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ARE WE ABLE?

One of the common excuses for failure to pay Centenary pledges is that our people are poor. Yes; compared with Rockefeller and Ford, we are poor; but, when we compare our incomes with those of three-fourths of the human race, we are rich. The vast majority of the people of China and India have about ten cents a day for each wage earner. There are only a few thousand millionaires in the world. Why do we compare ourselves with them, and call ourselves poor? Why not compare ourselves with the millions who have only ten cents a day?

It is estimated by the United States government that the average income in this country is \$560 a year. Surely Southern Methodists are not below the average in prosperity; consequently their total annual income is more than a billion dollars. If we accept the Bible principle that "the tenth is the Lord's" the part of our income which actually belongs to God is at least \$100,000,000. In 1922 we paid for all church purposes \$34,207,729. This leaves a balance of some \$65,000,000 which we are withholding. If we are spending for luxuries—things not essential—as are others in the United States, we are using at least \$250,000,000 for purely selfish purposes. We are amply able to pay our pledges. Yes; three times our pledge. It is not a question of ability. It is a question of willingness to do what our Lord requires.

If we would accept God's plan for the handling of our money, we as a Church could pay all our Centenary pledges, our Education pledges, the Superannuate pledges, and then build churches and orphanages and hospitals. In short, we would enter upon a new era both in our Church and our individual life. Then God, seeing that we could be trusted with money, would prosper us beyond our dreams. Why not try God's plan?

MISDIRECTED CRITICISM.

In a recent issue of the *Pentecostal Herald*, an independent religious paper of which Dr. H. C. Morrison is the able and accomplished editor, is an editorial on "North Arkansas Conference" in which Dr. Morrison says: "The pastors and laymen of this Conference are of intellectual culture, manly appearance, and devotion to Christ and his kingdom, and will compare well with any Conference in the Connection. Last year I preached at the session of the Little Rock Conference. For some reason a good many people in the United States are disposed to poke a bit of fun at the people of Arkansas. I wish such persons could look upon the personnel of the two great Conferences, and I have no doubt that other religious denominations measure up well with the Methodists. Arkansas is a great State and is making rapid progress in the development of its vast resources." Dr. Morrison adds: "The time is opportune for spiritual leadership in the Church, for a widespread revival among the church people themselves. There is a blessing from God that so establishes people that the shafts of modernism will fall as harmless as if they were fired against the rock Gibraltar."

We appreciate the gracious compliments and agree with Dr. Morrison that the time is ripe for a great spiritual revival. The right kind of a revival will sweep away doubts and fears and establish our people in their love and devotion for Christ and his Kingdom. Our people are praying for it, and we believe it will come.

In closing Dr. Morrison says: "Candor compels me to say that I am fully convinced that in all these Conferences there is a group of influential men who are in sympathy with modernism."

Now the term "modernism" is broad, and carelessly used may easily create a wrong impression. Of course, the preachers who deny the Virgin birth, the resurrection, the possibility of miracles, and the inspiration of the Scriptures, and are headlined in the secular press, are in Dr. Morrison's mind when he uses the term "modernism." But surely he does not include preachers who every Sabbath conscientiously lead their congregation in repeating the Apostles' Creed and who honestly believe the Article of Religion, "Holy Scripture containeth all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the faith, or be thought requisite or necessary to salvation."

Knowing our preachers, we feel sure that all in our two Conferences are true to these principles and are preaching these truths in sincerity. If

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this makes them "modernists," then we are all "modernists."

We are wondering what has led Dr. Morrison to his conclusion. Has he heard any of our brethren preach heresy? Or does he reach his conclusion on "hear-say" evidence—the reports of men who perhaps are not themselves Arminian in their theology?

Dr. Morrison is a saintly man and zealous for the truth, and we feel confident that he has unwittingly allowed himself to write without fully knowing the situation. If he or his informants know that any of our preachers are preaching heresy, it is their duty to make their complaint to the proper officials and before the ecclesiastical tribunals. We trust that Dr. Morrison will discover that he was in error when he wrote the criticism quoted. We love and admire him and will not admit that he would intentionally misrepresent any of his brethren.

We believe that some good men are permitting themselves to become disturbed over the dissensions and disputes in other denominations, and by a subtle, unconscious psychological process are attributing to our own preachers what has been seen in the papers about others. If we are patient and discriminating and brotherly we may overcome any evil tendencies and keep the faith in peace.

WHEREUNTO?

Discussing public service, *The Dearborn Independent*, very pertinently, says: "What is done mostly nowadays is not public service in the sense of the constituted government itself actually performing the service. What is done is this: a company of ladies or gentlemen, not having enough to keep them busy, conceive the idea of uplifting the people by the introduction of some delightful scheme; and so they besiege Congress in behalf of that scheme; and presently Congress gives orders on the public treasury for sufficient funds to create offices for the more vociferous of the uplifters, and in this way another department is created which functions mostly through the mails and adds to the assorted burden of daily advice sent forth from the Capital of the nation. So that much of the public service, so-called, has come to mean securing from Congress the public endowment of private proposals. The only really governmental part in it is the issuing of permits to draw on the public funds. Now, a government can perform only governmental duties. And until government restricts itself to its own duties, the things it will be asked to do are going to increase to such extent as to threaten to engulf the whole of the people's life, and the end of that will be that we shall all be working for a government. When that time comes the American nation will be a thing of the past."

MEXICO.

When a new revolution breaks out in Mexico, we are inclined to wag our heads and oracularly declare that the Mexicans are incapable of self-government. True it is that our form of government is foreign to the Latin-American experience, and consequently it is not to be expected that the Mexicans will realize their aims at a bound.

A writer in *The Outlook*, who has recently visited Mexico, makes certain observations which we would do well to ponder. In part, they are as follows: "Mexico at this vital period of her history is working out her own destiny in her own way, employing principles and methods best suited to solve her own peculiar problems. She is grasping the opportunity for self-redemption in the same manner, with the same enthusiasm, and the same determination, as Italy and Germany half a century ago grasped their opportunity for freedom and unification. In other words, the Mexican people are building for themselves a political and social structure which, when completed, will not differ materially from democratic structure now ex-

isting in other parts of the world. For centuries the Mexican people have lived under a despotism the equal of which few peoples of the world have experienced. Peonage, exploitation, and slavery were the lot of the Indian and the mestizo, not only under rule of the viceroys, princes, and foreign potentates, but under that of their own presidents and governors. . . . Mexico's political institutions are patterned after our own—in fact, it is said that the Carranza Constitution was drawn up by an American labor leader. But, while her system may be conducive to democratic rule, her people, are hardly fitted for democratic government, and may not be for a number of generations. . . . Mexico is one of the treasure-houses of the world, rich in the products that make for material progress. Her fifteen million people are inferior to none in their capacity to contribute in terms of labor. She has leaders who, though lacking in experience, have the mentality, the ability, and the courage to play great parts. All that she needs is time—time in which to learn that the path of progress is traversed only by means of sacrifice and hard work. Given that, she will take her place among the democratic nations of the earth, contributing, as all nations should contribute, to the greater good of humanity.

"WISER THAN THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT."

In one of his practical parables our Lord remarked: "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light."

Again, and again is this verified in our church affairs. In business, men formulate practical plans and carefully work them out, and succeed. In politics, closely articulated organizations are formed and skillful work is done, and the party wins. Pressure is brought to bear, diplomacy is used, and generalship is appreciated.

How different in our church life: Plans are formed, to be sure, but seldom are they effectively operated. If pressure is used, no matter how legitimately, it is resented. If men attempt to lead, their leadership is not appreciated, and they are criticized. It is thus in our Centenary. The original plans were sane and businesslike and the organization was efficient; hence expectation was realized in abundant pledges. But when the period of collecting came, leadership and reasonable pressure were often resented, and results have not been altogether satisfactory.

Again, in business, in politics, in fraternal organizations, the necessity for ample publicity is fully recognized and organs of publicity are established and liberally maintained. The cost is counted as a legitimate and praiseworthy expense and is cheerfully paid.

But how does the Church handle its affairs? It needs publicity. Many of its enterprises are absolutely dependent upon publicity for success. Papers are approved, and established on a meager footing; left without adequate support; and criticized for their weakness. Instead of cheerfully paying for the cost of these papers as a necessary part of Church business, members shirk and complain as if an imposition were being forced on them.

There is a publisher in this country who is promoting socialism and skepticism. He prints cheap literature, advertises, and gets liberal support. His papers and pamphlets circulate far and wide scattering the seeds of moral and political disease. He reaches our people; but we do not reach his kind. Our literature is not prepared to attract his class of readers. It is not put into their hands. Our people lack the means of meeting his arguments. What are we going to do about it?

The printing press was first an auxiliary of the Bible and religion. Shall we now allow it to be used for the destruction of the best things in our moral and national life? Shall we be wiser than the children of this world?

Through the preaching of life service and stewardship, the Centenary has been the means of inducing 5,000 young men and women to turn the attention to the Christian calling. Of this number about 700 are already at work in our mission fields at home and abroad. Others are in preparation. Never in all the history of Methodism have people volunteered for Christian service as they have during the Centenary period.

Costly cosmetics may conceal a faulty reveal a shallow soul.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Supt. M. J. Russell of Valley Springs Training School, reports that seventeen new students have entered since Christmas, and very few dropped out.

Rev. C. H. Bumpers, Scranton and New Blaine, reports that he was rather late getting to his new charge but that he is well pleased with the outlook.

Rev. Clem Baker is engaged in a Training School at San Antonio, Texas this week. Hence, the lack of Sunday School material from Little Rock Conference this issue.

Dr. O. E. Goddard of Conway was in the city Monday assisting in work for Hendrix College. Mrs. Goddard will spend some weeks in Hot Springs taking the thermal baths.

Mr. C. A. Payne, formerly of Bauxite, now of the Confederate Home, called last Monday to renew his subscription. Mr. Payne is one of the oldest subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist.

Rev. Mark N. Terrell, general evangelist, has had many gracious revivals during the past year, and is ready for another year of revival work. His address is 703 N. Crockett St., Sherman, Texas.

Friends of Mrs. J. A. Womack, wife of the presiding elder of Fayetteville District, will be pleased to know that she is rapidly recovering from the effects of a serious operation recently undergone in the Fayetteville hospital.

Many out-of-town people go to Ft. Smith hospitals for treatment. Rev. R. H. Lewelling, pastor of Dodson Avenue Church, would be glad to serve them in any way possible if pastors or friends will notify him, addressing him at 1822 Dodson Ave.

In the campaign for funds for Henderson-Brown College Arkadelphia raised \$10,000 more than the quota assigned. Rev. J. J. Galloway is successfully leading in this movement. With 280 college students the college has the largest enrollment in its history.

On Monday Rev. W. P. Whaley, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, called. He reports his daughter, who a few weeks ago was critically ill, able to leave the hospital and well on the way to recovery. Bro. Whaley's great church will maintain its fine record by continuing the paper in the homes of all members.

Rev. Lester Weaver of Bentonville thus writes: "We have begun our work among a pleasant people who have the habit of trying to make their lives happy. We have done a little. There is yet to do. But all the signs of the times seem to point toward a great year. The influence of the Arkansas Methodist among people is plainly manifest."

Absolom Knox, pastor of First Methodist Baltimore Md., died in that city, Jan. 15, of 53. He was related to the Knox family of Bluff, and, after service in the Y. M.

C. A. at Paducah, Ky., and in the army in the Spanish-American war, he was in Little Rock Conference for one year before transferring to Baltimore Conference.

Those who know Mr. and Mrs. F. T. Fowler will deeply sympathize with them in the sudden death of his only sister who was a splendidly trained community welfare worker in Ann Harbor, Mich. Mr. and Mrs. Fowler have gone to Zanesville, Ga. where his sister will be buried.

Prizes amounting to \$500 are offered for the best papers on "Boll Weevil Control." The contest opened Jan. 15, and closes March 15, 1924. Farmers, bankers, scientists, practical cotton men are eligible to participate. If you desire fuller information address the Hibernia Bank and Trust Co., New Orleans, La.

President J. M. Workman has arranged for men prominent in business and professional life to address the students of Henderson-Brown College. Hon. H. L. Remmel has already delivered an interesting address, and Mr. Morehead Wright of the Union Bank and Trust Co. of this city is scheduled to speak soon.

A great meeting under the leadership of the Grover Cleveland Evangelistic Party has been in progress at Clarksville for some three weeks. The partial reports indicate fine interest and results. Bro. Yancey, the active and faithful pastor, is greatly encouraged. A full report is expected at the close of the meeting.

Rev. R. L. Armor, formerly of North Arkansas Conference, is now pastor of the Alamo Church in San Antonio, Texas. Last Sunday he had our Rev. C. N. Baker preach in his church and made special arrangements to secure the attendance of former residents of Arkansas. A male quartet sang "My Happy Little Home in Arkansas."

Under the will of the late B. B. Cannon of Pasadena, Calif., Arkansas institutions will receive \$140,000. Arkansas College and Ouachita College will receive \$25,000 each, and Henderson-Brown College will receive \$20,000. Mr. Cannon spent most of his life in Sevier Co., and is an uncle of Rev. J. L. Cannon of Arkadelphia.

President J. H. Reynolds writes: "I am just in receipt of a letter from the State Department of Education of New York at Albany saying that the Board of Regents at their meeting January 3, 1924, formally registered Hendrix College as a standard college. This entitles graduates of Hen-

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"Of making many books there is no end." (Eccles. xii. 12.)

"Wear the old coat, but buy the new book." (Austin Phelps.)

"Let every teacher, parent, preacher, and editor know this: that books are the keys which will unlock the soul of a child or a youth or a grown-up..... Unlock a human soul and you have opened the gates of eternity! Books are the keys to this kingdom!" (William L. Stidger.)

"Books are the food of youth, the delight of old age; the ornament of prosperity, the refuge and comfort of adversity; a delight at home and no hindrance abroad; companions by night, in traveling, in the country." (Cicero.)

"Books are like men: they may be shallow or deep, good or bad, degrading or uplifting; and it is of as supreme importance for us to choose our books as it is to choose our friends." (Oscar Kuhns.)

