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THE LOGICAL MAN TO PROPOSE THE PLAN.

Those senators who were dissatisfied with the results of the Bok Peace Plan Contest and have sought to discredit the prize plan, are amateurs and bunglers in comparison with Dr. C. H. Levermore who won the prize. Eleven years ago he accepted a position with the World Peace Foundation and later was associated with World Court League and the League of Nations Union, and for the last six years has been secretary of the New York Peace Society and at the same time was identified with the later League of Nations Non-Partisan Association. He was a scholar, a student, and already saturated with information and ideas about peace. Dr. Levermore is not a sickly sentimentalist, but a practical, sane advocate of peace by proper organization. It was no accident that he should work out the best practical plan, and it is a compliment to the awarding committee that they selected the plan that had been evolved in the mind of one of the closest and ripest students of the subject. His plan is not a sudden, brilliant inspiration, but is a workable proposition which should command the approval of senators rather than their suspicion and carping criticism.

LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Under the above head our able and faithful attorney general, Hon. J. S. Utley, has on several recent occasions delivered addresses in which are found interesting statistics and valuable suggestions.

The law requires the prosecuting attorneys to file annually with the attorney general the cases tried and the facts concerning felony cases. Of the 6,541 cases handled in 1921-2, there were 1,870 for larceny, 1,846 for liquor-law violations, 682 for burglary, 424 for homicide, 349 for assault with intent to kill, 129 charged with false pretenses, and 91 cases of embezzlement.

According to the 1920 census white people constitute 73 per cent and negroes 25 per cent of our population. Of the charges 65 per cent were against white people and 35 against negroes; while 62 per cent of the convictions were of white people and 38 of negroes; but thirteen white men and only one negro received the death penalty.

It is the common opinion that our courts do not convict; but these records show that in the cases tried or settled 88 per cent resulted in conviction.

The record of drunken men arrested at Christmas time in Little Rock indicates that prohibition is helping to secure sobriety. In 1912 there were 49 such arrests, in 1915, when the local option laws were more strict there were only 23, and in 1916 after state-wide prohibition was in effect the number was only 5. In 1923 there were only 4 arrests for Christmas drunkenness.

Quoting from another, General Utley says that, while the problem as a whole is large, nevertheless the percentage of criminals is exceedingly small, or about five in every thousand. There are about as many peace officers as criminals, but it should be remembered that the criminals can make their plans to operate where least expected, while the officers must keep watch in many places.

While it is admitted that some persons are born with criminal tendencies, General Utley thinks more become criminals because of lax home discipline, although economic conditions have their bearing on crime, as poverty furnishes a pretext and, in the mind of the offender, a justification for thievery and violations of liquor laws. Unemployment produces discontent resulting in crime. It seems, too, that there is a large percent of crime among the foreign-born. According to the census of 1910 seven out of ten prisoners in the United States were either foreign-born or of recently arrived foreign-born parentage. The overcrowding in cities is another occasion for crime. The present so-called crime wave is, doubtless, the result of abnormal conditions during the war.

Some of General Utley's suggestions for overcoming lawlessness are: ideal parentage, ideal home, school and community life, ideal economic conditions, substitution of homes for overcrowded apartments and tenement houses in cities, and improvement in rural conditions so as to give better education and more comforts and conveniences.

Some amendments in our laws are recommended. The numbers of laws should be reduced and they should be simplified and made easier to understand. Our Legislature would do well to study the laws carefully and then repeal all unnecessary measures. Court procedure should be made

WHOSOEVER THEREFORE SHALL CONFESS ME BEFORE MEN, HIM WILL I CONFESS ALSO BEFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN. BUT WHOSOEVER SHALL DENY ME BEFORE MEN, HIM WILL I ALSO DENY BEFORE MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN.—Matt. 10: 32-23.

less technical and the form of indictments simplified after the manner of English law. The law covering perjury should be materially changed. Indictments should be recorded immediately after they are returned. The selection of jurors "from bystanders" should be forbidden so as to prevent the getting of improper jurymen. Testimony should be preserved and validated. In certain kinds of cases a unanimous agreement of jurors should not be required. Some of these improvements would probably have to come by amending the Constitution, but most of them could be secured by statute.

As General Utley is a careful and conscientious student of these questions and an excellent judge of law as well as an experienced prosecuting attorney, his observations and suggestions are well worth our consideration. It is common to blame the lawyers for the law's delays and failures, but the best lawyers are advocating reforms that require legislative action. We should demand of our legislators the revision of our court procedure and the simplification of legal processes. Instead of that the tendency is to greater complexity and more machinery. Let us try to do better and our lawyers will cooperate.

BROTHERLY TOLERANCE.

The editor of one of our denominational exchanges who practically never approves of anything Methodist, publishes our recent editorial, "Satan's Subterfuge," and expresses surprise because we call both "Fundamentalists" and "Modernists" extremists and advise a middle course.

Since he brands Methodism as a heresy, we do not hope to please him; but his editorial criticism wholly disregards the fact that we have repeatedly declared our full agreement with "The Apostle's Creed" and our Articles of Religion in which all the principles of "Fundamentalism" worth contending for are stated. We accept most of that for which the "Fundamentalists" stand, but we refuse to approve of their intolerant attitude towards others who also profess to love and follow Christ.

We cannot accept the views of those "Modernists" who have allowed themselves to become victims of a materialistic and skeptical philosophy that virtually cuts the heart out of Christian faith; but, whatever his opinions may be on other subjects, we recognize as a Christian brother every man who accepts Jesus Christ as divine, trusts Him for salvation, and honestly seeks to do His will; and, whatever may be true of other denominations, we hold that Methodism cannot consistently deny such a man a place at her altars and within her fold.

We have no compromise to offer to those who deny the sovereignty and divinity of our Christ, but we cannot feel that we are genuinely Christian if we quarrel with those who heartily accept Him.

The Master said: "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." And we believe that we can afford to recognize as Christians those whom Christ is willing to represent before his Father. It is for this reason that we recognize as a Christian our brother who criticizes our editorial. If we had to accept all of the doctrines which his denomination holds before we could consider him a Christian brother, we would be in a sad plight.

We would not try to convert this brother to our way of thinking, because he is confessing Christ according to his best judgment. We are happy to think that he is enjoying religion and can be saved without the necessity of accepting our theology. Of course, this is rank heresy to him, and it will be difficult for him to restrain his righteous indignation.

RELIGION IN THE COLLEGES.

There are those who honestly fear that our colleges are not religious and others who apparently take a delight in criticizing our colleges when there is the slightest deviation from the strait and narrow path. We are glad that our people are deeply concerned about the religious conditions at our colleges, because the colleges are making character and that is supreme. However, we can reassure our anxious friends, because the history of higher learning shows that never have the faculties and students been more profoundly interested in religion, and never have we had more genuinely religious students in our colleges. The following paragraph is copied from a reliable source and can be verified.

"Statistics from eighty state institutions in 1921 show that out of a total student enrollment of 152,461 students, 130,486 had religious affiliations, while 21,975 made no statement regarding their religious life. This is very encouraging when compared with our early history, when, even though the colleges were church institutions, practically all the students were outside the church. In Princeton from 1778 to 1782 there was but one professor of religion. At Bowdoin College in 1807 there was only one Christian. At Yale for four years there was but one, and but four or five in other years about the beginning of the century. Many of the students assumed the names of leading infidels and atheists. Often every student was a professed infidel, or at least out of the church. Bishop Meade of Virginia said that, in 1811 William and Mary College was a hotbed of French infidelity and that for many years in every young man whom he met, he expected to find an infidel."

Today you are surprised when you find a college student who is not a member of some Church.

A FUTILE GESTURE.

The liquorites have been boasting of what they were going to do in Congress. A few days ago fifty-eight Congressmen who have always been vigorously opposed to enforcement of the law simultaneously introduced fifty-eight repeal bills. As they had announced that they expected to have one-hundred signers for such bills, they seem to have failed to round up their followers. They seem to think that by introducing fifty-eight separate bills instead of one, they can create an impression of great strength. Many of these Congressmen have foreign names and practically all of them represent districts with a large foreign element. We are proud of the fact that not one represents a constituency south of Maryland and Missouri, except one from Louisiana. Full-blooded Americans are not asking for such legislation. These un-American Congressmen have to make a gesture to satisfy their foreign supporters.

ENGLISH TRIBUTE TO PROHIBITION.

Some Englishmen, who are fond of their drinks, come to this country and succeed in getting liquor and then return and say that prohibition in the United States is a failure. It is, therefore, highly gratifying to learn that Hon. David Lloyd George, former premier of Great Britain, who visited our country last year, is able to make a good report.

In a recent speech in London he is reported to have said: "America is the country that got the most out of the great war—not gold, but prohibition. I had seen but little of prohibition and went to America with the usual European prejudice against it, having heard that it was demoralizing America and that there was more liquor there than ever. That is not true—not in the least. There are some men who get it, but I believe it is mostly very bad liquor. Some have already been poisoned and others are getting frightened for fear their turn will come next. That generation will disappear. The vast majority are not drinking. The worst form of repeal that is threatened is a return to light wines and beer, but they will never have saloons again. The only unemployed in America are the jailers. The children of Americans never saw such times as they have now."

