense, and the approval enthusiastic.

For the first time it was a layman who delivered the inspirational address—Mr. G. L. Morelock, Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities. He did splendid work, and without exception the preachers and others present were greatly stirred by his words. Evidently he convicted himself by his own speech, for he gave me a check for \$50 as a first payment on the amount he expects to contribute to superannuate endowment. I have been much with this new Secretary this fall and do not hesitate to state that he is a prince. The Church picked a live one when he was chosen for his present task. He will lead the laymen to do a notable work for superannuate endowment.

Bishop Ainsworth exhorted the

Conference to support the movement faithfully. I started to ask him if he had arranged to take care of certain matters committed to his care by the Board of Finance, but I stopped quickly when he assured me that everything was being cared for. What a friend he is of this great cause, always alert and eager to do his utmost to get ahead! He is a charter member of the Board of Finance, and his abandon to the work has been from the beginning until now a real inspiration to me. The "forgotten man" has no better friend than Bishop Ainsworth. The Lord bless him.

I spent an hour with the Conference Board of Finance and was delighted to find that they were so diligent in their work. Such men as these in the Annual Conference are a valuable asset to the work we are now projecting. They are wide-awake and eager to go. It is not necessary to persuade them to be watchful for opportunities to assist the cause, for they are constantly seeking something to do that will help. They assured me out of much warmth of feeling that they could be depended upon to do everything in their power to assist.

This is Saturday night, and I am speeding homeward. The week's work has been satisfactory. I am happy in the faith that my beloved Church really is about to remember her "forgotten man." And the North Mississippi Conference will do her whole share in that process of remembering. This was one of the first Conferences to receive me and my cause into wide-open arms, and she will be the last to disappoint any confidence that she inspires. Come on, North Mississippi! The band is playing! Orders have come to go forward! And I cannot find in history where you failed to respond to any worthy call. Come on; it is your turn to fall in line. Soon the great army of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will press forward in solid phalanx, not to take another's flag, but to remove a stain of reproach from her own. Move over, boys, make room for the colors of grand old North Mississippi.

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Left With Two Babies And No Income

At first it was pretty hard to manage---now I keep my pocket-book comfortably filled

By Bessie English

When my husband died, two years ago, it seemed the end of the world to me. There I was with two small children—one only six weeks old—and no income.

My husband's long sickness had taken every dollar of our savings. Baby's coming had brought another expense. The insurance was barely enough to meet all the bills. I was left almost destitute.

I was totally unprepared for the responsibility of being the family breadwinner. The only thing I knew how to do was housework. The outlook was anything but cheerful.

I Wouldn't Hear of It

Everybody was very kind. There were many offers of help. But I had too much pride to be willing to accept charity, even from relatives. My folks urged me at least to let them take the children, so I would have only myself to provide for, instead of three. But I wouldn't hear of it. My babies were all I had in the world, and I was determined that nothing should take them from me.

But how was I to manage? I couldn't sleep thinking about it. Both children, and especially the baby, were at the age where they needed a mother's constant care. I couldn't leave them alone to go out working. Yet I faced the necessity of somehow earning enough to provide food and clothing and a home.

I live in a small town. At best there aren't many ways here for a woman to earn a living. And I had to find something that wouldn't take me away from the children. That didn't leave much choice. I would have to take in washing or starve.

I was none too strong. It was a hard grind. At times both my back and my courage were ready to break. But always the thought of my two children kept me going.

It was terribly discouraging. The children, of course, required quite a bit of my time. No matter how long or how hard I slaved over the washtubs, what I earned was barely enough to keep body and soul together. Even with sewing added, the amount I earned was still pitifully small.

Worst of all, the hard work was gradually wearing me down. I lost twenty pounds. I began to fear I couldn't hold out much longer. The strain and worry of it had me almost in despair.

Just What I Had Been Hoping For

One Sunday I was so tired and discouraged that I was about ready to give up. Trying to get my mind off my struggle, I

picked up a paper which a neighbor had brought over. As good luck

would have it, the first thing that caught my eye was a way to earn money at home. Exactly what I had long been hoping for but never expecting to find—good pay for work I could do entirely at my own convenience, without stepping out of the house, without any tax on my strength, without set hours, without having to leave or neglect the children.

I read it from beginning to end. It told how a Mrs. Himburg in Brooklyn New York, had averaged about \$12 a week for nearly two years—in her spare time. How hundreds of other home workers each earned all the way from \$5 to \$25 or more every week—the amount depending on how much time is given to the work.

I made up my mind I could do as well as anyone else. The work looked easy and interesting—knitting socks for the Home Profit Hosiery Company. I didn't know a thing about knitting, but it said no experience was necessary. I immediately wrote for full information about the plan.

The mere thought that perhaps my drudgery at the washtubs would soon be over put me in better spirits than I had been for weeks. The more I found out about the plan and the money others were earning, the more convinced I became that here was my chance. So I sent in my application. In due time I received my Knitter, a supply of yarn, and a book of simple and clear instructions that made everything plain and easy. Honestly, I fell in love with my Knitter as soon as I saw it—it looked so clever and capable.

After a little practice, I could knit socks fine enough for any millionaire. It is no trick at all on this skillful little Home Profit Knitter. And I can sit down at my machine and earn a good day's pay while watching the children.

My First Check

My first check from the Home Profit Hosiery Company made me

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