"Give a man a taste for books and the means of gratifying it, and you can hardly fail of making a happy man. You place him in contact with the best society in every period of history, with the wisest, the wittyest, with the tenderest, the bravest, and the purest characters who have adorned humanity. You make him a denizen of all nations, a contemporary of all ages. The world has been created for him." (Sir John Herschel.)

"Talent alone cannot make a writer. There must be a man behind the book." (Emerson.)

"Every great book is an action, and every great action is a book." (Luther.)

"Read noble thoughts, whoever wrote them. Authors are God's generous gifts to help us to the wider life. Use them and therein justify God's good gift. The poets have so many of them seen God that they will teach you how to see him. Flee the delusion that you are never studying God save when you are in church or reading the Bible..... Read nature, read books; but do not neglect nor forget the one Book." (Bishop William A. Quayle.)—Selected and arranged by Mrs. R. S. Satterfield, Courtesy (Nashville) Christian Advocate.

drix holding a B. A. degree to teach in the schools of the State without examination. This action was taken by the Board of Regents of the University of New York without application or suggestion from us."

In the assembly room of the LawSouth Building, the officers and employees of the Board of Missions meet each day at noon for a short prayer service. This service lasts only fifteen minutes, but these men and women charged with the conduct of the business of the Board of Missions feel that without it the day's work would be far more difficult.

Rev. J. R. A. Vaughan of St. Louis Conference fell on sleep in Cape Girardeau, Mo., on Jan. 8. While pastor in Fayette, Mo., in 1879, he received this writer into the church. He was a sweet-spirited, sunny, faithful pastor, whose life and influence counted and will never be forgotten. As pastor and presiding elder he rendered the Church rich service.

Miss Janet Miller, daughter of the late Dr. W. G. Miller and sister of Dr. W. M. Miller of this city, who has been connected with the Hiroshima School in Japan, has recently been appointed one of the head surgeons in the Union Hospital in Shanghai, China, which was once the sole property of our Church. Miss Miller has made diseases of the eye a speciality and has been preparing for this work in the hospitals of England and America.

At the annual election of the Bankers Trust Co. of this city, Hon. H. L. Remmel, who has been president since the bank was organized, was made chairman of the executive committee, an office created in recognition of his services, and Mr. Roland C. Irvine, a graduate of Hendrix College and son of Mr. E. D. Irvine, was elected cashier. Mr. Irvine has been connected with the bank since his graduation except the time spent in the army as first lieutenant.

Monday night the executive committee of the State Y. M. C. A. and a few specially invited friends met at dinner and heard an address by Mr. F. S. Brockman, international secretary, who has spent many years in China and has studied conditions abroad. He indicated that the ancient nations are rapidly changing and are seeking the best things in modern life. They look to the United States for help and guidance. We should furnish leadership and the example of lives quadrated with our Christianity.

In the death of General B. W. Green, Jan. 15, Little Rock has lost one of its oldest and most honored citizens. When a mere boy he served in the Confederate Army, coming out with the rank of sergeant-major. He was prominent in the work of church and charity, and was the oldest elder of the Presbyterian Church in the State. He had been adjutant general of the Arkansas National Guard under Governor Donaghey, and at the time of his death was major general commanding the Confederate veterans of the State.

On Jan. 18, at St. Vincent's Infirmary, Monsignor Thomas V. Tobin passed away. As a scholar, editorial writer, and preacher, he was a distinguished member of the Roman Catholic priesthood. He had been in Little Rock twelve years and was popular and beloved not only in his own Church, but by people of other communions. This editor became intimately acquainted with Dr. Tobin while serving with him on a jury, and learned to honor and love him. His departure seems unimely and his brotherly companionship will be missed. In these days of controversy his sweet spirit was a benediction in the community.

The Texas Christian Advocate came out at the beginning of the year in new dress and under new management. The new heading is attractive and the paper and typography are good. Dr. G. S. Slover, the new publisher, is a Texas preacher of large and successful experience in the pastorate and educational work. His policy as announced is full cooperation with all the activities of the Church. The contract for printing has been let to the Harbin Braswell Co., who have a new building and equipment in a suburb of Dallas. Dr. P. B. Riley, the cultured and capable editor, continues with the new organization. We congratulate Texas Methodism on this effort to put the paper to the front and trust that their fondest hopes may be realized.

Hon. B. B. Chism, who had been secretary of state for Arkansas, 1889-1893 died at his home in Ft. Smith on Jan. 15. He was one of our most distinguished citizens.

VISITING CROSSETT.

There is always something to learn in this remarkable town, hence I appreciated the privilege of spending Saturday and Sunday there with Rev. S. F. Goddard, the lovable and efficient pastor. Saturday I saw friends and arranged for some advertising to appear later. Sunday was cool, clear, and exhilarating—a delightful day. I was permitted to lecture a Sunday school class and then preach at eleven. After dinner, riding out

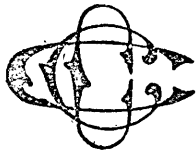


The Call of the Conference Claimants

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The Intensive Period of the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment Is from February 1, 1924, to July 1, 1924

The General Conference of 1922 made a law that the first Quarterly Conference should (1) approve the minimum amount to be raised by the charge in five years for Superannuate Endowment and (2) appoint the Charge Special Effort Committee to direct the movement for raising the charge's quota. (See 1922 Discipline, Paragraph 12.)

These duties of the first Quarterly Conference, as required by the law of the Church, are clearly set forth in the Workers' Guide on pages 16, 17, and 18. When these matters have been attended to by the first Quarterly Conference, a report should be made by the charge to the Board of Finance showing the action taken concerning them. The Workers' Guide carries a pink leaf on pages 19 and 20, arranged conveniently for giving this information. The pink leaf should be carefully filled in on both sides, detached at the perforation, and mailed by first-class postage to the Board of Finance. This is the pink leaf report that I have been writing so much about in recent weeks.

The time of beginning the actual application of the plan of Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment is fixed for February 1, 1924. We are not at liberty actually to begin the plan for the movement before that time, except in the doing of those things demanding action under the law at the first Quarterly Conference and reporting its action concerning these matters on the pink leaf, as stated. Therefore I urge the pastors everywhere at the present time to express their loyalty to the Special Effort by saying it with pinks.

An Obligation That Should Not Be Neglected.—The Centenary Commission has been given the liberty for an intensive movement during December, 1923, and January, 1924, to collect subscriptions made to the great Missionary Centenary. The Board of Finance is in hearty sympathy with the effort of the Centenary Commission to make these collections, and it sincerely hopes that every pastor will do his full duty in cooperating with the Commission in doing this work. Let every lover of the cause of the "forgotten man" be faithful to the Centenary Commission's collecting program during December and January, and I am sure that these leaders will in turn be faithful to our Special Effort during its period, which actually begins February 1, 1924.

Pinker and Pinker!—This is Saturday, December 29. It has been a holiday week, but, nevertheless, a good one in the pink business. Pink leaf reports have been received this week as follows: Monday, 86; Wednesday, 74; Thursday, 44; Friday, 23; Saturday, 25. Total for the week, 252. Also the total number of pink leaf reports received from the beginning is 1,691. This means that already ap-

proximately \$3,000,000 has been officially subscribed by the charges for Superannuate Endowment.

I sincerely believe that by February 1 fully 4,000 pink leaf reports will be in the files of the Board of Finance. And before the cultivation period, February 1 to March 16, is over I believe that practically every charge in the Church of the Annual Conferences which have been held will have sent in a pink leaf report. The pinker it gets, the broader my smile. Come on, everybody, and add some more color to the cause of the "forgotten man!"

Presiding Elders Who Are One Hundred Per Cent Pink.—My readers will recall that sometime ago I promised to publish an honor roll of the presiding elders who succeed in having the charges of their respective districts send in the pink leaf report one hundred per cent. It is a pleasure now to list these worthies in the order that they reached the goal:

1. Illinois Conference, Murphysboro District, Rev. A. E. Thomas, presiding elder.
2. Northwest Conference, Inland District, Rev. J. H. Dills, presiding elder.
3. Southwest Missouri Conference, Sedalia District, Rev. H. J. Rand, presiding elder.
4. Tennessee Conference, Mount Pleasant District, Rev. R. S. Timmon, presiding elder.
5. Western North Carolina Conference, Statesville District, Rev. D. M. Litaker, presiding elder.

Let the good work go on. I have a vision of the names of all the presiding elders of the Church on this honor roll. It seems to me that if I were serving as a presiding elder at the present time I would count it a real privilege to serve the Special Effort of Superannuate Endowment in such manner that my name could appear on this honor roll for future generations to read. It is doubtless true that the work is exceedingly difficult in some districts, and yet I cannot get it out of my mind that a way can be found to do anything which ought to be done. Brother Presiding Elder, just get the mental picture of a host of over 2,300 superannuated preachers and the widows of preachers reaching out their suppliant hands to you in this emergency, and I am sure you will have the courage and the determination to keep working at this thing until it is accomplished. I am eager to add your name to the one-hundred-per-cent list. Get all the charges of your district to send the pink leaf report to the Board of Finance, and you shall have your place on the honor roll of your brethren who succeed in doing likewise.

It may help you to read quotations from letters written by presiding elders who are already one hundred per cent pink. One writes: "I have faithfully presented the cause at

every Quarterly Conference, devoting from thirty to sixty minutes each time to the subject. In my district there is no opposition. I am plugging away at it and mean to put up a creditable job by the middle of March and for five years thereafter." Another writes: "Every Quarterly Conference in my district accepted the quota without a dissenting voice. It is the most popular movement I have ever seen." Another writes: "The inclosed pinks complete my district. The members of the committees have been carefully selected." And so on. And I say: "How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of Him who bringeth good tidings!" Say it with pinks!

On His Toes Awaiting the Signal.—I received hundreds of letters from preachers expressing heartfelt interest in the Special Effort. I wish the many encouraging things they contain could be given to the public, but space will not permit. However, as a sample I will quote from one letter now before me the following: "For the past four years I have been sort of aching to get at this matter of Superannuate Endowment. I think there has never been a movement in our Church more needed than this. Now that the time has almost arrived to begin actual operations, I am rarin' to go." A pastor who feels that way about it is sure to get a good start when the whistle blows. He makes me wish I were a pastor right now and could have the opportunity of toeing the mark with him for an honest-to-goodness race toward the appealing goal of justice for the "forgotten man."

I wonder what the Church will do about these preachers, tried and true, who to the Lord their young years lent

And labored until strength was spent? These preachers who did strive to win

The world from Satan and from sin, These saintly men, now worn and bent,

Whose lives self-sacrifice have meant?

Yes, I wonder what we will do as a Church? But I do not have to speculate concerning what I will do personally. Whatever may be the outcome of the Special Effort, I am positively certain that I shall be able at the end to say I have done my dead level best. If all the preachers of the Church will join me in this whole-hearted consecration to the task, there will be no need to worry about the outcome. Failure comes from careless indifference, neglect, and procrastination; success issues from an honest try. If we really make the effort, it shall be done. Please remember that February 1, 1924, is the time fixed for actually beginning the work. What can you do until then to help the movement? Why, you can

SAY IT WITH PINKS!

fourteen miles to the camp in a motor car, I preached to a fine audience at the "Y" at 3 p. m. Returning, I preached for the Colored Methodists at 7 and at our church at 8, meeting the official board at the close. By some plan they will put the paper into every home. Since it has been discovered that with scientific forestry the supply of trees can be maintained, the future of Crossett is secure and plans for a new church are being discussed. Many improvements on the mills have been made. Under the leadership of Bro. Goddard and that princely layman, Mr. Adam Trieschmann, our church interests prosper. As Mrs. Goddard was in this city for treatment, I was entertained at the Rose Inn where Mr. Boardman

provides lavishly for the care of the visiting preachers. In another issue a fuller account of our church and Crossett will be given. My sojourn in that ideal industrial community was profitable in many ways.—A. C. M.

THE CIRCULATION CONTEST.

The Baptist Advance of last week contained the following comment on the Circulation Contest:

"The Methodists are game. Also they are good sports. And incidentally they are quite numerous in Arkansas."

"Two years ago the Baptist Advance and the Arkansas Methodist had a subscription-getting contest in which the Baptist Advance won. The Meth-

odists have never been quite satisfied about that, and they believe they can 'clean us up' in such a contest now.

"It is quite common for the Methodists to assume that with their closer, more compact organization they can put over a thing like this better than we can. Evidently they believe they beat the Baptists."

"Well, we are not going to boast before event; but if they beat the Baptists of Arkansas they are going to have the run of their lives. They are pretty well acquainted with the Baptists of Arkansas; we know their mettle and their strength. We just believe they can beat the Methodists old time."

THE HOLY BIBLE.

Holy Bible, Book divine,
Precious treasure! thou art mine;
Mine to tell me whence I came;
Mine to tell me what I am!

Mine to chide me when I rove;
Mine to show a Savior's love;
Mine thou art to guide and guard,
Mine to punish or reward.

Mine to comfort in distress,
Suff'ring in th's wilderness;
Mine to show by living faith,
Man can triumph over death.

Mine to tell of joys to come,
And the rebel sinner's doom;
O, thou holy Book divine!
Precious treasure! thou art mine!

THE HOLY BIBLE: THE WORLD'S BEST SELLER.

By L. E. Harris.

The Holy Bible is the book of universal literature. No matter whether classic, romantic or historic, the masterpieces of all time are to be found between its lids. It has been translated into practically every language and dialect. Printing presses have been running day and night turning out volumes of the precious Book for centuries, but still the demand increases faster than production.

What class of literature is most appealing to you, dear reader? Do you prefer science, history, drama, romance, poetry? The best of each of them is here in the Book. Read some of the classifications in corroboration of the statement above.

Anthropology—Three distinct times the genealogy of man is traced from the beginning. Ethnographers should note these generation by generation, as recorded in the book of Genesis, the first chapter of Matthew, and the third chapter of the gospel of Luke.

Biology and Geology—The first few chapters of Genesis record the oldest, most accurate and most indisputable history of the beginnings of all things, animate and inanimate, to be found.