It is reported that Foreign Minister Vandervelde, of Belgium, has stated that he would ask for the institution of a dry regime in Belgium similar to that in force in the United States. His statement was made in connection with the passage of a bill early in February increasing the duty on spirits and liquors.

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

Batesville Dist. Conf., at Mt. Home, April 1-3.
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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

One source of trouble is that it is cheaper to throw bricks than it is to lay them.—Cincinnati Post.

President Reynolds announces that Bishop S. R. Hay has accepted an invitation to preach the Hendrix College commencement Sermon.

Rev. W. C. Scott reports: "Last Sunday was Superannate Endowment Day at Asbury Church. We are glad to report \$4,000 subscribed. This makes \$550 over our quota."

Mrs. A. C. Millar, wife of the editor, has been called to the bedside of her aged father, Mr. Francis Harwood, who is critically ill at his home in Brookfield, Mo.

Married, at Bauxite, the home of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Medcalf, the bride's parents, on March 9; Mr. Wm. O. Otts and Miss Vesta Medcalf, Rev. A. J. Christie officiating.

To correct economic conditions by legislation is never easy and is usually possible only at the cost of creating other conditions that may turn out to be just as annoying.—Youth's Companion.

It is announced that Rev. John E. Brown, general evangelist, has purchased hotel and other property at Sulphur Springs, Ark., and will conduct there a school similar to the one at Siloam Springs.

Presiding Elder W. B. Hays of Conway District announces that the dates of quarterly conferences have been changed so that for Vilonia it will be at Mt. Carmel April 6 at 3 p. m., and for Naylor and Oakland, April 13 at 3 p. m., at Oakland.

While in the city to attend an Epworth League meeting, Rev. Byron Harwell of Conway, Rev. S. T. Baugh of England and Rev. Neill Hart of Oaklawn, Hot Springs, and Mr. S. P. Wiggins of the Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn. called at this office.

News comes through the secular press of the loss by fire of our church building at Dermott. Rev. E. C. Rule and his fine people will have much sympathy in their misfortune. It is to be hoped that they will speedily be able to build a more adequate house.

Dr. J. H. Reynolds of Hendrix College is in Chicago attending the meeting of the North Central States Association of Universities and Colleges. He

will probably visit several universities to study buildings with a view to plans for new buildings at Hendrix College.

In the average church home, one will find the daily and Sunday paper; farm papers, lodge papers, magazines of fiction, the latest secular books, etc., for which many dollars are paid without a murmur, and yet, it is appalling how few homes of the church take the church paper. AWAKEN! people, stand by your church paper.—Weldon Tupelo Bulletin.

Copies of the Bulletin of the Weldon-Tupelo Charge have been received. Its contents are interesting and helpful. Rev. E. T. Miller, the efficient pastor, has four mid-week meetings with an average attendance of 150, and is planning another. All departments of work are prospering and the people are ready for an advance. Bro. Miller expects to report a good list of subscribers.

A special radio service for the benefit of America, Hawaii, the Philippine Islands, and the Far East will be broadcast by Sweeney Automotive and Electrical School Station WHB 411, from Central Methodist Church, Kansas City, Monday, Mar. 24, from five to six in the morning. Dr. Marion Nelson Waldrup will preach. A beautiful musical program will be rendered by Mr. John R. Jones and a chorus of seventy voices.

At the Sunday School Training School to be held in this city next week Dr. O. E. Goddard will offer a course on "The Fundamentals of Methodism" which should be unusually interesting and profitable in view of the confusion in the minds of many concerning the real "fundamentals." Our young people especially should avail themselves of the opportunity to learn from a high authority what is actually fundamental in our Methodism.

Dr. J. H. Reynolds authorizes the preliminary announcement that the faculty of Hendrix College is planning this summer to have a session of nine weeks of regular college work. This will be in addition to the Summer School for Ministers. The college is to be congratulated on taking this practical forward step, made almost necessary by modern educational conditions. By taking three summer terms of work a student may complete the four years' course in three calendar years. For many students this is a valuable economy of time.

It is a great satisfaction to have Bishop Hay abiding with us. He is abounding in labor. Last week he attended the Fort Smith District Conference. On Sunday he preached in the morning at Pulaski Heights at the reopening of the building after remodeling, and it night at Capitol View. At both he was greeted by large congregations and preached inspiring and illuminating sermons. Bros. Roebuck and Thompson, the pastors, were delighted with the service rendered. Next week the Bishop is to lecture from day to day on Evangelism at the great Sunday School Training School in this city.

The "Mountain Inn" is the name of a hotel that is now being remodeled in Fayetteville. It will be practically new, and will be modern in every respect. Every room will have a bath, and a vapor heating plant will be installed. There will be an elevator and other conveniences. This fine hotel belongs to Mr. J. A. Ward, a progressive Fort Smith manufacturer, who became interested in Fayetteville after the Western Methodist Assembly was located. He bought some of the choicest Assembly lots and built a beautiful bungalow and expects to build another. Mr. Ward believes in Fayetteville and the Assembly.

The Methodist Church started in a Bible class. John Wesley, Charles Wesley, and several other young college mates, desiring to have more experimental religion than the Church of England offered, organized a Bible class for study and activity. Unwittingly these young fellows were organizing a greater organization, now the largest in Protestantism, the Methodist Church. To commemorate the beginning of Methodism as well as the great work it has done and is doing we have the Wesley Bible Class Movement, a movement that now numbers sixteen thousand classes in Southern Methodism. Wesley was a great organizer, an organizer in the right direction for the best amount of good. We get our name from him and do our work after his pattern.—North Carolina Advocate.

Dr. W. D. Weatherford, president of Southern College of Y. M. C. A., is soon to bring out what is believed to be the most thorough-going and comprehensive book on race relations ever published. The title, "The Negro: From Africa to America," indicates the general scope of the work. It gives no suggestion, however, of the vast amount of historical research which the volume embodies, relating to the negro in his native home, the slave regime both in the Americas and in the adjacent islands, and the history and progress of the race since emancipation. To the great historical value of the book is added a wealth of popular human interest, through the inclusion of many intimate glimpses of ante-bellum conditions that have here-

tofore been inaccessible to most readers. The book is said to combine in a rare degree both the scientific and the popular approach. In summing up, the author offers no final solution of the race problem, but emphasizes the conviction that if the two races will only exercise good will and helpfulness toward each other from day to day, the future may be safely trusted to take care of itself. The whole philosophy of the book is simply that of "doing the next thing" in a Christian spirit.

GOOD FOR ALABAMA!

Last week the Alabama Christian Advocate reported a circulation of more than 25,000. This is an increase of 3,000 since Dr. Lazenby, the present energetic editor, took charge. We congratulate him and the Alabama pastors who have made this possible. Their constituency is 200,000. On the same basis our paper should have 16,000. Will our faithful pastors help us to secure what we should have?

THE EPWORTH LEAGUE BUILDING.

Last Monday night at a banquet spread by the ladies of Highland Church at First Church, a number of leaders of Arkansas Leaguedom and several pastors and others met to hear Rev. R. E. Nollner, assistant League secretary, explain the movement to raise funds for the League Building on Mt. Sequoyah. About ten pointed and pertinent talks were made in thirty minutes and confidence and enthusiasm were aroused. All expressed a willingness to do full service in reaching the objective, \$25,000, on March 30. Bro. Nollner reported that Kansas City Leaguers had committed themselves wholeheartedly and pledged three times their quota. We confidently expect the Leaguers of the twelve Conferences to do this fine bit of constructive work in a way to win the admiration of the whole Church. Our Arkansas Leaguers will undoubtedly do their part. It is almost certain that ground will be broken for the building on April 31 or 4th. Plans are ready and contracts are being negotiated. Bro. Nollner is proving himself an efficient and magnetic leader.

SUNDAY AT HOT SPRINGS.

Accepting pressing invitations of long standing from Dr. J. J. Stowe and Rev. F. P. Doak, I spent last Sunday with these splendid pastors, preaching to large congregations, at Central in the morning and at Third Street at night. In addition to preaching I briefly presented the purposes of the Western Methodist Assembly and the cause of the Arkansas Methodist. Seldom have I had more interested audiences.

The Central Church Sunday School was visited and found to be, under the progressive leadership of Supt. F. E. Eggerman, growing both in numbers and efficiency. Central, with its uniquely beautiful building, strong membership, and helpful pastoral guidance, is rapidly becoming one of our truly great churches. Its prospects are decidedly hopeful. Dr. Stowe and his people are mutually well pleased. I was reinforced in the pulpit by Dr. C. O. Steele, our Nestor, whose presence is always helpful. Rev. W. F. Evans, our faithful pastor at Wynne, was in the congregation and will rest in the City of Vapors for a few days.

At Third Street, I looked through the roomy temporary addition to the building. This amplifies Sunday School space and provides for the rapidly growing School over which Supt. A. R. Covington has carefully and lovingly presided for many years. The School is developing wonderfully. There are three live Leagues. The Seniors were visited and found to be a fine body of youth. Before Bro. Doak arrived last fall the parsonage had been renovated, repapered, and put in excellent condition, for an old house. The city is developing rapidly and substantially around this suburban church. More ground and a bigger and better building will soon be necessary. Bro. Doak sees vast possibilities. He has had a gracious revival and considerable increase. This capable pastor and his responsive people constitute a mutual admiration society and need a new stock of adjectives to express their satisfaction.

I think that I have never seen these two churches so fully prepared to do the Master's work.