Architecture—Read the technical details of Solomon's temple, to be found in the sixth chapter of first Kings.

Moral Laws—The very foundation of our present day jurisprudence is the Bible. Read the "rules of civil conduct" as prescribed by Moses in the book of Leviticus. Then read the Saviour's Sermon on the Mount as recorded by Matthew. Our legislative and Judiciary branches of government have read these with profit, and the more widely read they are the greater equity and justice result.

Health and Sanitation—Moses had laws given the Israelites en route to the Promised Land that are as vital today as when promulgated. It is wonderful how many of them are in practical use now. If interested in this subject read these in the books of Exodus and Leviticus.

Wisdom—The proverbs and aphorisms of King Solomon are as pertinent as when written about three thousand years ago. Read the book of Proverbs and see for yourself how much present day wisdom and good advice are contained therein.

Tragedy—Those interested in this subject will be enthralled with Matthew's graphic description of the last days of the Savior on earth, from the sorrowful night on the Mount of Olives to the final enactment of the "Tragedy of Ages" when even Nature itself revolted against its horrors.

Drama—Cain and Abel, the first hu-

man beings whose births were recorded in history, were brothers. In a fit of jealousy Cain slew Abel, and was marked for life. From that time man's countenance has been the index to his heart. Another absorbingly dramatic record is that of Abraham and Isaac, and their journey to the mount, where Abraham thought he was to sacrifice young Isaac as a burnt offering.

Melodrama—Read the book of Esther. She was a beautiful Jewess who became a queen. She superseded the lovely Vashti, whose sole offense was that she declined to exhibit her person to the king's titled guests. Esther made a noble and merciful queen.

Romance—No modern work of fiction is more absorbing than the book of Ruth. The story of the young woman of Moab who forsook her own land and people to return with old Naomi, the Jewess, to the land of the true God in an epic of entrancing in-

terest. Boaz, a man of wealth and distinction, took her to wife, and she became the grandmother of David, the poet-soldier-king of Israel.

Oratory—Read Isaiah and Jeremiah. We think of Demosthenes and Cicero as the outstanding ancient orators, but countless thousands have been enthralled with the utterances of the old prophets who never heard of either Demosthenes or Cicero. Also, the address of Paul before King Agrippa stands at the top as a classic. Read the books of Isaiah and Jeremiah, and then turn to the twenty-sixth chapter of Acts and read Paul's defence of himself.

Poetry—David was the immortal bard, and in comparison the writings of Milton and the world's best poets pale, and will be forgotten ere the freshness of the Psalms wear off. Are you worn and disheartened? Then read the twenty-third Psalm beginning "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want." For lofty grandeur the

nineteenth Psalm is incomparable: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the firmament sheweth His handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard."

Adventure—Probably the most realistic story of a storm at sea, shipwreck and thrilling rescue is found in the twenty-seventh chapter of Acts. The great apostle, Paul, the world's first missionary, was an involuntary passenger, being on his way to Rome to stand trial for preaching the gospel of Jesus Christ. Every feature of the storm, the wreck and the landing is told in technical detail. And so on, ad infinitum.

Read the Bible, friends, read the Bible! It feeds the mind; it nourishes the soul! It has stood the test of centuries past; it will stand the test of ages to come. Oh, Precious Book, we thankfully receive thee, and

though we walk through the valley of the shadows even unto death yet wilt thou stay us, and comfort us, and guide us through the mists into the happy harbor of the everlasting life. —Alabama Christian Advocate.

FOUNDING OF A BIBLE SOCIETY.

When a committee from the American Bible Society presented Lloyd George with a Welsh Bible just before he sailed for England recently, the ex-Prime Minister of Great Britain interrupted Dr. Haven's presentation speech by saying, "I have known all my life about Mary Jones, the little Welsh girl, and her long journey in quest of a Bible which resulted in the organization of the first Bible Society in the world. It is one of the most beautiful stories I know."

The presentation took place on board the Majestic. The members of the committee were President Churchill H. Cutting, Vice-Presidents E. Francis Hyde and G. S. McKenzie and General Secretaries William I. Haven and Frank H. Mann.

Dr. Haven, in presenting the Bible, which was printed in New York, said:

"One hundred and twenty years ago a little Welsh girl, by the name of Mary Jones, which you will probably recognize as a Welsh name, walked barefoot over the hills from her home to the nearest minister twenty-five miles away because of her great desire to own a copy of the Holy Scriptures. When she was told that the minister had none for her she burst into tears which caused him to give her from his cupboard one that had been promised to a friend, and she went home rejoicing.

"Turning it over in his mind he decided to go at once to London. There he gathered a few friends together and told them the story and a committee was formed to see that all such persons in Wales and in the British Isles should have copies of the Bible. Someone in the meeting uttered the significant words 'If for Wales, why not for the World?'

"You, yourself, sir, if I may be allowed to say it, are a living witness to the fact that 'What is good for Wales is good for the World!'

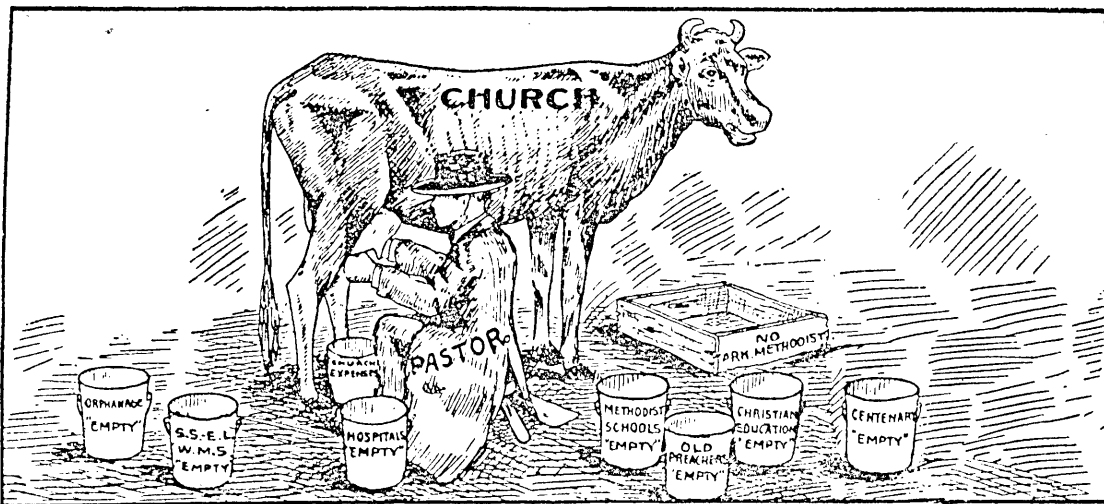
"From the simple act of that little girl has sprung all the Bible Societies of the world which are sending out among all nations in over five hundred languages and dialects twenty millions of copies of the Scriptures every year.

"We felt that we could not let you go home without giving you a Welsh Bible, published by the American Bible Society for the Welsh churches and congregations in the United States. There are no people in this country more loyal to the Bible than the Welsh. We know that you stand for the Bible as the cure of the ills of the world. We wish for you God-speed!"—Ex.

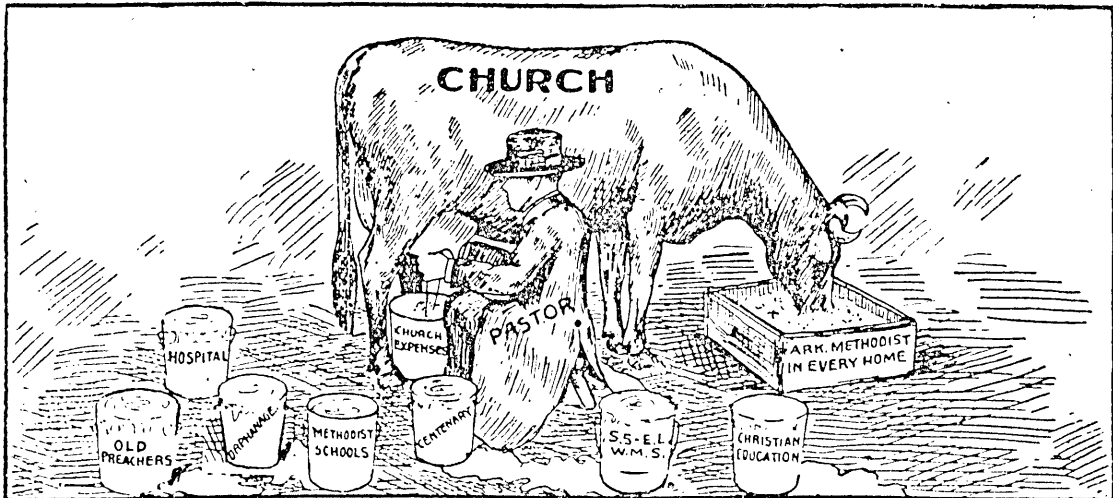
"Books should be discussed and talked about around the dinner table, and parents get the point of view of the children regarding reading in general. It is only by knowing this, and by keeping constantly in touch with the children's reading matter, that you will know how to help them choose wisely and well from the multitude of books that are coming off the presses every year. . . . In helping the children to make a wise selection, in helping to stimulate in them a love for good reading, you will be the richer. Read with them some of the books especially written for them. They are masterpieces, many of them, that will do your heart and your mind good to know."—Ex.

Seeing Two Typical Methodist Churches Through the Eyes of Two Cows

"A Lesson on Doing Things Backwards"



Mr. Roe says that if his cow would give eight (8) buckets of milk per day he would feed her well. He will not pour the feed into her unless she first pours down the milk. LISTEN! Pastor "A" says that his church is going to "put the Arkansas Methodist in the Budget" and send it to every home as soon as they pay off the Church Debt or pay their Centenary or Christian Education pledges or pay something else. NOTICE how this pastor is working and grunting hard, but getting only a "drib." HE IS GOING AT THE MATTER BACKWARDS.



Mr. Doe says that it pays to feed well. Pour in the best feed and the cow will "pour" down the richest milk, and in abundance. LISTEN! Pastor "B" says that it pays to "put the Arkansas Methodist in the Budget, and send it to every home." The Arkansas Methodist in every home will make a "fat" church—strong on the Centenary, Christian Education, the Superannuate Endowment Fund, in Prayer, in Soul-Winning, Sunday Schools, and in paying the pastor. "He is a wise Pastor." NOTE how all the buckets are full except "Church Expenses"—and it will be full shortly. The Progressive Church Program calls for an Arkansas Methodist in every Methodist home in Arkansas.

Pastors and Laymembers of Arkansas Methodism:

Please get the lesson from the story of these cows. The Arkansas Methodist going into the homes of our people in Arkansas every week would mean much to Methodists in our two Conferences.

Absolutely every argument for putting the Pastor's salary and other Church claims in the Budget, or for giving "free" Sunday school literature to people is an argument also for "putting the Arkansas Methodist in the Church Budget, sending it to every Methodist family in your Church.

"But they don't read the paper," someone says. Neither do they all come to hear the Pastor on Sundays. They don't read the Sunday School literature. The great wisdom of such a plan is seen in the fact that banks, insurance companies, lodges and other organizations send regularly free publications to their constituency.

In some way, Brethren, let's put the Arkansas Methodist into the homes of our members.

J. C. GLENN, Associate Editor.

We acknowledge the courtesy of Dr. J. S. Rogers for drawings and data used.

FRECKLES

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Why not rid yourself of those unsightly deep-seated freckles while the sun is not so active? Get an ounce of Othine—double strength—from your drug or department store and apply like ordinary face cream. Thousands for over 15 years have gained a beautiful clear complexion by this simple, easy method.

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Thus Say the Bishops of the Church

WE REJOICE IN THE POSITIVE SUCCESS OF THE CENTENARY THROUGHOUT THE CHURCH AND IN THE NOTABLE FACT THAT IN THE CURRENT YEAR THE COLLECTIONS SHOW A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE OVER THE TWO PRECEDING YEARS. THIS INDICATES THE VITAL INTEREST THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH HAS IN CARRYING TO COMPLETION THE WHOLE CENTENARY PROGRAM.

WHILE THE RESULTS OF THE CENTENARY IN THE FOREIGN FIELDS AND IN THE HOMELAND HAVE STIRRED THE CHURCH TO NEW ENTHUSIASM AND LARGER FAITH IN THEIR ABILITY TO CARRY ON, WE MUST NOT FALTER UNTIL THE UNFINISHED TASK OF THE CENTENARY HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

THE CENTENARY COMMISSION HAS SET UP A SPECIAL PROGRAM FOR CULTIVATION AND COLLECTION WHICH, IF LOYALLY CARRIED OUT BY OUR LEADERS AND MEMBERSHIP, WILL UNDOUBTEDLY GO A LONG WAY TOWARD COMPLETING THE UNFINISHED TASK OF THIS GREAT MISSIONARY MOVEMENT.

IN SECURING THE CENTENARY PLEDGES, THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCH WAS CAREFULLY VISITED AND GIFTS WERE SOLICITED FROM EVERY MEMBER. WE BELIEVE THAT THE COLLECTION OF THESE PLEDGES WILL BE LARGELY DEPENDENT UPON THE SAME SORT OF PERSONAL VISITATION AND SOLICITATION. WE THEREFORE URGE THAT THE SAME PLAN BE FOLLOWED IN THE COLLECTION OF THE PLEDGES—NAMELY, THAT COMMITTEES IN EVERY LOCAL CHURCH VISIT THE SUBSCRIBERS AND EARNESTLY REQUEST THEM TO COMPLETE THE PAYMENT OF THESE PLEDGES DURING THE PERIOD SET APART BY THE CENTENARY COMMISSION, WHICH PERIOD IS JANUARY 20 TO FEBRUARY 1, 1924.

(Adopted by the Bishops at San Antonio, Tex., December 14-17, 1923.)

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BENEDICTION.

By Edmund Thickstun.

The zeal for God that knows no flagging;

The joy to serve which shows no lagging;

The peace of life ne'er put in writing;

Sweet charity, all hearts uniting;

The truth that Christ's dear Spirit's teaching;

The hope within the veil that's reaching—

These benisons may our souls gather

In name of Spirit, Son, and Father.

Amen.—Christian Advocate.

Have you paid your Centenary Pledge?

Read again, on page first in last week's Arkansas Methodist, of what the Centenary has accomplished with the money that has been paid on the Centenary Fund, and then do your best to help in the Pay Up Campaign that the marvelous work for Christianity may go forward. Our pledges were made with faith in ourselves, our Church and our God. Let us meet them in love and gratitude.

ANNUAL MEETING N. ARK. CONF. W. M. S., FEB. 12-15, AT HELENA.

Names of delegates should be sent to Mrs. J. M. Haynie, Oakland Ave., Helena, Ark., as soon as possible that homes may be secured without confusion to the kind hostesses of hospitable Helena.

PERSONAL MENTION

We are happy to hear that Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Organization Secretary of our Woman's Missionary Council, has returned to Nashville after several months spent in the Orient. Her

666 is a prescription for Colds, Fever and LaGrippe. It's the most speedy remedy we know.

visit to her daughters in China was full of joy—joy in being with them and in seeing the blessed work in our mission stations. She had the privilege of visiting our missions in China, Korea and Japan, and has shared her pleasure with us. This week's letter from her gives us much information about Japan and like those about China and Korea will increase our desire to go forward in missions.

NOT LATER THAN FRIDAY, FRIENDS.

In order to insure prompt publication of communications sent to the Missionary Dept. of Arkansas Methodist, it is necessary for the editor to have them in hand a few hours before the printers demand "copy." Without fail, our "copy" must go to these printers on Saturday morning. Therefore communications received later than Friday cause inconvenience and they may just have to be tacked on at the last end of our Dept.

That is the best we can do for belated contributions from forgetful friends who send messages to our Publicity Supts. too late to be forwarded at the proper time.

Several times in succession lately it has been necessary for this editor to hastily exchange "working clothes" for a street costume and rush out with a special request for the insertion of some important announcement. This was no great hardship, though she did hate to be interrupted in shortening her husband's shirt sleeves last week.

Again, may we ask all friends to try to let us have all communications in hand at least by Friday before the "next week" when nearly everybody asks to be served. Remember it is unjust to expect your Pub. Supt. to do miracles—give her time to forward your message. If that is impossible send your important message yourself on time.—V. C. P.

NERVOUS & HALF-SICK WOMEN

Relieved by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

These Three Letters Prove It

Lowell, Mass.—"I am sending you a few lines to let you know what good your medicine has done for me. I want you to let every one know that it has helped me in nervous troubles. I have four children and you know there is a lot to do where children are. They would come in from school and they would start telling me about their little troubles but I could not stand it. I had to send them away. I could not even walk on the street alone I was so nervous. I found one of your books and read it and then I saw in the paper about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I got it and had taken one bottle when I saw a change in myself. I was surprised. The children can talk all they want to now and it does not bother me. I am still taking the Vegetable Compound."—Mrs. JOSEPH LEMERE, 34 South Street, Lowell, Mass.

Felt Like A New Woman

Springfield, Missouri.—"For four five months I was run-down, nervous, my back ached and I did not like doing a thing. Sometimes legs ached and felt like they break and I had a hurting in my back. I had been reading in the papers the letters of other women who had taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and the more I read of it appealed to me so much and saw results in al-

most no time. I had hardly been able to do my own work and after taking the Vegetable Compound I felt like a new woman. I recommend it to my friends who have troubles like I did, and hope they will find the same results."—Mrs. M. CARPENTER, 607 W. Chase Street, Springfield, Missouri.

40 Years Old, Feels Like 20

Hagerstown, Md.—"I was very bad off with backache, a bearing-down feeling in my body and a pain in my left side. I could not be on my feet at times and once I was so bad I walked bent over to one side for three weeks. My sister read of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and got me a bottle. I got so much relief that I took more until I was well. I am 40 years old and feel like 20. I am sure this medicine will help all women."—Mrs. MARY E. SANDY, 436 W. Franklin Street, Hagerstown, Md.

Over 100,000 women have so far replied to our question, "Have you received benefit from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?" 98 per cent of these replies are "Yes."

That means that 98 out of every 100 women who take this medicine for the ailments for which it is recommended are benefited by it.

All druggists are having increased sales of this medicine.

N. ARK. CONF. W. M. S. Report of Treasurer, Fourth Quarter 1923.

Adult Dues & Pledge	\$6,295.57
Y. P. Dues & Pledge	131.92
Jr. Dues & Pledge	135.12
B. D. Dues & Pledge	18.99

Total\$6,582.60

By Funds to Council Treasurer.

Dues	\$3,130.85
Pledge	3,451.75
Retirement & Relief	4.89
Scarritt Loan	99.50
Week of Prayer	787.67
Bennett Memorial	338.14
	\$7,812.71

Bible Women

"Molsie A. Riddick" (Morrilton)	\$30.00
"Grace Womack" (Ozark)	30.00
"Ora Jamison" (Clarksville)	40.95
"Rosa Legg" (Wynne)	40.00
"Faith" (Paragould)	30.00
	\$170.95

Scholarships

"First Methodist," N. Little Rock (First Ch.)	30.00
"Wille-Garner," (1st Church) Little Rock	30.00
"Elizabeth H. Millar" (Conway No. 2)	40.00
	\$80.00

Total to Council Treas.	\$8,063.66
Conf. Expense received	5.00
Rural Deaconess' Support	133.50
Volunteers at Scarritt	225.00

Total	\$363.59
Supplies	941.88
Christian Education	10.00
Meth. Orphanage, L. Rock	17.05
City Missions	82.75
Local Charity in Social Service	1,442.46
Local Work	13,795.86
	16,290.00

Grand Total\$24,717.16
—Mrs. W. A. Steele, Van Buren.

REPORT OF CONF. SUPT. OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

Little Rock Conf. for Year Ending Dec. 31 1923.

Number of Auxiliaries reported last year, 50.

Auxiliaries added during the year, 16.

Auxiliaries dropped during the year, 16.

Correct number of Auxiliaries, 50.

Total number of members, 895.

Number of members added during the year, 415.

Number of life members, 1.

Subscribers to Voice, 41.

Auxiliaries observing Week of Prayer, 23.

Auxiliaries presenting stewardship, 18.

Number of volunteers during the year, 6.

Auxiliaries on Roll of Honor, 12.

Number of mission study classes (all 4 qts.), 99, with 1712 members.

Bible study classes, 47, with 938 members.

Auxiliaries using the Bulletin, 21.

Number of reading circles, 3.

Auxiliaries using secular press, 18.

Auxiliaries presenting social service topics, 33.

21 number of boxes of supplies, value \$106.00.

Total amount sent to Conference Treasurer (B. Bennett \$158.85) \$1,847.97.

1 district meeting attended.

Number of other meetings held in interest of Young People's work 4.

Local work \$1,291.85.

Y. P. Summer Conference at Henderson-Brown, June 11-16 with 125 in attendance.—Mrs. J. G. Moore, L. R. Conf. Supt. Y. People.

LETTER FROM MISS FAY McRAE.

"As superintendent of publicity I have received reports from only 56 auxiliaries. Of this number only 23 reported on the new blanks which were sent to all the presidents in September. Several reported on the old Mission Study Publicity blanks, the others reported, as formerly, to Mrs. Steele.

The Publicity Department is a new one, separated from the Study Department at our last Council meeting. If

you did not elect some one to this office in your December meeting will you not do so at once? If the 1923 President cannot provide you with the Handbook for the Publicity Superintendent which was sent out in the early Fall, order one from Miss Estelle Haskin, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Special mention should be given to Stamps, Lake Village, DeQueen and First Church Texarkana for succeeding in having news items from the Bulletin published in the local papers.

May I not hear from every auxiliary at the end of this the First Quarter? —Fay McRae, Supt. of Pub., L. R. Conf. W. M. S.

ITEMS FROM AUXILIARIES.

Leachville Junior Missionary Society.

Met last Sunday with full attendance. The program was well rendered. Subject, "Jesus and His Wonderful Love." We are growing in attendance and some of our members are very much interested in the lessons. Our year's work with Christmas month will come to a close. How many of us can say our church might be proud of? Can it be said we tried and failed? The children's work is indeed wonderful and with the co-operation of the society, great deeds may yet be accomplished. Let each one be in their place next Sunday at 2 P. M.—Publicity.

El Dorado.

Mrs. C. E. Taylor writes the first meeting of the new year was one of rejoicing and promise for the W. M. S. of the Methodist Church of El Dorado. After the opening devotional, by our re-elected president Mrs. T. M. Thompson, a resume of the year's work was given. The "facts and figures" of accomplishment made joyful the meeting.

Among the outstanding triumphs of the year, was the work of the Social Service department, under the consecrated leadership of Miss Florence Whiteside.

Another department leader who earned high appreciation was Mrs. R. J. Elder, who conducted our splendid mission study.

But perhaps the report that brought the broadest smiles to the faces of those present, was that of Mrs. Geo. Miles, Treasurer, who gave the grand total of the year's finances as amounting to \$5,231.38.

The large increase in membership and attendance, finished a well rounded year.

Checking up with the Standard, Mrs. Thompson, found the society had won for itself a deserved place on the Honor Roll.

Mrs. Thompson then presented plans and aims for the coming year, and the new year started with great promise. As a close to the meeting Mrs. L. K. McKinney, district Secretary, conducted an impressive installation service for the newly elected officers who will heartily co-operate with the President, Mrs. F. M. Thompson and Treas., Mrs. Geo. Miles.

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REV. D. H. COLQUETTE.....Superintendent of Supplies,
714 1-2 Main St., Little Rock, Arkansas.

S. S. WORK IN THE JONESBORO DISTRICT.

The Conference Superintendent was privileged to be with the District Staff in a meeting at Jonesboro last Thursday. The Chairman of the Conference Board was also in attendance. A splendid program of work for the year was worked out in detail meeting on Friday.

The Sunday School budget was fixed at a thousand dollars and a most liberal provision was made for enterprising Junior Schools and earning for the Evangelistic program this year.—H. E. Wheeler.

ROUND UP CAMPAIGN.

We have just finished a careful analysis of the reports which reached

our office during the Round-up Campaign, and some very interesting things have been revealed. The accompanying diagram shows the summary of schools by Districts and of the 312 Sunday Schools which have the Program of Work (Wall Chart) there are 37 of them which have already attained Progressive rank, 9 of them have reached Advanced rank, and 4 of them are Standard schools. On these charts there are 981 seals.

We will furnish to each District a complete report of the facts which have been tabulated and placed on our files. We here give the list of Schools which have attained large seals. We predict that this number will be greatly increased during the

year. Many schools have already written in for dates with our Conference staff in order to get a running start on this year's program.—H. E. Wheeler.

District

	No. Seals	Progressive Schools	Advanced Schools	Standard Schools	Charts Placed
Batesville	145	4	3	3	52
Booneville	83	2	0	0	33
Conway	150	3	0	0	26
Fayetteville	47½	2	0	0	15
Fert Smith	146	6	3	0	36
Helena	128½	5	1	0	47
Jonesboro	135½	7	1	0	36
Paragould	0	0	0	0	31
Searcy	147½	8	1	1	36
Total	981	37	9	4	312

Batesville and Searcy Districts are in the lead as to number of Ranking Schools. Batesville District is leading in the number of charts placed. Conway District is leading in the number of small seals earned.—H. E. Wheeler.

LIST OF RANKING SCHOOLS IN THE N. ARK. CONFERENCE.

School	Rank	Type	Per Cent
Batesville District			
Mountain Home, Stand	C		100
Oak Grove, Wolf Bayou, Prog	C		70
Tuckerman, Adv.	C		80
Evening Shade, Prog.	C		60
Shiloh, Three B., Stand.	C		100
Yellville, Adv.	C		90
Moorefield, Stand.	C		100
Calico Rock, Adv.	C		99
Alicia, Prog.	C		60
Swifton, Prog.,	C		60
Booneville District			
Booneville, Prog.	B		80
Danville, Prog.	C		68
Conway District			
Gardner Memorial, Prog.	C		70
Cabot, Prog.	C		70
Conway, 1st Ch., Prog.	B		70
Fayetteville District			
Bentonville, Prog.	B		70
Prairie Grove, Prog.	C		70
Fort Smith District			
Mulberry, Prog.	C		70
Alma, Adv.	C		80
E. Van Buren, Adv.	C		90
City Hgts., Van B., Prog.	C		70
Mt. View, Kibler Adv.	C		90
Hackett, Prog.	C		60
Greenwood, Prog.	C		60
Clarksville, Prog.	B		70
Van Buren, Ft. Ch., Prog	B		70
Helena District			
Helena, 1st Ch., Prog	B		65
Crawfordsville, Prog.	C		60
Harrisburg, Adv.	C		80
Widener, Prog.	C		60
Madison, Prog.	C		70
Wheatley, Prog.	C		60
Lepanto, Pro.	C		60
Jonesboro District			
Tyronza, Prog.	C		60
Turrell, Prog.	C		60
Manila, Prog.,	C		60
Osceola, Prog.,	C		60
Huntington Ave.			
Jonesboro, Adv.	C		80
Nettleton, Prog.	C		60
Marked Tree, Prog.	C		70
Paragould District			
None			
Searcy District			
DeView, Stand.	C		100
Morris Grove, Prog.	C		60
McClary, Prog.	B		70
G. H. Thville, Prog.	C		60
Searcy, 1st Ch., Prog.	C		60
Valley Springs, Prog.,	C		60
Howell, Prog.	C		70
McClelland, Prog.	C		60
Revels, Adv.	C		80
Weldon, Prog.	C		70

ELEMENTARY WORK.

We call attention to the new program of Elementary work for the Districts. The "B" Standard is fixed now as follows:

1. All points of "C" Standard met.
2. District subdivided each section with Elementary Chairmen.
3. Twenty per cent of Cradle Roll, Beginners, of Primary, of Junior

groups, attaining "PROGRESSIVE" on appropriate Program of Work. Twenty per cent of Cradle Roll, of Beginners, of Primary, of Junior Groups, attaining "ADVANCED" on appropriate Program of Work. Ten per cent of Cradle Roll, of Beginners, of Primary, of Junior groups, attaining "STANDARD" on appropriate Program of Work.