The helpmate at each parsonage put the visitor under a big debt for gracious and careful hospitality.

In Bro. Doak's car I spent an hour viewing the city. It was gratifying to note on every hand new buildings and other evidences of improvement. The new Arlington Hotel is going up rapidly and will be a magnificent modern hotel. It is reported that the attendance of visitors is considerably larger than last year.

Every time I visit this truly wonderful health resort, I am impressed with the unusual opportunity for a great and distinctive sanatorium. Our Church will ever regret it should we fail to establish such a needed institution at this resort. We must keep the idea in mind and at the strategic hour inaugurate the movement. Every great denomination in the South should plant a hospital or sanatorium in this spot where nature offers healing elements that medicine alone cannot supply. Let us not forget our opportunity.—A. C. M.

CONTRIBUTIONS

A CALL TO PRAYER

An invitation to all churches to unite in meditation and intercession during the Pre-Easter Season.

The Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the agencies of evangelism in the various denominations unite in this call to all people who love the Lord Jesus Christ to give themselves with sincere devotion to faithful prayer. Prayer, ever needful to the life of the Christian, in these times of desperate world need must receive still greater emphasis. To it we turn for those deep spiritual forces which alone can regenerate the world.

The call is twofold: (1) For a prolonged period of concerted personal and family devotions, and (2) for a week of public worship and prayer preceding Easter.

Personal and Family Devotions.

The Pre-Easter or Lenten Season is observed by many communions as a special period of penitence and prayer. Many other Christian fellowships which do not so greatly magnify days and seasons have found rich spiritual benefit in approaching Easter with concerted prayer and evangelistic endeavor.

Let us during the Lenten period seek unitedly to enter into a fuller understanding of the meaning of Christ's suffering for the sins of the world. If we are "to know the power of His resurrection" we must also "know the fellowship of His suffering." As we come to a better appreciation of Christ's life, the beauty and wonder of it draws us irresistibly to Himself and in such fellowship the inner springs of our life are refreshed.

In order that we may have this blessing it is necessary that we plan our time, our reading, our thought, and that we break for a little while "the power of the world over us." We should have a fixed time for prayer and Bible reading, be regular and constant in church attendance and be wise in the use of the hours of recreation and social intercourse. It is a time to plan definitely to give more to God and fellowmen to teach our children what it means to be followers of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to maintain faithfully the practice of prayer in the family circle.

Public Worship and Prayer.

Let the week preceding Easter, known in the church calendar as Holy Week, be observed by public services of worship, consecration, and prayer, in the several churches independently or in combination with other churches.

So far as may be possible, let us all direct our thoughts to the same great central issues of our Christian life and faith. There is high value in the sense of comradeship and the knowledge that other churches are following the same themes. The consciousness that hundreds of thousands of our fellow Christians are uniting in the fellowship of prayer cannot but be an inspiration to those who know the Master's wish that we should agree on earth as touching the things we should ask of the Father.

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR SERMONS
EASTER WEEK OF PRAYER AND SERVICE

The Way of the Cross.

Sunday, April 13th—Jesus, The Lord of Life, Matt. 21:9. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. See Psalm 118:26.

Monday, April 14th—Jesus, The Foundation of Character, Matt. 21:42. The stone which the builders rejected, the same was made the head of the corner.

Tuesday, April 15th—Jesus, The Christ, Matt. 22:42. What think ye of the Christ?

Wednesday, April 16th—Jesus, Obedient Unto Death, Matt. 26:42. My Father, if this cannot pass away, except I drink it, thy will be done.

Thursday, April 17th—Jesus, The Bread of Life, Matt. 26:26, 27. And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it; and he gave to the disciples, and said, Take,

eat; this is my body. And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins.

Friday, April 18th—Jesus, The Crucified Redeemer, Matt. 27:35, 36. And when they had crucified him they parted his garments among them, casting lots; and they sat and watched him there.

Saturday, April 19th—Jesus, The Son of God, Matt. 27:54. Truly this was the Son of God.

Easter Sunday, April 20th—Jesus, The Constant Presence, Matt. 28:20. And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

ALTERNATE TOPICS.
The Seven Last Words.

Sunday, April 13th—The First Word, Luke 23:34. Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do.

Monday, April 14th—The Second Word, Luke 23:43. Today shalt thou be with me in Paradise.

Tuesday, April 15th—The Third Word, John 19:26, 27. Woman behold thy son. Behold thy mother.

Wednesday, April 16th—The Fourth Word, Matt. 27:46. My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?

Thursday, April 17th—The Fifth Word, John 19:28. I thirst.

Friday, April 18th—The Sixth Word, John 19:30. It is finished.

Saturday, April 19th—The Seventh Word, Luke 23:46. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit.

Let Us Pray:

Almighty God, Father everlasting, who hast set us in the fellowship of thy son Jesus Christ, be near to us in this time of meditation and communion, may our hearts be open to every holy affection, and ready to receive and cherish every sacred memory and serious impression.

Give us to know the power of that life and death, which this season commemorates. Let a portion of the spirit which led our Saviour to the cross descend upon us and fill our hearts with the love of God and man.

Here and now, may every selfish passion and desire be suppressed, that by the sorrows of repentance our souls may be purified; that by pain we may learn patience and that by the peace of God which passeth understanding our thoughts may be kept and centered in Christ Jesus, our Lord. AMEN.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS FROM ST. MATTHEW FOR THE PRE-EASTER SEASON.

(Approved by the Commission on Evangelism and Life Service and given "The Fellowship of Prayer")

Mar. 5. The Temptation and Decision of Jesus. Mt. 4:1-11

Mar. 6. Call of Men to Decision. Mt. 16:21-28

Mar. 7. The Christian Life. Mt. 22:34-46

Mar. 8. Belief in Jesus. Mt. 7:21-29

Mar. 9. Knowing God as Father Through Prayer. Mt. 6:5-11

Mar. 10. Unselfish Prayer. Mt. 5:38-48.

Mar. 11. God Longs to Respond to Prayer. Mt. 7:1-12

Mar. 12. Kingdom Builders with God. Mt. 6:9-23

Mar. 13. Power in Prayer. Mt. 7:7-14

Mar. 14. Praying for Others. Mt. 9:32-38

Mar. 15. Prayer and the Will of God. Mt. 26:36-46

Mar. 16. The Father's Love for the Son. Mt. 3:7-17

Mar. 17. The Best Thing in Life Is Love. Mt. 22:34-46

Mar. 18. God's Love Seeking Men. Mt. 18:7-14.

Mar. 19. Knowing God's Love Through Obedience. Mt. 26:26-39

Mar. 20. Man's Need of Love and Sympathy. Mt. 25:31-40

Mar. 21. Children of the Heavenly Father. Mt. 18:1-14

Mar. 22. The Wayward Heart. Mt. 18:23-35

Mar. 23. The Quest for Perfection. Mt. 5:43; 6:4

Mar. 24. The Way to Happiness. Mt. 5:1-13

Mar. 25. The Selfish Man. Mt. 19:23-30

Mar. 26. Winning Forgiveness. Mt. 6:1-15

Mar. 27. Entering the Kingdom. Mt. 7:13-23.

Mar. 28. Exalting the Golden Rule. Mt. 7:7-21

Mar. 29. The House of Prayer. Mt. 21:12-22.

Mar. 30. Jesus the Leader. Mt. 4:17-25

Mar. 31. Workers Together with Him. Mt. 12:46; 13:9.

April 1. Human Responsibility. Mt. 5:13-20.

April 2. Singleness of Purpose. Mt. 6:24-34

April 3. The Good Workman and the Will of God. Mt. 5:17-20

April 4. By Their Fruits. Mt. 12:31-37.

April 5. The Moral Quitter. Mt. 19:13-22.

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A HALF CENTURY IN MEXICO.

"During the entire Centenary period in Mexico great stress has been laid upon self-support, and every year there have been additions to the number of self-supporting charges," says Bishop James Cannon in an article on "Mexico After Fifty Years" recently published in The Missionary Voice.

There are now in the three Mexican fields on both sides of the Rio Grande one hundred and two pastoral charges with approximately eight thousand members. There are fourteen self-supporting charges and thirty-two partially self-supporting. There are seventy-three missionary evangelists, teachers, nurses and doctors. There are over one hundred and twenty-five employed workers other than missionaries in the various institutions, and there are ninety-eight Mexican pas-

tors in charge of circuits and stations.

There has been a surprising growth in the offerings of the Churches, largely due to the Centenary spirit. The Mexico Conference paid the past year 50,000 pesos (\$25,000) and about 20,000 pesos (\$10,000) for pastoral support. The Chihuahua Church led this year with 9,000 pesos, and Monterey and Saltillo followed with over 7,000 pesos each. The increase in membership in the entire field the past year was about eighteen per cent.

The Centenary enabled us to put on a great program in Mexico at a critical time: If the home Church will stand by its pledges and give us what it promised, it will enable us to finish what we began to build in their name and with faith in their love for the people of Mexico, whom our Master came to seek and save.

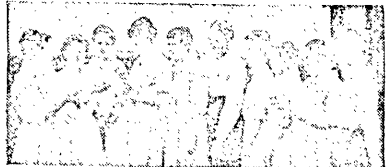
KOREA MISSION CLOTH TO BE SOLD IN AMERICA.