4. One-half of schools having active Elementary key-Women or equivalent worker.

5. District Elementary Council meeting at least annually.

A Group is to be counted only under one gradation—"Progressive," "Advanced" or "Standard."

May be section of District Council.

The "C" Standard on which most of our Districts are trying to qualify for this year requires the following points:

1. A District Elementary Superintendent.

2. At least one District Elementary Institute held a year.

3. A record of names and addresses of outstanding Elementary workers of district, revised annually.

4. Ten per cent of Cradle Roll, of Beginners, of Primary of Junior groups attaining "PROGRESSIVE" on appropriate Program of Work. Ten per cent of Cradle Roll, of Beginners, of Primary, of Junior groups, attaining "ADVANCED" on appropriate Program of Work. Five per cent of Cradle Roll, of Beginners, of Primary, of Junior groups, attaining "STANDARD" on appropriate Program of Work.

5. One-third of schools having active Elementary key-women or equivalent worker.

6. A quarterly report to Conference or General Elementary Superintendent.

A separate elementary section in a general Sunday School Institute is an equivalent.

A group is to be counted only under one gradation—"Progressive," "Advanced," or "Standard."

We are counting on our Elementary workers this year to make large advancement in promotion of Elementary interest.—H. E. Wheeler.

WORK IN THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Programs of Work for the Fayetteville, Searcy and Jonesboro Districts are already in hand, and we are expecting time for consideration by the Executive Committee meeting of the Board which will probably be held on February, 22nd. So far as we know there is not a District in our Conference has considered any retrenchment in the policies which have been offered by the General and Conference Boards.—H. E. Wheeler.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL AT MT. SEQUOYAH.

On call of Mr. Sensabaugh, Conference Board Chairman and Superintendents of Sunday School Work in all the Conferences west of the Mississippi River will meet in Fayetteville on February 6th to determine the features of the great leadership school which will be inaugurated by the General Board this year. We are exceedingly happy in the splendid work that has been projected and the hearty co-operation which has been given to this project by all who are concerned.

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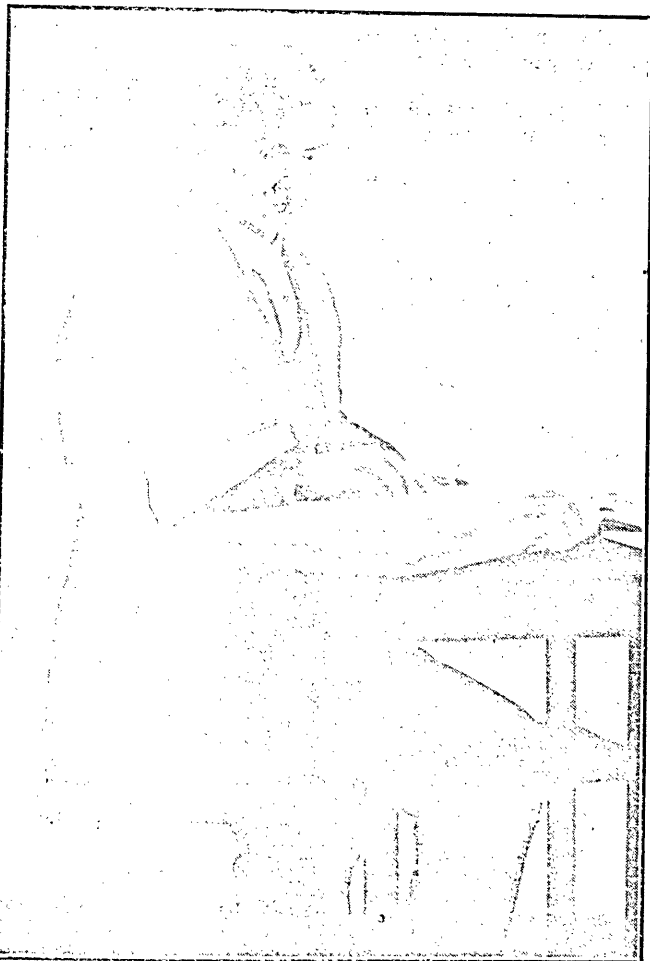
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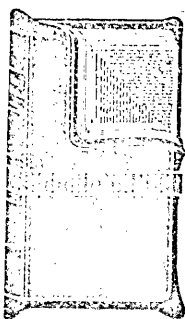
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WATCH-PARTY GIVEN BY WINFIELD CHAPTER.

A most enjoyable affair was a Watch-Party given by the Winfield Epworth League. The most unique feature of the party was that every one was dressed to represent or suggest the month in which he was born. There was a mock wedding wherein Miss Ellis Wage became the bride of Mr. Lillian Harrington. The officiating minister was our own Audley May. The bride was lively in a long trailing sheet of white cotton with a veil of exquisite curtain lace, and carried a huge bunch of poinsettias tied with a bow of wide green ribbon.

An August picnic lunch was served shortly before the Old Year departed and the New Year was ushered in with the blowing of horns and the crack and spark of fire works.—Evelyn Florian, Winfield, Little Rock.

LESLIE HELVIE DOING FINE WORK.

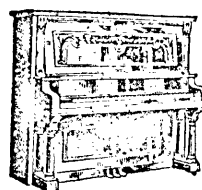
The writer was honored last week end by having as a guest Mr. Leslie Helvie, L. R. Conf. Treas., from Pine Bluff. Mr. Helvie said, "We are going to start a Mission Study Class in about two weeks and we are making plans for that. Our League (Lake-side) is coming along just fine now and we are getting ready for the last lap of the Gold Seal race."

"As to the Conference collections, Prescott District is ahead of them all. They have a pledge from every chapter in the District and are making the highest per cent in collections," says Mr. Helvie.

This speaks well of Prescott District and of Miss Bess McKay who has been District Sect. Leslie is doing a fine piece of work and his reports show more money collected at this time of the year than ever before. I am sure that the Little Rock Conference is proud of Mr. Helvie and his noble work.—H. T.

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OFFICERS APPOINTED.

The cabinet of the Little Rock City League Union at its last meeting approved the following officers which were appointed by the president; 1st Dept., Walter Scott, N. L. R.; 2nd Dept., Miss Mattie Neeley, Capitol View; 3rd Dept., Ethel Craig, N. L. R.; 4th Dept., Mrs. Roscoe Blount, Highland. Inter. and Jr. Supt., Miss Eula Smith, Hunter. Muscial Director, W. P. Forbess, and a new office which was created this year is City League Union Pastor, F. G. Roebuck, Pulaski Heights.

Other officers of the Union are president, Homer Tatum, vice-president, John Ricks, Secretary, Miss Lillian Beaslee, treasury, Ted Haynes, Cor. Secretary, Miss Severia Sawyer.

SOMEBODY BLUNDERED

He rode six-hundred miles on a motor cycle, thinking that he was going to a place where he could work his way through school. He had felt impressed to do some Christian work, and was conscious that he was not properly prepared. He had a High School education, and had attended college one year, but stopped because it was not particularly interesting. He was not a lazy boy, but was working hard in some occupation and was making a good salary.

His inclination was to prepare for some definite Missionary work. He was advised by his Presiding Elder to go to an industrial center with the assumption that he could get work, and have sufficient time to study. A position was secured by correspondence, and the trip was made.

Arriving at his new place for work he found he would be compelled to work long hours, and the only opportunity for study was the coaching by a friend after a hard day's work;—when he was in no condition to study.

This position was held for several months, when it was given up, and another one sought of a more congenial nature. But this second position offered no plan of getting the preparation which he needed. All this time he was under the impression that he would be accepted by the Church for work on the Foreign Mission Field.

He was not a little surprised when he discovered by conversation with a connectional secretary that he must return to college and thoroughly prepare himself in academic courses, before he could serve on the Foreign Fields. Such waste of time and effort by such blunders hinder the securing of our choicest young people and tends to develop a spirit of rebellion or indifference in those who might prepare for large usefulness.—Garfield Evans, Nashville, Tenn.

CHILDREN'S PAGE

A CHILD'S EVENING PRAYER.

Kneeling here beside my bed,
I am praying, Lord, to Thee.
Help me, Father, to become
All a little child should be.

Show me how to do the right,
How to keep from all that's wrong;
Give me sweet and loving thoughts,
In my heart a "Thank You" song.

Now the happy day is gone,
When I laughed, and helped, and played;
Through the darkness of the night,
Teach me not to be afraid.—Lena B. Ellingwood, in Zion's Herald.

THE KIND LITTLE WAGON.

"Here, Bobby," called mother to her little son, as he was hauling his little sister in a wheelbarrow, "run over to the new grocery and get me some soap. I like cash stores, but it is a little inconvenient when they won't deliver."

Bobby came back beaming.

"Oh, mother, he's the nicest old man with the funniest name. Guess what it is."

"Joke?" asked mother, gravely. "Or monkey? Those are the funniest things I know."

"Oh, now, mother, you know I didn't mean funny that way. I meant queer. The first part is the last part, but the last part is not always the first part."

"Why, that is queer!" owned his mother. "I could never guess it in the world."

"It's Rainwater!" cried Bobby; "but he declares he's not soft."

Mother laughed. "He must be a jolly old fellow."

He was. In a week all the kiddies in the neighborhood knew him for a friend. One day when Bobby went to buy something the old man said: "Young man, you got a wagon?"

"No, sir," Bobby answered; "but I can carry a lot in a basket."

"Thanks, sonny," said the old man, patting his shoulder; "but I don't want you to do an errand. Look here."

He drew out from behind some barrels a bright-red wagon all trimmed with gold.

"Here's a wagon a lady left with me. Now she writes me she won't be back, and for me to give the wagon to somebody. She says it is a kind little wagon, and I must give it to some one who will keep it so."

"I'll-try," said Bobby, not quite understanding; but, oh! he did want that pretty wagon!

"Then, you'll do," answered the old man, heartily, and he put the tongue into Bobby's hand.

After Bobby showed the wagon to mother, he sat down on the back step to think.

"A kind little wagon!" he said over to himself, and sat looking at it quite, quite still for some moments; then he jumped up so quickly the wagon would have shied if there had been a pony hitched to it.

"I know! I know!" he cried. "A kind little wagon must do kind things. Course it can't—by itself—so I must help it."

He looked all around eagerly. There lay a pile of wood and a stack of kindling. The very thing! Bobby piled the wagon full of wood, and pulled it carefully up to the two low steps to the porch.

In no time at all he had the wood-box full and the kindling basket overflowing. After a little he heard mother go into the kitchen.

"Oho!" she cried: "What good Brownie has been at work here?"

"The kind little wagon," laughed Bobby, gleefully. "Is there anything else it can do for you?"

"Yes, indeed!" cried mother, "and I'm so glad. I want a bag of flour before daddy comes home, and I was wondering how I was going to get it." So off went Bobby and the wagon, and soon the flour was bumping up the back steps.

"My!" cried mother, "it's mighty nice to have a little son that knows how to keep a kind little wagon!"

Bobby grinned happily, and asked: "Can you spare us a few minutes now, mother?"

Yes, indeed; I'll not need you any more this morning," she answered.

So off Bobby and the wagon whizzed, through the back yard, up the alley, around to Mr. Rainwater's grocery.

He was just in time. The old man was piling up a lot of things into a bag for a dear little white-haired lady, who didn't look at all able to carry them.

"Grannie! Grannie Snow! Wait!" called Bobby, as she was trying to gather them up. "Here's a kind little wagon come to take your things home for you."

Oh, how her bright eyes twinkled under the snowy curls! And Mr. Rainwater nodded till his gray hair stood up in a peak.

"Well, well, well!" she laughed. "I didn't know there was anything like that around."

As they went on to the little brown house, Bobby told her all about it. When she had thanked him, and given him a cookie, she suddenly cried, "Oh! oh! oh!" and Bobby knew that she had thought of something fine.

"Did you know that Tommie Jenkins had sprained his ankle so badly that he hasn't walked for a week? Look! There he is sitting at the window, with old Rover begging him to come out. I just know he'd like a ride in a kind wagon."

Bobby waved his hand, and Tommie waved back, and called: "Hello!" And in less than a dozen wags of Rover's tail Tommie's mother had put a pillow in the wagon, and Tommie was off for a ride.—Exchange.



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DR. CARROLL WANTS FACTS AND INCIDENTS OF EARLY METHODISM.

Recently in a notice of my book, "Francis Asbury in the Making of American Methodism," Will Allan Dromgoole, of the Nashville Banner, stated that she is the great granddaughter of Edward Dromgoole, an early Methodist preacher who wrote John Wesley of the fitness of Asbury to be in charge of the work in the United States. The reviewer also referred to the fact that George Coke Dromgoole, the eldest son of Edward, who served as a member of Congress from Virginia, was named for George Whitefield, the evangelist, and Thomas Coke, the first bishop.

It has occurred to me that there are probably others who are linked to the early years of American Methodism, and this item is intended for an invitation to any who are thus related to contemporaries of Asbury, or know of interesting facts and incidents of that period, kindly to send them to me at Plainfield, N. J.

The dedication in 1924 of an equestrian statue to Francis Asbury, which is to stand at the intersection of Sixteenth and Mt. Pleasant Streets, Washington D. C., should bring to light interesting incidents and records of the early days of American Methodism. Old faded letters may

exist relating to Francis Asbury, Robert Strawbridge, Philip Embury, Barbara Beck, Ezekiel Cooper, and others. Christopher Ruckle had a valuable letter of Barbara Heck in his possession. He settled at Maumee, near Toledo, Ohio, in 1840. He left a daughter, Mrs. Sarah Whidden, who was living at Presque Isle, Ohio, in 1890. Any who know of letters, records, incidents, etc., pertaining to the beginning of Methodism, will please communicate with H. K. Carroll, Plainfield, New Jersey.