A mail order house for the sale of the famous Korea Mission cloth which "never fades and seldom wears out," will be opened in America in March, according to The Missionary Voice. Mr. C. H. Deal, manager of the textile department of the Higher Common School, Songdo, Korea, where this cloth is manufactured by the students working their way through school, writes that this enterprise employs thirty Christian men on salary and enables one hundred and thirty-five of the selected youth of our Church in Korea to obtain an education. The textile department is not only self-supporting, but each year it makes a profit which is reinvested so that more boys may be taken care of.

Mr. Deal writes that during the year cloth was sold in twenty-four foreign countries to the amount of 177,000 yen. "This year we have added a hosiery department, also shirt making and children's garment manufacturing," says his letter. "Next year our output will be much larger than this year. We are opening up a mail order distributing branch in America next March to provide quick service and lower duty to our regular customers."

THE FASCINATION OF PRAYER.

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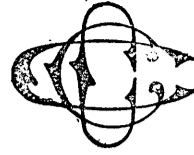


The Call of the Conference Claimants

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The Methodist Episcopal Church South, is now faced by a real opportunity to prove that she really cares for the preachers who wear-out themselves in her ministry.

The Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment moves on to success or failure. Which shall it be? If loyal members everywhere give liberally to the Fund, victory is sure to come; but if they fail to contribute as they should, the Church's colors will be trampled in dismal defeat.

Shall those old braves who sacrificed every available means to create an old-age competency for themselves, in order to give all their time telling the glad tidings of God's dear Son for the benefit of others, be left as the prey of pitiless poverty and as the shame of an ungrateful Church when they are unable to continue such service because of old-age and physical disability?

Shall the active preachers of today and of succeeding generations be able to do the work of the Church unafraid, knowing that provision has been made for them when old-age forces them to superannuate? Or shall they try to carry on in the future, knowing that the Church had a real chance to provide adequate Superannuate Endowment and failed?

Shall the Church of Christ which proclaims a gospel of proper care for dependents, now practice what she preaches by responding liberally to the call of her own claimants? Or shall she stand shame-faced in the presence of governments, secular corporations, and men of the world, who do not preach such a gospel but practice it?

The world is sick; morals limp; the social order is diseased; fear clutches the throats of men everywhere; something must be done at once.

The nearest and best place of treatment is the Cross of the Great Teacher. Thousands of preachers are able to point the way, and they are busy doing it. Harken unto them.

These pathfinders of the Cross are faithful. They do not shirk. But they would be greatly strengthened for their work if they could be assured of the commonest necessities when they wear-out at the task.

This is the call of the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment. It aims to hearten the active preachers in their work of administering to an afflicted world the prescription of the Great Physician. It seeks to do justice to superannuated preachers who have been used-up in such service.

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Forget

knows just how to deal with you, and ere you have been in his house a minute you are pouring out your soul to him. God is wonderful as an entertainer. There is nothing less for you than the best when you visit him. His prayer banquets are the most wonderful thing that one can experience. They are so stimulating and refreshing that one can never forget them. Some of us can look back and call to mind the many sunrise prayer meetings we have visited, and how God came down and prepared a table for us, and the wonderful time we had together. But the great joy in being at the banquet lies in the fact that God himself is at the head of the table. When you take a look at him your soul swells up within you. His presence scatters all the darkness and gloom. Everywhere there is wonderful light. He is ready to extend his hand in blessing.

A story is told of a mother who had lost her only child. For days her heart was filled with sorrow and sadness. There seemed to be a peculiar darkness hanging over her soul; and just when she was driven to the point of desperation a Christian lady called to pray with her. They both knelt down together and prayed, and before the mother arose from her knees the darkness had vanished. She had met God at the banquet. And where God is, there is light.

It is just wonderful to talk with your Host. It is fascinating and alluring. And when you have told him all that is in your heart he replies to you in such a wonderful way that you leave the table strengthened and feeling better for your visit. Of course, God does invite you to call again; but once you have called you feel so well acquainted that you do not wait for another invitation, but you run in at any moment of the day, and you always find your Host happy to see you. Many of us have had disappointing experiences at banquets, but there never was a man who was disappointed with God's prayer banquet. How one's heart burns within when he stops to think that he can go to God's feast every day! When one goes to prayer he goes to a feast, for God is always with him at the table. When we think of prayer as spiritual feasting it loses its dryness and becomes the most fascinating and alluring of all the spiritual exercises. —Frank Marston in Ex.

THE CHICKENS COME HOME TO ROOST!

Washington City has just been stirred to horror by the suicide of a beautiful society girl, daughter of a most prominent politician and Federal official. Not the suicide, but the revelation that has attended, has brought the nation's first city to her feet, wide-eyed and with gaping mouth of amazement. The father of the poor victim declares that he is firmly convinced that immorality among the young life of Washington has reached such proportions as to appall the nation. The poor girl left a message of cigarette and wine parties, of wild life and escapades that make one think of cities, doomed long ago, their memory remaining only that our minds may not forget the havoc, appetite and passion, lust and intemperance may bring about.

The newspapers are not even timid in heralding the horrible facts that suddenly the very nation's soul is endangered by this wild life of lust and riot that has seized upon the nation's young. Modesty has perished from among us. With brazen calm, our girls lie in the arms of passion-filled young men as they drive our streets in the full glare of the lighted highways. The bodies of young women are no longer sacred. Every dance hall demands the familiar embrace. On every hand the lure of sex is hot with the flames of death and hell.

Nor is the horrible revelation that has stunned Washington City and America an exposure of a symptom that belongs to great cities alone. Our daily papers have been overflowing with the filthy exposure of a like condition in the little town of

Pomona, near Los Angeles. This follows a like scandal that shook Long Beach to her center. The only reason that Los Angeles is not seething with a scandal of her own is because the great city furnishes sufficient shelter and hiding place for the tide of vice is set in among us.

Literally scores of boys and girls, their names known, and the manner of their immorality published to the world have come under the indignant gaze of Pomona citizens. Many arrests have been made. Police officers, aiding and assisting in the delinquency of school girls, have lost their jobs and fled the town. Horrible! And yet a genuine investigation would prove such a condition to be nationwide. There is a rushing tide of immorality set in among us. Restraint is gone. The mighty bulwarks of virtue are broken down. Sodom has found a companion condition in the twentieth century. To lift the curtain today would be to stun the motherhood of the nation with a revelation, second only to the vile carousals of Babylon.

What has brought this condition about? The war? Possibly the willfulness of mothers that their daughters fall into the arms of departing and returning soldiers had something to do with it. Certainly the invasion of French ideals and standards of living had more. The sex stuff, scooped out to growing boys and girls by the Movies, is largely responsible. The lecherous and salacious modern dances, kindling the very fires of hot lust, are fearfully to blame. The growing demands of night life, with autos parked by the side of our highways, plays its certain and emphatic part. The letting down of home discipline and restraint is largely to blame. The sudden disposition of the American mother to turn her daughter over to the mad whirl of modern social life, without guide or guard, has had its frightful consequences. The gradual elimination of all Christian training from public school education, displacing the Bible with the dance, has wrought havoc beyond the power of man to calculate. All these agencies of disintegration and corruption have contributed. And the end is not yet.

What is the remedy? At the risk of being called a pessimist without redemption, I prophesy that there will be no remedy for the present. I am convinced that the tide is only well begun. Recently, I saw the business organizations and civic bodies of Los Angeles, united under the leadership of a Dance Hall Proprietor, lead a successful attack upon the Christian Churches of this great city, extending the debauching privileges of the dance halls and cabarets into the morning hours, not a City Councilman daring to vie against them. I saw this done in the face of the glaring conditions that face the nation today. Therefore, I say there is little hope of improved conditions for the present. Only when Sodom begins to vomit out her filth into our very homes will we awaken.

It is not a pleasant thing to have men rail upon you and brand you as a long-hair, a fanatic, a back-number, a pessimistic fool. And yet any minister or man will receive just that welcome when he dares stand against these invading forces that are bearing down upon our civilization today as a mighty storm bears down upon the bending, breaking forests. As you fight the battles of their children and of the generations unborn, you may expect to hear the anathemas of the fathers and mothers for whose offspring you battle. They will curse you, as you reach your hand into the swirling cesspool to drag their children from debauch. And yet, the man who loves his nation, who finds within his heart a passion for humanity, whose soul revolts at the despoliation of strong sons and beautiful daughters, dares not stop simply because those for whom he fights answer him with hate.

The story of a Fraternal Organization assembling in a Southern California town and cheering while a mere girl dances in her nakedness before them is but a symptom of this

damnable disease that has set in among us. Among those yelling enthusiasts, as that nude girl whirled to and fro over the platform, were fathers and husbands and men whose sweet sisters are at stake in this hour of crisis! Shame! A few weeks ago, a great mirthful gathering in San Francisco, made historic by the newspapers, were entertained by a nude woman calmly walking across the platform and disappearing behind the curtain. And men who claim that they are worthy to preside over American homes offered no protest. As the flood of lust engulfs us, they curse those forces that would protect virtue and brand them as old-fashioned and out of date.

This Magazine has without apology made a terrific but wholly unsupported fight against nude pictures of women, sold broadcast over our State since the war, and today in the pockets of half the High School boys of Southern California. Not a Woman's Club in Southern California has offered us backing or encouragement. Not a Parent-Teachers Association has come to our rescue. Not a Civic Club or League for the protection of public decency has offered a hand. We have fought alone, tragically alone. And yet, while we fight and while the motherhood of America sits silently by, our sons are whetting their animal passions with these suggestive and alluring poses of naked women. I realize that I am writing plain words now, but my God knows the hour has come for such words. The one echo I have received in my battle against these nude pictures has been the onslaught and bitter attack of one of the afternoon papers. And yet I shall continue to fight. I shall fight alone. I shall gladly keep up the battle, for I know the wreckage and ruin that is just ahead.

In one day I noticed nine young ladies, smoking cigarettes in passing autos. Department Stores in great cities are fitting up smoking rooms for women. The Superintendent of Public Schools in Los Angeles told this Editor that she was amazed at the reports that were coming to her of the growing of this habit among school girls. A great club-woman recently gives out an interview in which she says: "Undoubtedly there are many more women smoking every day and they are also smoking a great deal more than they used to." Another big nation-known woman declares that women do not care for any kind of cigarettes except the kind that men smoke. You say, is this so horrible? Hasn't a woman a right to do what a man does? I answer, this is another symptom of our disease. And I might mention many others just as pronounced.

The revelation that has stunned Washington City and the horrible mess in which Pomona finds herself are not at all amazing. Those who have watched the tide rise have been prepared for just such pitiful and revolting publicity as our newspapers now reveal in. Any other result would be unnatural. We are scheduled for a dark hour of raging debauch that will make sick unto death the very soul of our Republic. God grant that from the awful filth of the impending catastrophe, we may come with strength of soul enough to fight our way back to honor, to virtue and to righteousness!—Bob Shuler's Magazine, Los Angeles, Calif.

AMERICA: ALIEN OR AMERICAN.
By H. E. Woolever, Editor National Methodist Press.

America Holds Back Immigration Tide.

After decades with no specific policy on immigration, the American people have awakened to the fact that the "Melting Pot" is not functioning satisfactorily. Through investigation, it is learned that there are 7,000,000 who have never assumed American citizenship, and 6,000,000 who cannot read English. With seven millions unnaturalized, it is fair to suppose that at least twice that number have not become Americanized.

Whereas in 1914, aliens were landing on our shores at the rate of 3300

a day—1,200,000 in a single year—it was no wonder that great cities and certain sections were fast becoming foreignized. Many of these immigrants became public charges and others a menace to our civilization. For it must be remembered that when a foreigner has been admitted into our national family group there is nothing to prevent his being un-American, non-American or anti-American.

When it was realized that 35,000,000 of our people were foreign born or of foreign born parentage, a majority of them with a background and training which precluded their becoming Americans in spirit, steps were taken to hold back the flood-tide which threatened the Nation following the war. It has been stated that millions were anxious to come. If they had been here during the after-war period, when there was already an army of unemployed, it is a question as to when the United States would have returned to prosperity.

As a result of extended hearings, the United States Congress, in 1917, passed the basic immigration law of the Nation which was intended to eliminate not only paupers and insane and diseased persons, but the illiterate as well. Further necessity of restriction caused the passage in 1920 of a law which permitted immigration from any country during one year up to 3 per cent of the number of people from that country who were resident here when the census of 1910 was taken. This permitted the coming of 387,803 aliens, plus a number under the exempted classes. This act, known as the "3 per cent law," was extended, in 1922, to June 30, 1924.

After new and more extended hear-

ings, the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization submitted to the House of Representatives on February 9, 1924, a bill known as H. R. 6540 which it recommends for adoption.

Realizing it will be impossible for the journals publishing these articles to give sufficient space for a discussion of the various new features contained in this bill, we will consider only its essential provisions.

The main difference between the present law and Bill H. R. 6540 is in the percentage and basis for computing the number of each nationality to be admitted. Whereas the present law determines the number of immigrants to be admitted by taking 3 per cent of each foreign group here in 1910, the new bill substitutes 2 per cent for the 3 per cent and takes the 1890 census instead of the 1910 as a basis.

Another important provision of the new bill is that requiring examination and other information over-seas before the would-be immigrant takes passage on the ship to come to America. There have been much suffering and inconvenience in the past because of the lack of proper checking on the other side.

It is not intended, if the new law is enacted, that families shall be separated, and to this end provision is made for the admittance of wives, children under 18 and parents over 55 of foreign born American citizens. From the immigrants' standpoint, this marks a third significant feature of the immigration measure now before Congress.

Bearing in mind that the Committee is of the opinion that from 1,500,000 to 2,000,000 aliens would have

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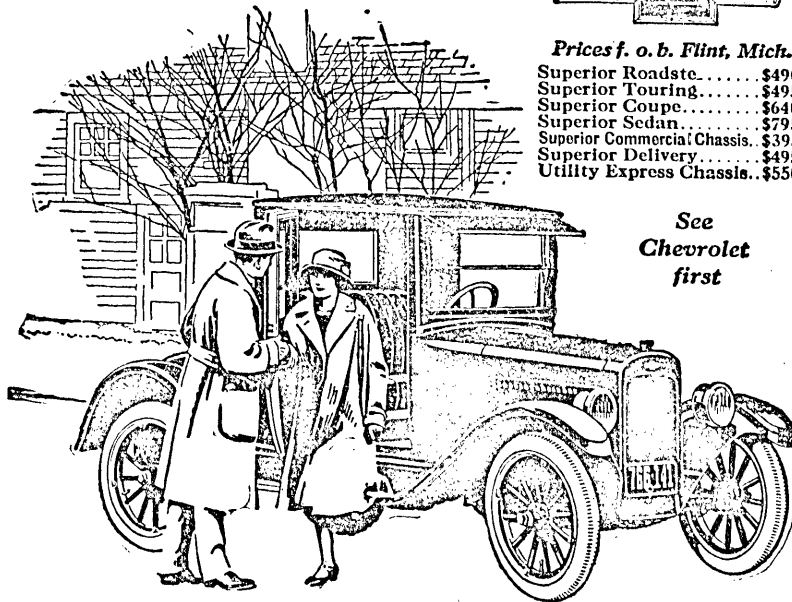
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entered the United States during each of the past two years if the 3 per cent law had not barred the way, we will let Congressman Albert Johnson of the State of Washington, Chairman of the House Committee on Immigration and Naturalization, state the case:

Two Per Cent Plus 200.

"Under the pending bill, H. R. 6540, the number of 'quota immigrants' is limited to a minimum of 200 plus 2 per cent of the number of foreign-born individuals of a particular nationality resident in the United States as determined by the United States census of 1890.

"Decision by the committee to limit admissions of 'quota immigrants' to 2 per cent, based on census figures of 1890, instead of 3 per cent based on the census of 1910, was reached after long and careful consideration of every element of the entire immigration problem. An impelling reason for the change is that it is desired to slow down the streams of the types of immigrants which are not easily assimilated. Naturalization does not necessarily mean assimilation. The naturalization process cannot work well with the continued arrival in large numbers of the so-called new immigration. The new type crowds into the larger cities. It is exploited. It gains but a slight knowledge of America and American institutions. It has grown to be a great undigested mass of alien thought, alien sympathy and alien purpose. It is a menace to the social, political, and economic life of the country. It creates alarm and apprehension. It breeds racial hatreds which should not exist in the United States and which need not exist when balance shall have been restored."

The Practical Significance.

The publications of the United States Census Bureau show that in 1790 the population of this Nation was 83.5 per cent English; 6.7 per cent Scotch; 5.6 per cent German; 2 per cent Dutch; and 1.6 per cent Irish. The Hebrew did not number one tenth of one percent and all the other unnamed nationalities which are not included above did not total six-tenths of one per cent. (Complete figures on the racial tendencies may be found in the first article of this series, "Racial Aspects of Immigration.") It is indisputable that the founders of the United States were Western, Protestant Europeans, almost exclusively. But the last quar-

ter of a century has witnessed an influx of Southern and Eastern Europeans, Roman Catholics and Jewish immigrants. The majority of these are of Southern Italian, Slavic and Hebrew races which have proven the least capable of real American assimilation. There are some very notable exceptions, but no past immigration law nor the proposed one would keep from this country these exceptions.

The proposed change of basis is aimed, as the Chairman has stated, to give preference to those who most readily make real Americans. We hold it is the privilege of the host nation to determine who shall be the national guests. Some recent acts of Southern European nations would indicate that they thought the privilege theirs and not ours.

(To be continued).

"I AM THAT I AM."

In our Article of Religion on Deity we say, "There is but one living and true God, everlasting, without body or parts; of infinite power, wisdom and goodness."

Since there can be no absolute good but the Eternal, Infinite Uncreated Creator of the universe, it is easy to understand why we came to use the word "God."

When God spoke to Moses, he said, "I Am That I Am," indicating the mysticism of God, which yet remains in spite of all his revelations of himself to man in his spoken word, and by his Son, Jesus Christ.

The ancient Hebrews knew God as Elohim and Jehovah, using these appellations more frequently than all of the others given. Some get the idea of "The Trinity" from the plural form Elohim; while we understand that Jehovah was God transfigured, or revealed in human form, and prophetic of the Divine Incarnation.

St John began his gospel by saying, "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God, and the Word was God. This divine Logos of the New Testament was the Jehovah who spake to Israel. He could say "Before Abraham was, I am." As the Logos he has ever been the spoken thought of God to man.