THE CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

I am glad to be able to report a large increase in the payments to date, Jan. 8, on the Collections. The brethren have sent in more than four times as much as last year. This is certainly starting the year off right. When all our pastoral charges adopt the plan of regular monthly or quarterly payments on the Claims they will greatly increase the number of churches paying in full; and they will also save the various Boards heavy interest charges. Few of us realize how much the Southern Methodist Church loses every year by having to borrow money to keep things going. The list of those making remittances is as follows:

Rogers, J. W. Crichtow, P. C., R. L. Brewer, Treas.

Searcy, H. C. Hoy, P. C., R. A. Yarnell, Treas.

Springdale, I. R. Brumley, P. C., J. H. Bigger, Treas.

Wheatley and Palestine, J. G. Ditterline, P. C., H. Holbert, Treas.

Harrison, E. W. Faulkner, P. C., G. C. Coffman, Treas.

I am sure that other brethren will be sending in money very soon, as some of them pay quarterly instead of monthly.—George McGlumphey, North Arkansas Conference.

EAST PARAGOULD CIRCUIT.

We have moved and made our first round and have been gladly received at every place. The people at Bard gave us a big pounding which was greatly appreciated by pastor and family. They brought many good eats. We are going to build a church at Bard this year. Had our first quarterly conference December 8th. Everything was carried on with the

spirit of brotherly love. It seems that most every one is looking forward and praying for a great year in the name of the Lord.

We have a bunch of as fine Methodists to serve over here as God's sun ever shone upon. May God give us strength to serve this great people and bless our efforts. With our hand in His we go forward in His name. Brethren pray for us.—G. C. Taylor, P. C.

ARKANSAS CITY-HALLEY.

This charge has not been one whit behind many others in their report in the past year. The finances were increased by about 75 per cent over the previous year. Of course, account must be taken of the fact that Halley was not with Arkansas City the year before. At Arkansas City there was an increase of membership of a little over 50 per cent, owing to the splendid help of the Cleveland-Culpepper meeting. No meeting was held at Halley last year; hence there was no increase to report; but they are due special credit for doing so well on the finances in spite of a disastrous crop. They built a magnificent school for the community and furnished the auditorium with a new piano and seats, making a splendid place to hold Sunday School and Church. The entire teaching force of the S. S. there took credit in the Delta Training School last spring.

During the past year considerable repair work was done on the church building at Arkansas City. A new roof was put on and the painting is nearly complete and a few minor repairs were made on the parsonage and half of the old debt was paid off. The good people here have been most loyal in their support of the ministry and have shown us kindnesses too numerous to mention, including a generous pounding on Christmas eve and a beautiful electric percolator as a present on Christmas Day.

The Missionary Society is doing splendid work and the Sunday School and League are making gratifying progress. This pastor has not found a finer class of people to work with anywhere than on this charge.—Geo. E. Williams, P. C.

PORTLAND AND PARKDALE.

On December 8 we drove out of Texarkana. After seeing our goods loaded on the train, we took dinner with Mrs. Maggie Bengel, and just before time for us to take our departure the Missionary Society at Fairview Church stormed the place to bid us farewell. After many expressions of appreciation from those elect ladies, the president, Mrs. O. M. Parsons, presented my wife with a fine Irish-linen table cloth and a set of napkins as a token of their appreciation of her work the two years we were with them. The Lord never made a nobler set of women.

It was a time of sadness and regret with all of us; but such is the life of a Methodist preacher. So we climbed into our Chevrolet and hit the trail; but not the saw-dust trail; it was the trail of mud and water. We crossed Red River and spent Sunday at Lewisville with some dear friends.

Monday morning at 5 o'clock, we hit the road amid a storm of thunder, lightning, wind and rain. Some of the way we had good roads, but about 50 miles of the way from Stephens to Pine Bluff we were in mud up to the axles, and in places deeper.

When I reached Pine Bluff I drove into a garage and took an inventory to see what of the Chevrolet was left, and found that all the damage done was that I had torn up a set of chains and worn out the brake linings. From Pine Bluff on, we had a fine pike, and we landed in Portland on Wednesday evening at 7:30, and in a few minutes were safely stored away in the elegant home of one of our members, Mrs. Roddy. The next day we were conducted to the parsonage which had been almost made new inside and out and was as clean and neat as a new pin. There was a big fire in the fire-place in the

reception hall, and when we went into the kitchen we found that those good ladies had forgotten nothing, for the pantry was full of a splendid variety of everything good to eat, and to this date it is still coming in, and we are living on the fat of the land.

We found a splendid Missionary Society here. I do not know what would become of the church, and especially the preachers, but for the splendid women of the Missionary Society.

The first Sunday I was here we could not have services at our church, so the good Baptists asked us to use their church. We held our first services in the Baptist church.

We are no strangers in these parts, having served Parkdale some years ago, and were often in Portland. We have been received with open hearts and warm appreciation at both places and the outlook is good for a good year's work.—J. R. Dickerson, P. C.

GARLAND CITY AND WALNUT SPRINGS.

I have for my work this year only two churches—Garland City on the Cotton Belt, and Walnut Springs, on K. C. S. Ry. I have been to each appointment and found everything all right. I was never received with more courtesy anywhere by any people than I was at Walnut Springs. I had fine congregations on Saturday night and Sunday at eleven. All seemed to be delighted with the services. I am to give each place half time. I went to Garland City for about eleven years, when a traveling-salesman. Did all collecting for the house and adjusted all claims and held the trade, and I feel pretty sure that I can handle the gospel among them this year and hold the folks. I was received on my first trip to Garland City royally. It created a disposition in me to want to go back.

I am praying for the greatest success in my work this year that I have ever had on any work that I ever served.

We have a small Sunday school at Garland. It had gone into winter quarters, but I persuaded a young man, Brother Brooks Parker, to hold to the Sunday School and I would assure him that more would join him. Bro. Hunter, who is a faithful servant of God, is staying by the Sunday School with Brother Parker. We have a very fine Sunday school at Walnut Springs, enrollment of 90, and about 60 per cent attend.

I haven't been able yet to get hold of the Church Register to find out how many members we have.

Our membership at Garland is small. We haven't been able yet to find out just how many members we have there.

We are to give Williamson's School House an afternoon appointment twice a month.

We hope to swell our membership at that place more than double this year. We had quite a large crowd at our first appointment, and it was not very well circulated that I would be there. The folks there have a fine Sunday school and it is well attended.—J. A. Hall, P. C.

PASTORS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE, PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

The Pastors' and Laymen's Conference of the M. E. Church, South, in session at Hope, Ark. on Jan. 9, passed the following resolutions:

(1) That we as pastors and laymen respond heartily to the call of our leaders with reference to the Centenary Pay-up Campaign, and that in preparation for this Campaign every effort possible be made to inform, encourage, and inspire our people to their best efforts.

(2) That we as pastors and laymen pledge ourselves fully to this ideal with reference to our benevolences, namely, that 100 per cent of these be collected this year.

(3) That we commit ourselves as a body of Christian workers who heartedly to the cause of evangelism in our District. Further, that we pledge ourselves to the task of rying out the Church's plan of Easter campaign which include

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ing a careful survey of each church community. Further, that we urge the importance of evangelistic efforts with reference to forgotten or neglected communities.

(4) We further recommend that each charge accept their full quota of the Superannuate Endowment Fund, and that they add as much as possible to this pledge. Let us, as leaders, be diligent in educating our people with reference to the importance of this matter.

(5) That we enter into the work of Sunday School organization and administration with more diligence than ever, especially giving emphasis to class organization and teacher-training. We heartily commend the work of Bro. and Sister Fowler in our District, and express our appreciation of the work of Rev. C. M. Baker, our Conference superintendent, and pledge to him our support. We take this occasion to thank the Sunday School superintendents for their splendid efforts with reference to the Sunday School Day offerings, the result of which has meant an enlarged program of service on the part of our schools.

(6) We pledge ourselves to support the Epworth Leagues of our District this year. We shall help them in every charge to plan programs of culture and clean entertainment for our young people. We advise that Anniversary Day be observed with an offering in every church there in an Epworth League, and that where there is no Epworth League, one Sunday be set aside as Young People's Day. Let the sermon and the entire services be planned with the young people in mind.

(7) Further, that we pledge ourselves to do all in our power to help in the work of Christian Education, encouraging our young people to at-

tend our church colleges, and assisting in the collection of the pledges for Christian Education.—O. L. Walker, Chairman, J. E. Cooper, Sec'y., B. F. Scott, C. D. Mox, Ellis Jones, C. H. Goodlett, J. W. Teeter.

LAVACA.

I was returned to this charge for the third year. Have been received very graciously by the good people of the charge, which was not demonstrated only by words, but by the many good things brought to us.

Friday night after our return we were presented with many good "cats" by the Lavaca people and last Saturday night, while holding a board meeting just before service the Oak Grove people filled a table full of good "cats."

We have the work all in hand and assessments made. My people are loyal and have accepted their parts in the program of the Pay-out Campaign of the Centenary. Everything looks like it might be the greatest year of our ministry. We are praying to that end.—A. L. Riggs, P. C.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

The members of the school reassembled on January 3 and settled at once to quiet work, many finding the season for thought and study very welcome after the swift changes of the holidays. Five new students have enrolled.

The delegation of six who attended the Student Volunteer Conference in Indianapolis, Misses Mary Cline, Evelyn Jones, Martha Holmes, Antoinette DeLong, Marian Ellis, and Frances Furry, have brought back stirring accounts of that great meeting. They have made fine reports at two chapel periods and had an "echo meeting" with the Life Service Band and given accounts in informal manner elsewhere.

A lyceum number of unusual excellence is stated for Wednesday night. William Hinshaw presents a company in Mozart's comic opera, "Impresario." This is hailed with delight by members of the music department, for it is considered the greatest entertainment of the many good ones of many past years.

The Rev. H. C. Hoy, our new pastor, holds chapel one morning each week and has already made a large group of friends among us.—Eleanor Neill.

PREACHERS' MEETING.

The Hot Springs Methodist Ministerial Association was reorganized at Central Church Jan. 14 with Dr. J. J. Stowe president and F. P. Doak Secretary. Bro. C. O. Steele had been president for ten consecutive years. He asked to be relieved of this responsibility. Conditions were such that he did not think it best for him to serve longer. The Association regretted to give up Bro. Steele, but were glad to welcome Dr. Stowe as the new president. This Association is looking forward to a harmonious and successful year. There were present Brothers Steele, Stowe, Rogers, Spruce and Doak.

Central Ave. Church.—Dr. J. J. Stowe, has large and attentive congregations at each service. Outlook fine for a good year. Substantial raise in salary. The members of this Association feel that no man has been received more wholeheartedly than has Dr. Stowe. This church and the whole city have received him gladly. We predict for him and this splendid congregation a great year.

Hot Springs Circuit.—L. T. Rogers, outlook very fine. This is his third year and everything is really starting off better than ever before. All organizations functioning splendidly. The Centenary and the Arkansas Methodist are getting our best attention.

Park Ave. Church.—T. D. Spruce, things are moving on well. Sunday School growing each Sunday. General interest good. A splendid outlook for our church for the new year. Salary increased.

Third Street Church.—F. P. Doak. All the organizations of the church doing well. Large congregations and good interest. Prayer meeting fine. Epworth League and Sunday School growing. W. M. S. doing well. This week all attention given to Centenary. Salary raised. The P. E., pastors and people are expecting great things this year.—F. P. Doak, Sec.

RICHMOND CIRCUIT.

This is the second year of our sojourn on this charge, and we are not sorry to stay another year. It is composed of five appointments: Richmond, Ozden, Wilton, Wade's Chapel and Oak Hill. Like every other charge I have ever served, we have some good people to work with.

The charge has taken on a building program and we are trying to see which will finish the task first. Wade's Chapel has moved herself back from the highway and is papering and painting her walls. Oak Hill has torn away the old building and is building a new one where the old one stood. It is built to take care of eight Sunday School classes. This is a splendid house in a rural community. At Richmond they are building a modern up-to-date house, heated with a hot air system and lighted with a Deleo system which will also light the parsonage. This will be a great improvement over what we now have. There will be improvements at the other two appointments before the year is gone.

We are fixing this charge up so we can quit right here. We do not want to itinerate any more. With five new buildings on an old charge, what could be better? The Epworth Leagues and five schools to work in, and young people that will work, give the pastor an inspiration to stay with them.—L. C. Catlin, P. C.

CECIL.

We have been returned to this work for the second year. We were glad to be returned as we are getting bet-

ter acquainted and understand better how to work out some of the problems that confront us. Yes, and the good people of Cecil have given the usual expectation, that old-time pounding—many things to eat; and to our surprise on returning home the next day there had been a big lot of corn put in the barn.

Brother pastors, remember us when you pray.—J. E. Peters, P. C.

FOREMAN.

Our reception at Foreman was royal, and we have made a good beginning. There has been an increase in support of pastor, and first month salary was duly paid. In fact, notice was given immediately on arrival that a substantial fund had been deposited in the bank for the pastor for immediate use. So you can see our stewards are thoughtful and wide awake. We like this section of Kansas, and can see that Foreman has a bright future.

With a good upland section, back by thousands of rich Red River bottom acres, with no town of any size closer than 18 miles, Foreman must grow and prosper. Especially if our people will readily recognize the stewardship, that God may bless them it must be so.

We have not escaped the storm-pounding, for this began Saturday with a truck load of all kinds of good things to eat, and continued up Tuesday, and all this besides abundance of fresh meat, and thirteen pound dressed turkey Christmas, and the days following.

I am afraid "Cyclone" Williams may be tempted to break one of the commandments, "Thou shalt not covet" when he reads this note; unless his people get busy again.

We are to soon have our Sunday School basement curtained so as to have several class rooms. Material has been ordered.—T. P. Clark, P.

WHEATLEY.

At the conference held at Walnut Ridge, I was read out for Wheatley and Palestine. I had to look the place up, on the map, to find my place. I left for another year. We left Fayetteville on Dec. 4, and landed Wheatley on Dec. 6 noon, a distance of three hundred miles.

We came over land in our Ford, sometimes in high, but the most of the time in low. However we made the trip in very good shape, only being pulled out of one mud hole.

The people of Wheatley gave us a warm reception. We ate our first meal at Mr. H. K. Smith's, and enjoyed the hospitality of these good people in their magnificent home, after which we went to parsonage to see our home for another year. We took supper at Professor Holbert's, the very efficient principal of our High School.