I have heard prominent ministers make fun of what they termed the "Methodist God," because that in our article of religion given in the Discipline we define God as without body or parts. I have heard them say that we contradict the Bible, and ridicule our unscriptural article on the great "I Am." In doing this they referred to the Bible statements concerning God having eyes, feet, hands, and ears, and then ask "How can God have these members of the body, and yet have neither body nor parts?"

On one occasion I asked one of these critics if he believed God has feathers and wings? His answer was "those are metaphorical expressions." In asking this question I felt that I was obeying that proverb "Answer a fool according to his folly."

No theologian teaches that God is a corporal being, but that God is a Spirit. He is more than a Spirit, he is pure Spirit. Our God, the Methodist God, can see without physical eyes, hear without ears, and walk without feet. If he is dependent on body and parts, then he is not infinite. He is so infinite that he knows no environment whatever.

God was the great "I Am" before there was so much as an atom of physical matter, so that there was no such a thing as body, or parts of body from eternity to the creation of matter. All this time God must have been without body, and he is the same always, pure Spirit.

As there could be no life without God, so there could be no God without life. "This is that eternal life that was with the Father." Life is neither a substance nor a force, yet either may be a manifestation of life.

"There is one God the Father of All, who is above all, through all, and in all," but who was before all.

Any notion of God as having body or parts is of heathen origin, and smacks of idolatry. It is also materialistic. We do not think our lov-

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Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus—Philippians 4, 5 and 6.

"BUILDERS OF A KINGDOM," AS A STORY BOOK.

It is very desirable that women of the Missionary Society know something of the history of the movement of which they form a part. Mrs. F. M. Williams, our much loved and accomplished leader of many years, has given us a very interesting and readable account of all that has gone before and much that is very up to date in our doings of the L. R. Conf. W. M. Society.

This year we are giving full credit in Mission Study for "Builders of a Kingdom" as the Home Mission Book. Some are inquiring how to use it in

ed ones who are among the heavenly host as having body or parts. For these were left in the tomb. If these, having neither eyes nor ears, yet see and hear, why should it be thought impossible with God? Jesus, after his resurrection, said, "A spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have." He said again, "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto you, but my father which is in heaven."

God is infinite, yet not without limitations. His limitations are self-imposed. If he has not power to limit himself, then he is not infinite in power. There are also impossibilities with God, growing out of his very nature. As pure truth, he cannot lie. As absolutely holy, he cannot sin. We say God "Is infinite in power, wisdom, and goodness." His infinite wisdom may limit his power, so that he does not do what he has power to do. We feel sure of the fact that his infinite goodness and love is our security from the exercise of his power to destroy, else where would the human race be today?

God's revelations of himself are three-fold; by nature, by the sacred Book in Holy Scripture, and by his Son, Jesus Christ, and each is an evolutionary process. The Psalmist could say "The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament sheweth forth his handy work. Day by day uttereth speech, and night by night sheweth knowledge." How much more is this true now, under the greater understanding of the heavens and the earth. Science has enlarged our vision, and made more acute our hearing.

By the Scripture God was made known to the ancients, and each succeeding generation witnessed the gradual unfolding of eternal deity, as "line upon line, and precept upon precept tended to visualize and spiritualize God's people. The past is ours, a goodly heritage, but the end is not yet.

The great mission of Jesus was to make the Father more fully known to man. He came to show us the way to the father, that we might know him better and love him more. He was Emanuel, for he was God walking among, and talking to men, that they might know him. After his ascension he sent forth God in the person of the Holy Spirit, that he might continue his revelations of the eternal Spirit, or the gradual unfolding of the power, wisdom and love of God to the earnest inquiring soul of man. God is yet speaking, and shall not cease to speak to him who has an ear to hear.—T. P. Clark, Foreman, Ark.

a Study Class. There are many ways it might be used, but to me it is very interesting to follow this plan.

At the organization meeting make up the class roll and fill out the Enrollment card. Have plenty of the books on hand and offer them for sale. Have the Introduction read aloud also the chapter on "Our place in History" and use in this and later meetings Miss Haskins' Book on Women and Missions; comparing from time to time the progress of the work in our Conference with what we were doing in the larger circle as narrated by Miss Haskins.

Then take the "Builders" in decades as the book is divided. Reviewing ten years of our organization at each lesson. Have a blackboard or chart, at the top place the dates covered in the lesson. Write a list of the women who were active in that decade; a list of the places of the Annual Meetings—note the progress of the work—the widening vision, the increase in living, and last the personal touches and incidents that make the books so charming. Have some one with "Women and Missions" each meeting tell what was added in this decade to our worldwide task.

I cannot think of a more helpful study for all our women. A study that would give us a just pride in the work we have in hand and make every woman proud to be a part of such a movement. This class is also a good time to invite women who do not belong to our Society because they do not know what we are doing. A very helpful closing meeting might be planned from the minutes of our last annual meeting at which time the work of all our departments might be discussed. I am hoping for many classes in Builders of a Kingdom.—Mrs. E. R. Steel, L. R. Conf. Supt. Mission Study.

OUR COUNCIL BULLETIN.

The meeting of our Woman's Missionary Council to be held in Tampa, Fla., April 9th through 16th, will be one of special interest. Very careful plans are being made for the program. The great hope is that we, as women, shall be able to mark at this time a great forward movement in spiritual things.

The Council Bulletin will be published as usual, carrying with it as nearly as possible the full proceedings and the spirit and power of this meeting. Every member of the Woman's Missionary Society should subscribe for this paper. It is only 25 cents, and will be mailed to its subscribers within about a week or ten days after the close of the Council Meeting. Will you call attention in your columns to the opportunity that the women have to get in vital touch with this great meeting through the Council Bulletin?—Estelle Haskins.

N. ARK. CONF. W. M. S.

From Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Conf. Supt.

At a meeting of the North Arkansas Conference, a recommendation was adopted that a representative be appointed to meet with representatives from each of the Conferences included in the Western Methodist Assembly, for the purpose of formulating plans for the erection of a woman's building on Mt. Sequoyah. The building to be used for the accommodation of Methodist women who come to the Assembly; and that this Conference ask the other eleven Conferences to appoint a like representative, and that the body meet at Mt. Sequoyah this summer during the school of missions.

A new Auxiliary has been organized at Melbourne, Batesville District,

Elderly People Need More Iron in the Blood

To Give Added
Strength, Vitality,
and Greater Power
of Resistance
Against Disease.



IRON is constantly leaving the body, especially toward the period of middle age and you must make up for this iron deficiency if you want to escape disease and be strong and well. When the iron in your blood runs low, signs of old age creep into your system. If there is not enough iron circulating the blood-stream becomes thin, pale and watery, the body weak and run-down. In such cases ordinary iron-containing foods seldom supply a sufficient quantity of this important element to make up for the waste so that many physicians now prescribe a concentrated form of organic iron—Nuxated Iron—which contains iron like the iron in your blood.

Actual blood tests show that a tremendously large number of people who are weak and ill lack iron in their blood. If you are not sure of your own condition, go to your doctor and have him take your blood-count and see where you stand or else make the following test yourself: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired; next take two five-grain tablets of Nuxated Iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see how much you have gained. By enriching the blood and creating new red blood cells Nuxated Iron strengthens the nerves, rebuilds the weakened tissues and helps to instill renewed energy and power into the whole system.

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with eleven members. Mrs. J. T. Bryan was elected president and Mrs. J. A. Gills, vice president. Mrs. Bryan is beginning right by subscribing for the Missionary Voice.

The following is a poem used by the Jonesboro Auxiliary at their "Voice Program":

Song—"THE MISSIONARY VOICE"
(Tune, "Love's Old Sweet Song.")
Read ye the Voice—the missionary call,

The magazine for churchmen—the magazine for all.

Pictures for all, with words of love and cheer.

Let us all now read it in this bright new year.

Tells how benighted heathen people pray

To a God who hears not, neither night nor day.

Chorus

Just a voice to tell us of the Savior's love.

How He wants the whole world for His home above.

How the heathen worship, how we need to pray—

Just a voice to tell us the message of the day.

The messages of the day.

ANNUAL REPORT OF BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

All honor to the members of Batesville District who made possible the splendid report for the year 1923.

The work has not gone forward by leaps and bounds, but there has been a steady growth from the very beginning of the year.

The co-operation of the members of the auxiliaries has been all to be desired. They have been faithful, earnest and dependable.

There have been a new adult organization at Cave City, and two new Junior Divisions, Newark and Sidney, making a total of 17 adult, 1 Young Peoples' Society, four Junior and three Baby Divisions with a membership of 544, a total increase in all departments of 162.

Fourteen auxiliaries observed the Week of Prayer.

There are seven mission, and one Bible Study classes.

Batesville First Church auxiliary and Tuckerman are on the Honor Roll.

Two splendid Group Meetings were held at Moorefield and Tuckerman with more than a hundred out of town visitors and delegates in attendance.

A 19 per cent increase was made in finances, 22 per cent increase in membership in the adult department, and 24½ per cent increase in subscriptions to the Missionary Voice. Auxiliaries making the 10 per cent increase are Alicia, Batesville First, Batesville Central, Mt. Home, Mt. View, Newark, Yellville, Batesville Juniors and Tuckerman Juniors. Calico Rock only lacked \$1.07 of making the increase.

Newport is doing splendid work through the Wesley House and Miss Lucy Patterson, a product of this investment, will graduate in June from the Sue Bennett School, London, Kentucky.

The district is considering the feasibility of putting a deaconess in the rural districts and I trust that this desire may be fulfilled.

Mrs. James Graham of Tuckerman, District Superintendent of Supplies, has done fine work. Supplies have been sent to Spofford Home, Kansas City and \$60.00 has been raised towards the refurbishing of our Arkansas Room at Scarritt Bible School.

The district has been assessed \$600.00 for the Belle Bennett Memorial and Newport has pledged \$300.00 and Tuckerman \$225.00 toward this. With Batesville and other auxiliaries yet to hear from, we are expecting to raise not less than \$1,000.00.

Total amount raised for year 1923:
Remitted to Conf. Treas. ...\$2,364.80
Raised for local purposes .. 3,656.90

\$6,021.70
City Missions 59.00

Total\$6,080.70

Value of Supplies 560.35

Grand Total\$6,641.05

—Mrs. Henry Hanesworth, Dist. Sec.

L. R. CONF. W. M. S.

DELIGHT AUXILIARY.

The W. M. S. of this place has entered upon the new year with great interest and enthusiasm. Each officer is capable and efficient.

We meet four times a month, the first Monday for business meeting, second and fourth in Study Class, and the third for devotional meeting.

On March 9th at evening service hour we gave the pageant "Forty years." To add interest to program our quartette sang "I saw a wayworn Traveler." Our Pres. Mrs. E. M. Peters then presented in a very impressive way the purpose of this special program which was to raise \$15.00 on the Superannuate Endowment Fund. This amount was paid in a very few minutes. But few programs ever given in our little town have caused so much favorable comment.

Our aim this year is to do some thing for Christ.—Bun Frost, Supt. Study and Pub.

SNYDER AUXILIARY.

Mrs. J. S. Parker writes Mrs. Darby, Sec. Monticello District:

"Could you look in on us at one of our meetings you would be surprised that we meet at all. However our little band of three members that can and do attend are faithful. We meet every week, have our mission study and we are almost through "The Kingdom and the Nations." Once a month we have the program as laid down in the Voice. These three members subscribe for and read the Voice. In January we gave the Centenary demonstration, "Opening Blind Eyes." Since Christmas the three lady teachers from our school have joined us—making our attendance six. We have two paying and praying members, our Post mistress and the manager of a mercantile business, who can not meet with us. We have three copies of "Builders of a Kingdom," and read it in our homes. It is beautiful and has helped us much spiritually. We want to take up a Bible Study next. We hope to get a few new members and as they have not been studying much we think a study not too deep at first might be best. Will you please suggest a suitable Bible study for us?"

Mrs. W. P. Darby has supplied the Bible Study books, and feels much encouraged by the faithfulness of this little band of workers at Snyder, with Mrs. Parker for President and Mrs. Pickering, Treasurer and Rec. Sec.

She says Selma is another small auxiliary in Monticello District which works well, and under their president Mrs. S. P. Haisty they will go forward.

TREASURER'S REPORT, GIVEN AT ANNUAL MEETING AT HELENA.

Adult Receipts	\$16,432.34
Y. P. Receipts	480.97
Junior Receipts	623.66
Baby Div. Receipts	120.85
Conf. Exp Rec'd	2,099.67
Retirement & Relief Funds	406.90
Scarritt Loan	216.60
Week of Prayer	813.18
Bennett Memorial	475.59
Life Members	55.00
Galloway College Y. W.	
"Special"	100.00
Bible Women	
"Molsie A. Riddick," Morrilton	120.00
"Ora Jamison," Clarksville	120.00
"Faith," Paragould	120.00
"Hope," Paragould	120.00
"Mary Louise Barnett," Batesville	120.00
"Rosa Legg (1-3 year)	
Wynne	40.00
"Grace Womack," Ozark ..	120.00
Scholarships	
"Elizabeth H. Millar," Conway No. 2	40.00
"Wills Garner," N. L. R. 1st Ch.	40.00
"First Methodist," N. L. R.	120.00

"Dora Bass," Helena	40.00
"Gard. Memorial," N. L. R. (Gard. Mem.)	4.25
Rural Deaconess Support ..	1,561.48
Y. P. Scholarship at Scarritt	250.00
On Loan (received)	100.00

Total	\$24,740.49
To Council Treasurer	20,729.34
Conf. Expense	2,099.67
Y. P. Schol. at Scarritt	250.00
Rural Deaconess Support ..	1,561.48
Conf. Volunteer at Scarritt	100.00

Total	\$24,740.49
Christian Education	70.00
City Missions	178.59
Charity	1,803.86
District Parsonage	30.00
Meth. Orphanage (L. Rock)	17.05
Supplies	2,445.39
Local Work	35,965.18
Interest on Neill School ..	300.00
Error in City Miss. and Local caused by reports overlapping	107.50

Grand Total\$65,658.06
—Mrs. W. A. Steele, Treasurer.

LAKE VILLAGE AUXILIARY.

Mrs. L. V. McKinney, Supt. Publicity, writes:

In our Auxiliary every Dept. is organized and functioning. We have really more departments than are called for as we have a live Motor corps and two Junior Societies. At the last executive meeting of the year held in our President's home she passed slips of paper and asked each one to write suggestions that would make our Society a better one for the new year. These were read at the first business meeting and gladly accepted, the suggestions being of benefit to the officers. Our Y. P. M. S. with Mrs. Akenhead as Supt. has more than doubled this year in number of members. The "Jessie Rogers Society," with Mrs. Ross as leader, is doing the very best work. You will notice that this Society is named for our pastor's wife, who was the first one to create a missionary interest among the children of our town.

Mrs. Elmer Kinkade has more than doubled the Juniors since she has had charge of the little folks. Our Mission Study Class, with Mrs. Bagby as leader, will compare favorably with any of the larger Societies of the Conference. We are now interested

in "The Woman and the Leaven in Japan." At our first meeting we were met at the door by two ladies dressed in Japanese costume and at the close of the lesson we were served tea and rice cakes. We also had several articles from Japan on Display.

Our Social Service Committee presided over by Mrs. Oberhausen is doing fine work. Bibles have been placed in the County jail. We have a new plan for our Prayer Committee this year which may be of interest to other Societies. Our Society is divided into eight different countries in which we have work. It is the duty of each division to meet for prayer for the special country allotted to it, and to learn the missionaries and schools and to pray for each. Also to watch for interesting items and to secure pictures from each country for the use of the Post-er Committee.

A contest will be put on soon to see which committee can tell most about its country, schools and missionary workers. Each committee took some of our home work also. This idea was developed from our Centenary Pageant "Mother Methodism and Miss Centenary."

In our auxiliary we have what we call "Twins." When we find one who is not able to pay dues and subscribe for the Missionary Voice a member of the society takes her as a "Twin," providing dues and Voice, thus keeping her in touch with every department of the society.

We have taken Eudora as our "Sister"—not "Big Sister"—but we plan to help them get every department organized and will send a helper for any department whenever one is needed. The Society at Eudora visited at our last Program and Social Meeting. The occasion was an enjoyable one and the pleasure and profit were mutual. Not one word has been said about our Local Committee, but if you were in town it would not be necessary as Mrs. Peel, our Supt. keeps us all so busy you would be saying "Either work or leave town."

The Monticello District Meeting will be held with the Lake Village auxiliary this year. We hope to have it in June when the Lake will be so attractive that all the Conference Of-

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Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound brings Joy to Homes by Removing Cause of Trouble

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Auburn, Maine.—"I suffered with inward weakness for ten years and had doctored all this long time but never got any help. One day I saw my sister and she told me of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I went and got me a bottle of it. I took two bottles and a half and I was just as free from my old troubles as I could be. I had only one child

and I was afraid that I could never have any more, for I had been told that I never could have a living child for I was not strong enough to carry one. But they were mistaken and I had a nice baby boy and now I have five children. I can't praise your medicine enough. My youngest sister has taken it, too, and praises it."—Mrs. G. L. WISWELL, 43 Mechanics Row, Auburn, Maine.

These cases are similar to many others reported to us. It is well for women to carefully consider such statements and to give Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a fair trial. It may bring great joy to your home.

Over 100,000 women have so far replied to our question, "Have you received benefit from taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound?"

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That means that 93 out of every 100 women who take this medicine for the ailments for which it is recommended are benefited by it.

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ficers will accept our invitation and come.

In Mrs. H. T. Rucks the Society at Lake Village is blessed with a most efficient President. She very graciously keeps her hand on the wheel and helps to effectively guide every department.

As Publicity Supt. I am trying to be faithful to that which has been committed to my trust."

SOCIAL SERVICE DEPT.

Mrs. H. L. Remmel, Supt. Social Service L. R. Conf. W. M. S., has mailed the letter given below to all auxiliaries, and she urges the Supts. to follow its instructions, and to increase the sale of "Save America" in every community.

At the recent mid-year meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council an action was taken which directly concerns you. It gives you an opportunity to carry on a work of great importance for law enforcement.

It was unanimously voted to sustain the work of the Woman's National Committee of One Hundred for Law Enforcement, in which the Council is officially represented by its President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, by promoting the sale and study of the pamphlet "Save America," which this committee has issued as propaganda for the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution and prevention of a modification of the Volstead Act at the coming Congress.