The good people came in due time with lots of good things to eat, which made us feel that we had fallen among good friends of the Church.

We found a live Sunday School every one trying to make it a better school. We have a wide-awake superintendent in the person of Archie Owens, which is half the battle in accomplishing things in school. We also found a good Epworth League, a number of splendid young people that know how to do things.

I met with the official board of Wheatley Church. After they organized, they decided to use the budget plan this year. On the first of month they meet and write a check for each claim of the church. They have received our second check salary, and also the Conference treasurer has received the first two months due him. We have also paid our strict parsonage claim in full for year due on the Wheatley Church. This is indeed a loyal people to pastor and church.—J. G. Eitterl, P. C.

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pens to be located a Methodist parsonage. But for a presiding elder, whose "coming and going" is equalled only by Tennyson's little brook—for one of such an itinerating nature to be thus treated—brings out something "new under the sun." Nevertheless, this is what happened to Rev. B. L. Wilford, presiding elder of the Booneville District. When the Rev. Mr. Wilford arrived at Mansfield late Saturday afternoon to hold quarterly conference, he was met at the station by the pastor, Rev. R. T. Cribb, and driven immediately to the parsonage. Here he was ushered into a room, where he was greeted by a small group of people representing our own faith and order. In one corner of the room piled up in a shapeless heap there were canned fruits and boxes and bags and packages, of almost all sorts and sizes imaginable containing everything that is "good to eat and pleasant to the eyes." The very sight of this food collection produced in him the vision of a feast of spare-ribs, sausage, juicy ham, snow flake biscuits, and all the other palatable articles that go with them. He dared not believe they were his, but thought that they were only meant as a tantalizing reminder to him of the good things he was missing since he had been "cut out" from among the common herd of Methodist preachers, and been elevated to the office of presiding elder. When finally "given the hunch," that they were all his, so shocked and surprised was his reverence, that he found himself somewhat at a disadvantage to be easy and graceful in expressing his gratitude to the donors of these table luxuries. However, his equipoise was soon recovered and in due time the collection of supplies was properly packed and shipped to Conway, where Bro. Wilford's family will enjoy the "good eats," while he himself continues to come and go.—J. B. Stewart.

TEXARKANA PREACHERS' AND LAYMEN'S MEETING.

This was one of the most successful and helpful meetings that I have been privileged to attend. The program was satisfying and brought inspiration to all who attended. Our efficient District lay-leader, Brother W. R. Boney, was chairman of the morning session while the presiding elder was meeting with the District stewards. Dr. E. R. Steel placed the Centenary on the hearts of the preachers and laymen in a fresh and vigorous way. Dr. Alonzo Monk, one of the greatest preachers of our Church, gave us the devotional service that prepared our hearts for the day's services. Mrs. Seth C. Reynolds, the District secretary of the W. M. S., showed how we should and could have an all-day missionary meeting in every church. There is no greater leader among our women than Mrs. Reynolds. Brother W. R. Boney spoke of the laymen's work in the District. More and more of our laymen are taking new interest in church work especially on the circuits. Bro. Clem Baker spoke on the work of the Sunday Schools, and also on the duties of a charge lay-leader. You know Clem is like a skeleton key, he will fit anywhere. His discussion of the duties of the charge lay-leader was characterized by the usual Baker-like efficiency and helpfulness. Brother R. E. Martin spoke of the program for Sunday School work in the District for this year. Brother Martin is one of Uncle Sam's men, but he finds time to devote to the work of the Sunday School. Perhaps the most inspiring address of the day was made by Dr. E. R. Steel on "What Manner of Men We Ought to Be in the Light of our Tasks and Opportunities." Brother Steel was at his best in giving us this message, and this is saying a great deal. Our hearts burned within us as he unfolded to us the possibilities before us for service. A most delightful lunch was served in the basement of the church under the direction of Mrs. J. D. Hammons. The fellowship was sweet and helpful. The afternoon program was an open forum. Almost every one and especially the laymen, spoke the desires of their

hearts for the work in their charges for this year. We had a good time.—J. F. Simmons, P. E.

THE MONTICELLO DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING.

The annual session of the Monticello District Preachers' Meeting was held in Monticello, Jan. 8-9, with presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Parker, leading. The opening service was featured by a masterful address by Rev. C. M. Reves, representing the Sunday School Board. It was truly a great message, dealing with certain fundamentals in the field of religious education.

After the devotional service Wednesday morning, led by Rev. J. T. Rodgers, the day was given over to discussions of those topics most vitally related to the welfare and progress of the Church. There was no fixed nor formal program but a free and open discussion of these vital interests after they had been introduced by speakers previously designated to present them. "Evangelism" was introduced by Rev. J. J. Melard, and "Pastoral Visiting and How to Do It" by Rev. S. F. Goddard. Dr. James Thomas spoke on the Centenary and Mrs. Spencer presented the Woman's work. These presentations were of a high order and fittingly introduced these subjects for the open discussions that followed. Emphasis on spiritual value was ever kept in the fore-ground as of primary importance. It was stressed that a church must have more than organization and material efficiency; it must also have a message that will reach the unsaved if it is to be a truly successful church.

The meetings were presided over by our brotherly and hard-working presiding elder, Bro. Parker, to whom the preachers were so largely indebted for this pleasant and profitable occasion. The people of Monticello extended their usual hospitality in opening their homes and entertaining the visitors in such royal fashion.

In his own unique and forceful way Dr. Thomas delivered a sermon Wednesday evening that was a fitting close to this most helpful and inspiring session.—Roy E. Fawcett, Reporter.

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

This is the fourth section of my report of the Christmas cash offerings to the Orphanage:

Little Fock Conference, Sunday S. Wesley's Chapel Sunday School, by J. C. Williams, P. C.\$ 4.50 Leola, by L. D. Lee, Supt. 23.00 Concord Sunday School, Austin Ct., by C. L. Williams, P. C. ... 3.98 Selma, Monticello District, by T. B. Harvey, Supt. 4 00 Hope, from Charity Fund, by Mrs. W. C. Agee, Treas. 25.00 Warren, by A. L. Moody, Treas. 25.00 Dierks, by J. L. Leonard, P. C. 16.00 Henderson, by J. P. Lowry, P. C. Little Rock, Ark. 5.00 Fairview Sunday School, Texarkana, by R. G. Law, Treas. ... 25.00 Star City, by O. C. Birdwell, P. C. 10.31 Emmett, by W. W. Christie, P. C. 9.41 Snyder, by Mrs. Quintin T. Cone, Secty. & Treas. 5.00 El Dorado, by C. W. Phillips, Secty. & Treas. 66.07 Genoa Sunday School, Texarkana Dist., by G. W. Goodson, Supt. 5.00 Waldo, by R. P. James, P. C. 20.00 N. Arkansas Conference, Sunday S. Greenbrier, by A. A. Wilson, Supt. 5.00 Oak Grove, Lavaca Ct. by A. L. Riggs, P. C. 9.00 Osceola, by Mrs. Grave Moore, Secty. 34.00 Atkins, by Owen Hays, Secty. and Treas. 15.00 Bellville, by J. W. Walker, Sec. 9 12 Bellville, Junior Missionary S., by J. W. Walker, Secty. 1.93 Valley Springs, by M. J. Russell 28.00 Greenwood, by J. E. Lark, P. C. 2.00 Corning, by W. L. Oliver, P. C. 17.51 Evening Shade, by Mrs. Sue P. Shaver, Treas. 2.00 Oak Grove, by E. L. Kennedy, P. C. 15.45 Gardner Memorial, North Little

Rock, Ark., by Edward Forrest, P. C. 8.00 Cedar Creek, by J. F. Mandy, Supt. 2.35 Midland Heights, Ft. Smith, by Mrs. F. S. Elder, Treas. 7.23 Berryville, by W. R. Harris, Treas. 5.00 Hickory Ridge, by Mrs. Bettie Dye, Treas. 4.37 Springdale, by G. K. Plumlee, Treas. 10.00 Pleasant Valley, by H. A. Schoepell Supt. 2.60 Knobel, by J. D. Roush, Supt. 4.00 Paris, by J. A. Reynolds, P. C. 21.00 Liberty Hall Sunday School, by Mrs. M. L. Kirkscup, Treas. ... 1.00 Danville, by Blanch Ladd, Treas. 6.72 Holly Grove, by Mrs. E. E. Trotter, Treas. 5.00 Beche, by Hugh Garrett, Supt. 6.71 Manila, by Rev. F. M. Sweet, P. C. 17.55 Moorefield S. S., 1st Year Junior Class, by Malcolm Moore, Treas. 1.50 Moorefield by Malcolm Moore, Treas. 4.05 Blytheville, by P. E. Cooley, Treas. 20.00 Mt. Zion, Fayetteville Dist. by Miss Ruth Webster, Secty. ... 2.50 Marked Tree, by C. A. Dawson, Treas. 19.32 Solgohachia, by Cora B. Gordon, Secty. 3.50 Falling Springs, Fayetteville, Dist. by Tom Davis, Supt. ... 1.00 Pocahontas, by Chas. Jones, Supt. 11.95 Cabot, by J. E. Gregory, Treas. 15.00 Pettigrew, by W. F. Reck Supt. 1.57 Central Sunday School, by K. C. Key, Supt. 32.38

Individuals.

Rev. H. H. Hunt, Vilonia Ark. 6.18 Mrs. T. F. Berry, Oxford, Ark. 1.00 Miss Minnie Koonce, L. R., Ark. 5.00 Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Wimberly, Big Springs, Texas 5.00

The Matron has received at the Orphanage during December, the following articles:

Mrs. W. D. Smith, 1510 Battery, Little Rock, Ark., clothing. Epworth League, Wheatley, Ark., by J. C. Ditterline, 100 lbs. Rice and box of groceries. W. M. S., Eudora, Ark., a beautiful quilt. Junior Missionary Society, Lincoln, Ark., one quilt, ten scrap books. Miss Mamie Neal, Horatio, Ark., new clothing for one girl. Young Ladies Missionary Society, First Methodist Church, Little R. spending money for children for Christmas, \$11.00. Wesson Pie Company, thirty-five pies. Junior Sunday School, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark. Program and supper. Mrs. Lacy Tighnam, 1917 Spring St., Little Rock, Ark. clothing. W. M. S. & Young Ladies Club, Marianna, Ark., Christmas Box. Circle No. 9, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, Ark. gave each child \$0.50. Mrs. M. A. Mellaway, Bartsville, Okla., 6 pairs of Mittens. Path-finders Class, DeQueen, Ark. one quilt. Mrs. M. F. Long's Class, Warren, Ark., Sunday School, a box of miscellaneous goods. Joe Scales Elliott, Fordyce, Ark. Toys. W. M. S., Strong Ark., a miscellaneous box of goods. Irving Literary Society, Galloway College, dolls and toys. Susanah Wesley Bible Class, Texarkana, Ark., beautiful and valuable gift for each child. Prairie Grove, Sunday School, one bbl. canned fruit and box of apples. Lamar Sunday School, by Rev. J. G. McCollum, a bbl. canned fruit. Rogers Ice and Cold Storage Company, Box of apples. George Methume, 1607 Elm St., City, Christmas tree. Beginners and Cradle Roll Department Batesville Sunday S., quilt. Mrs. Alice Bond, 2600 Arch St., City, repair on victrola and bicycles

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 Dreel Sunday School, by Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Moody, clothing.
 Miss Dancy, 755 Magnolia, North Little Rock, Ark. fruit.
 Iben Biscuit Company, 30 lbs. mixed cakes.
 Warren Sunday School, Class No. 7 hose.
 A. D. Murray, quilt and piece goods.
 C. N. Roberts, children—10 lbs. sausage.
 Keo S. School, by E. T. Galloway, fruit.
 Belleville S. S., Class No. 6, Christmas gifts.
 Gleaners' Class, Horatio, Ark. by Miss McCoy, clothing for one girl and gifts.
 Mrs. C. L. Jones, McCrory, Ark. aprons.
 Miss Sifton, City, toys.
 Mrs. Renfro Turner, Earle, Ark., Christmas gifts.
 Weman's Business' Club, Christmas box for Ollie Hall, Little Rock, Ark.
 Beginners Dept. Pulaski Heights Sunday School, canned goods, fruit and gifts.
 Primary Dept. Pulaski Heights Sunday School, Little Rock, Ark., 4 doz. glasses.
 Junior Sunday School, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock, Ark., candy and fruit.
 Men's Bible Class, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Ark., one barrel flour.
 R. P. Hudson & Chas. McNutt, 303 A. O. U. W. Bldg. 3 doz well filled bags.
 Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Scruggs, English, 2 Kimonas.
 Junior Sunday School, Aubrey, Ark. gifts for little folks.
 Baby Bee Class, Juniors' Class Tilar, Ark. Christmas gifts.
 W. M. S., Springdale, one barrel fine canned fruit.
 Mrs. C. R. Craig, Bentonville, Ark 2 boxes of apples.
 T. W. Sanders & Company, 12 games.
 Mrs. Mayo, City, toys.
 Unknown friends, toys and candy.
 W. M. S., Wheatley, Ark., fruit.
 Mrs. T. M. Johnson, Dardanelle, Ark. book.
 Enreka Springs Sunday School, Barrel of apples.
 Judge Frank Smith and wife, City, box of apples.
 Texarkana Sunday School, Christmas gifts and toys.
 Circle No. 1, First Methodist Church, Little Rock, nuts, candy, fruit and a nice gift for each child.
 Junior Dept. North Little Rock Sunday School, Christmas bags and fruits.
 Rev. John C. Hoover and wife, four cakes.
 Mrs. L. L. Whitney, 521 Pine St., City, Scrap-books.
 W. C. Bossett, Rogers, one box of apples.
 Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Seyler, City, box oranges and box of apples.
 Miss L. B. Ellidge, 1518 State Street, City, table-cloth.

Mrs. W. A. Riley, City, candy.
 Sam. Blake, Haynesville, Christmas box.
 Mrs. J. H. Crossett's Class, McCrory, Ark. six gifts.
 Wesley Bible Class, Nashville, Ark., clothing and dolls.
 Mr. Roy Lasater, City, toys, 2 tricycles, 2 rocking chairs.
 Transportation to and entertainment at the Temple by the Shriners Christmas Day.
 I. O. Runyan, 1100 Locust St., North Little Rock, 5 gallons ice cream.
 Mrs. J. T. Beal, 1701 Center St., City, oranges and apricots.
 Beginners class, Crossett, Ark. fruit and candy.
 Prairie Grove S. S. thirty-five gifts.
 Tuckerman S. S. box of nice gifts.
 Warren, Ark. Beginners. class, one box of miscellaneous goods.
 Danville W. M. S., six toys.
 DeQueen Sunday School, by J. G. Moore, Supt., a generous box of useful and beautiful gifts.
 Junior Dept., Monticello Sunday S., by Rebie Lambert, quilt.
 Mrs. R. W. Huie, Arkadelphia, Ark. Christmas gifts.
 Harrison Sunday School, by Mrs. W. J. Watkins, clothing and Christmas gifts.
 Hays Chapel, by Miss Eva Sparks, one quilt.
 Lake City Sunday School, Junior Department, Home made candy.
 W. M. S., Mountain View, beautiful and useful articles and 11 well-filled stockings.
 Wesson Pie Company, 25 pies.
 Mrs. W. W. Bently, City, toys.
 Mrs. Almer Cramer, city, toys.
 Mrs. Roy Pilhank, City, car ride and lunch for six children and guests at the Rialto Theater, Dec. 26th.
 Marion Arkansas Sunday School, by Dr. B. Grubb, gifts.
 Sharon Sunday School, Christmas box.
 Gentry, box 68, candy.
 Orchard View Sunday School, Clothing.
 Mrs. C. Crow, Clinton, Ark., gifts.
 Batesville, Sunday School, class 3, one quilt.
 Martin Dairy Company, Little Rock, Ark. 1 bu. of turnips.
 —James Thomas, Supt.

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Prohibition was not unaided in creating these benefits, but only a sober, thrifty and industrious country could have wrought these things.—Wayne B. Wheeler, Washington, D. C.

THE CONSECRATED GLOBE TROTTER OF EARLY METHODISM.

By R. H. Bennett.

"Globe trotter" is coming to have rather an inferior flavor as one who gads about the world to satisfy an idle curiosity or to relieve a selfish boredom. It is here used in its original sense simply as one whose travels cover the earth.

Have you ever been mystified about that first bishop of the Methodist Church in America? Have you wondered how a man could be appointed a Methodist bishop instead of being elected, or how a bishop in charge of American Methodist Conferences could live in England or why he repeatedly appeared on our shores and as speedily disappeared, seeming almost a sort of commuter between America and Europe at a time when the voyage meant months of privation and danger, a sort of ecclesiastical transatlantic shuttle cock. Was he fickle in his purposes? Did he really make a contribution to his times?

You will find these puzzles cleared up in Bishop Candler's Life of Thomas Coke, recently off the press. It is one of the best pieces of work that has come from the bishop's facile and potent pen, and it marks one more large and useful achievement of its author for the Church and the Kingdom.

You will find as you read the book that Bishop Coke led one of the greatest of lives. As John Wesley's leading associate and trusted helper he was superior in some respects to even the great Wesley himself. Bishop Coke was far more than a mere collector of Missionary mites, and as he went about from house to house doing this "vile drudgery" as he called it, the facetious and profane naval commander utterly underestimated him when he said, "He (Coke) seems to be a sort of heavenly minded little devil. He coaxed me out of five pounds today for his missionary work." Bishop Coke not only gave his strength and time without stint, but also consecrated his own rather large personal fortune to the cause of missions, and became what Bishop Candler calls "Methodism's Foreign Secretary."

The book must have cost much laborious toil. It gives much new light on Methodist history. It is the only life of Bishop Coke that does him justice and it alone adequately sets before us the true facts of his relation to the history of our American Methodism.

It is written in Bishop Candler's easy, attractive and incisive style—"the Macaulay of Southern Methodism." The method of grouping the facts in the life of the subject is a novel one. And one of the most interesting features of the book is the pointing of chapters and paragraphs

at their conclusion in Bishop Candler's sententious and pithy sentences.

To what fitter grave could the mortal remains of this Greatheart have been committed than the sunny bosom of the Indian Ocean whose limpid waves sing his requiem as they lap on many a distant crystal beach—fit type of his great life and heart that reached so many lands—bless and cheer. And his influence goes ever on like the ceaseless tide and currents that touch those mar shores.

With his well known generosity Bishop Candler has declined to accept any financial interest in the book. The profits go to our Publishing House and the surplus to our superannuated preachers. Every Methodist therefore, who buys the book, and we all should, will be those two great causes of our Methodism. No really intelligent Methodist can afford to be without the volume. Its reading will not only form his mind, but refresh his spirit and enrich his heart.

AN APPEAL FOR GOODWILL 1924

(Unanimously adopted by the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches at its recent annual meeting in Columbus, drafted by Dean Shailer Mathews of Chicago.)

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America appeals to constituent Churches to consecrate themselves anew to Christ's spirit of goodwill. National enmities, economic injustice, class conflicts, racial prejudices, pagan devotion to pleasure have brought, and promise to bring, discord and sorrow. Goodwill among men is the one motive for man life which has never been truly wholeheartedly. Yet it is at the heart of the gospel of Christ. To love one's enemies is to be like the Heavenly Father.

We call upon the Churches, therefore, to emphasize constantly and unequivocally the power, the practicality, and the inevitable success of goodwill as the message of Christ himself, and to condemn all distortion of the applicability of Christ's teaching to human affairs.

The Churches must do even more than preach this truth. They must help pay the cost of installing goodwill. Christians must be ready themselves to take the initiative in making the concessions and sacrifices which goodwill involves. It is idle hope for international peace so long as Christians cherish enmities, their dealings with each other, the future as in the past only misdeeds can come from hatred, acquisitiveness and the relentless pursuit of one's rights.

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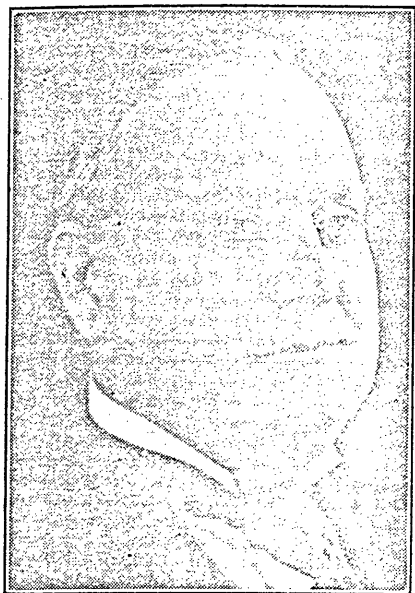
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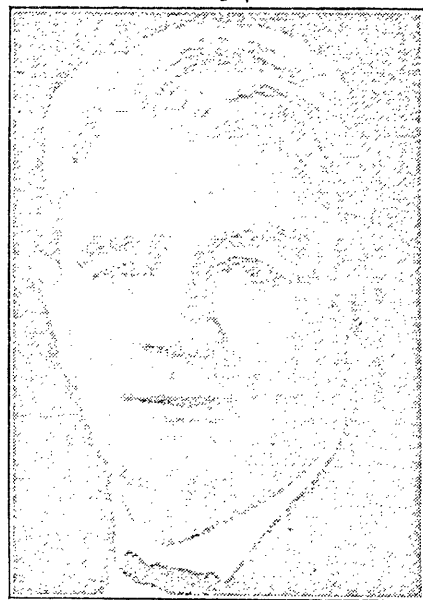
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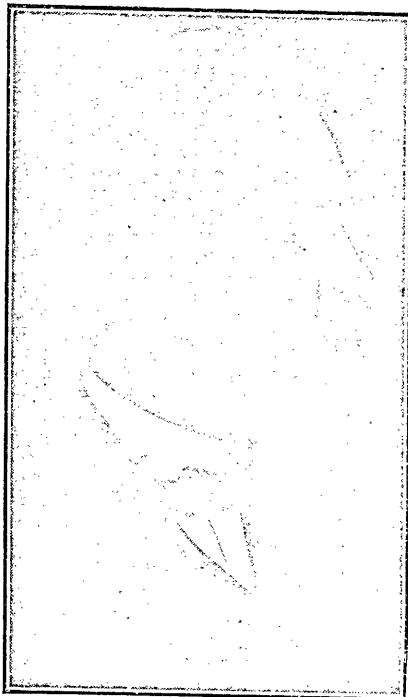
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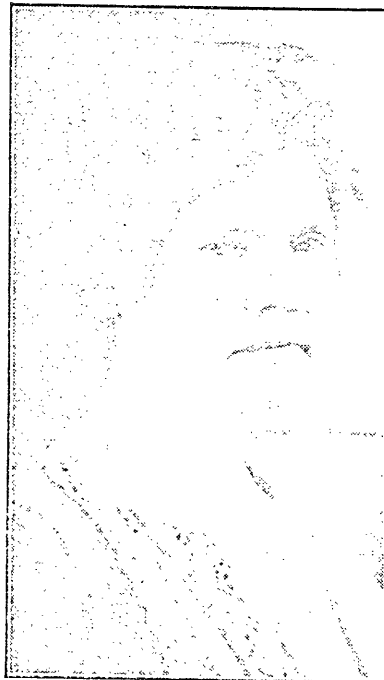
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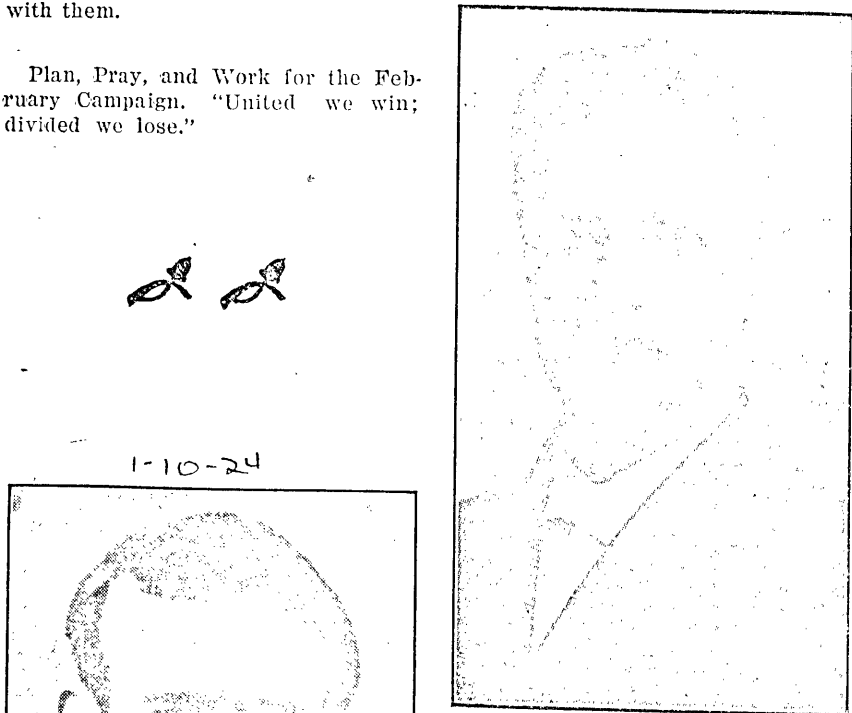
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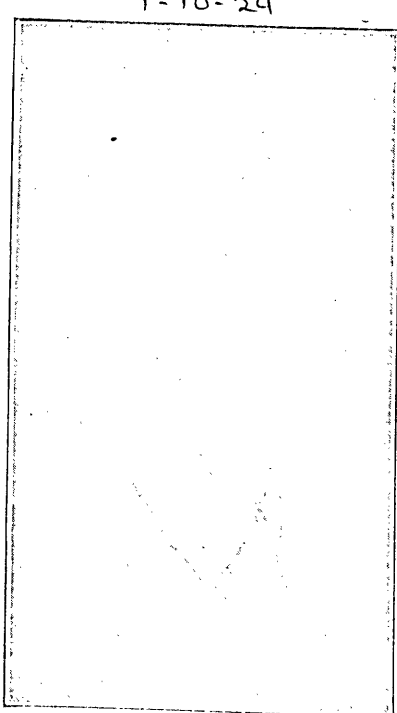
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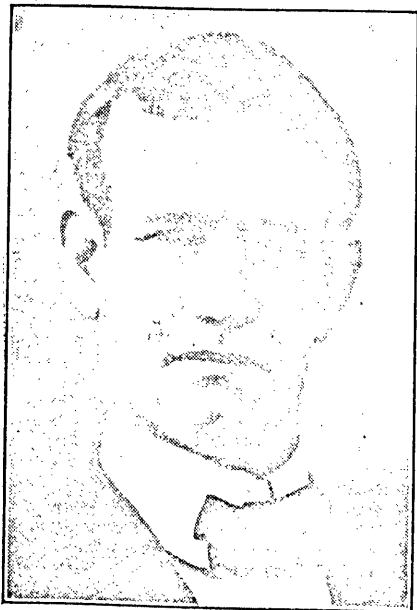
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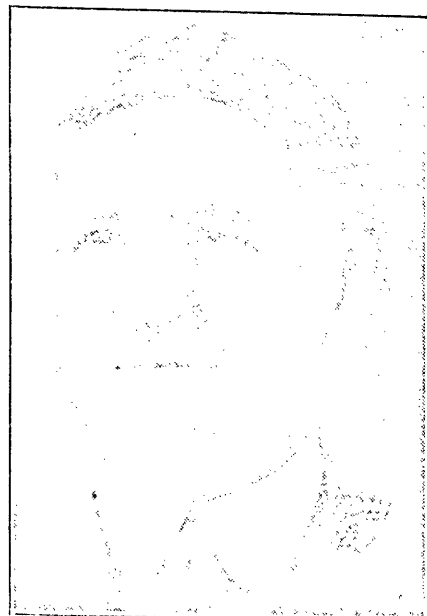
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