It was further voted to place the responsibility for the distribution of the pamphlet with the Secretary of Literature and Publicity and the Council Superintendents of Social Service and through them with the Conference Auxiliary Superintendents of Social Service.

The "wet" forces are summoning all their strength to break down prohibition. We must summon the woman force of our land to join the forces of righteousness, fighting to keep the ground gained, to prevent the triumph of 1919 from being turned into the disaster of 1924.

We believe there is scarcely a woman in Southern Methodism who will not cast in her mite of twenty-five cents to be identified with this army. The work of the Woman's National Committee is financed by the receipts from the sale of "Save America."

"Save America" is tellingly gotten up. It is rich in spicy paragraphs, short articles, parables, stories, terse, epigrammatic, quotable sayings. It will furnish material for running in the columns of your local papers.

"Save America" is especially recommended by the Executive Committee as social service study for classes. It is Home Mission Study. It is just what we need in getting up a special program on law enforcement for the Church or missionary society or Epworth League.

A large supply of "Save America" is on hand at Literature Headquarters. The sale of these volumes we have taken as our responsibility in supporting the Woman's Committee on Law Enforcement. Will you not share in this work by ordering quantities and selling copies to the women of your congregation? Be sure to have "Save America" on sale at your district and group meetings.

Order from Literature Headquarters, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn. Checks or P. O. orders should accompany all orders. Price, 25 cents. —Mrs. W. A. Newell, Miss Estelle Haskin, Com. Woman's Miss. Council.

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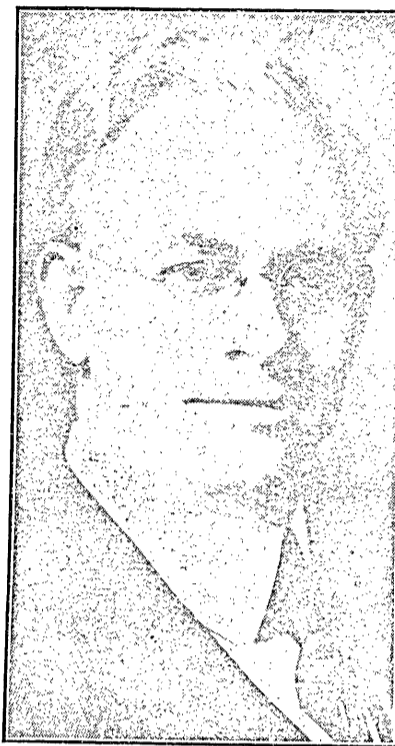
SIXTH SESSION

Little Rock Standard Training School

FOR TRAINING RELIGIOUS WORKERS



BISHOP SAM R. HAY
In charge of Little Rock and North
Arkansas Conferences



REV. P. C. FLETCHER, D. D.
Pastor First Church, Host of the
School

SPECIAL LECTURES

BISHOP SAM R. HAY, Lectures on Evangelism.

THE PUBLIC LECTURE

We are exceedingly fortunate in securing Bishop Sam R. Hay for the public lectures on Evangelism at 8:00 p. m. each day. These lectures will be given in the main auditorium of the church and doubtless will be heard by large crowds from over the city.

THE SCHOOL OF EVANGELISM

The Wednesday morning session will be given over to a study of Evangelism. Rev. J. D. Hammons will preside and will be assisted in the program by Bishop Hay, Dr. Goddard, Dr. Steel, Rev. A. E. Holloway and others. Everybody is invited to be at this meeting.

REV. C. M. REVES,
Educational Director.
MR. C. E. HAYES, Chairman
Board of Managers.

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

The Little Rock Training School will have its opening session next Sunday afternoon (March 23) at 3:00 P. M. Class work will start Monday afternoon. All local workers are expected to be present at the Sunday afternoon meeting. Out-of-town delegates are expected to arrive in Little Rock by 5:00 P. M. Sunday. From all indications this is going to be the greatest School ever held in Arkansas.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

All out-of-town delegates to the Little Rock Training School expecting entertainment are requested to come direct to the First M. E. Church, South, 8th and Center St., on arriving in the city Monday. A committee will be there to assign homes.

DAILY PROGRAM LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL.

5:00 P. M. Devotional, led by Dr. E. R. Steel.
5:30 P. M., Special Lecture by members of faculty.
6:00 P. M., Lunch and Social Hour.
7:00 P. M., First Session of all classes.
8:00 P. M., Address on Evangelism by Bishop Sam R. Hay.
8:35 P. M., Second Session of all classes.

SCHOOL FOR LEADERS.

In addition to the regular Training School program the morning hours of the week will be devoted to a school for our 80 District leaders. On Wednesday this program will be under the direction of Rev. J. D. Hammons and the subject to be discussed will be "Evangelism." It is earnestly urged that all our District officers from both Conferences plan to be here for the entire week.

GENERAL BOARD TO HAVE TWO REPRESENTATIVES AT OUR LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL.

In addition to our great faculty we have the good news that the General Sunday School Board is to send us two representatives to assist in our Morning School for Leaders. Miss Marie Parham is to be here to assist in the Elementary Council and Rev. J. Q. Schisler is coming to meet with the Teacher-Training Superintendents and Standard-Training-School Instructors.

GOOD BEGINNING AT STUTTGART.

The Standard Training School for Group Number Three of the Pine Bluff District opened at Stuttgart with an organization meeting last

Sunday afternoon. There was a fine attendance and splendid interest. The school will be in session all this week. The Instructors are Rev. S. R. Twitty, Mrs. F. T. Fowler, Mrs. G. R. McDonald, and Mrs. L. A. Smith. This will make our Third Standard School for the Little Rock Conference this spring and they are getting better all the time.

58 CREDITS IN ALTHEIMER TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Standard Training School for Group Number Two of the Pine Bluff District closed at Altheimer last Friday night with 54 Standard credits awarded and four certificates for those who did all the work but were too young to receive regular credit. There were 75 enrolled. This was in many respects the best school we have ever held in the Little Rock Conference, and we want to congratulate Group Number Two.

BIG SNOW FAILS TO STOP ALTHEIMER GROUP.

The Altheimer school was held in perhaps the worst week of weather that we have had this winter. It started in the rain, carried on through bitter cold, and closed out in the biggest snow Arkansas ever saw in March. But none of these things could stop that Group. Not a single one missed the night the snow came. In fact we had several more that night than any other night. And remember that they were coming from all the different schools in the group. Again we congratulate Group Number Two of the Pine Bluff District.

REV. A. C. ROGERS DESERVES CREDIT FOR ALTHEIMER SCHOOL.

When Rev. A. C. Rogers asked for a Standard School to be held at Altheimer, we admired his enthusiasm but doubted his judgment, for so far as we know a Standard School has never been attempted in so small a town. But Rogers put it over and we are for him from this on for any thing he wants. All the superintendents, pastors, and workers in the Group, of course, helped Rogers and without such a band of loyal workers he could not have done it. But everybody joins in saying that the big credit belongs to the Leader of the Group. He stayed on the job night and day. He went to see folks. He went after folks. He called folks over the phone. If there is any thing



A MAN WHO BECAME FAMOUS

Doctor R. V. Pierce, whose picture appears above, was not only a successful physician but also a profound student of the medicinal qualities of Nature's remedies, roots and herbs, and by close observation of the methods used by the Indians, he discovered their great remedial qualities, especially for weaknesses of women, and after careful preparation succeeded in giving to the world a remedy which has been used by women with the best results for half a century. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is still in great demand, while many other so called "cure-alls" have come and gone. The reason for its phenomenal success is because of its absolute purity, and Dr. Pierce's high standing as an honored citizen of Buffalo is a guarantee of all that is claimed for the Favorite Prescription as a regulator for the ills peculiar to women.

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that he did not do to make the school a success we can not think of it. Good for Rogers. He shall have another school.

NOTES ON THE ALTHEIMER SCHOOL.

Rev. R. W. McKay had the largest class. We are proud of this "Baby" Presiding Elder.

Mrs. F. T. Fowler taught a good class in "Pupil Study" and won the hearts of her pupils. She was the only woman teacher in the school.

Rev. A. C. Rogers was the only man in Mrs. Fowler's class. He did credit work in spite of all his other duties.

Rev. W. W. Nelson brought down a fine group from Sherrill and Tucker and took credit himself in Bro. Twitty's course.

Bro. S. R. Twitty made a great impression on his class in "Principles of Teaching."

Rev. C. D. Cade of Humphrey came down and spent the week taking credit in S. S. Organization.

Mrs. C. M. Thompson is the superintendent of the school at Swan Lake and took credit in the course taught by Dr. McKay.

The Wabbaseka people came down in a body led by Superintendent R. E. Jetter.

WELDON AND TUPELO CHARGE.

The Conference Superintendent spent most of last Saturday getting to and going over this great circuit. And it is great! The genial and efficient pastor, Rev. E. T. Miller, took us over some 55 miles of sand, and then we only saw the boundaries of the work. It may be that it is one of the biggest circuits in the Conference, for it extends in a parallelogram 20 miles long by over ten on the longest side. We covered all the space between Newport and Augusta, and we could well imagine the strength of the mighty Mississippi when it flowed through this very channel leaving such vast sand plains behind.

There are five Sunday Schools on this work, one of which is a Standard school, namely at Weldon, and the pastor has organized two new schools and re-organized another, undertaking to make a great community program for the heart of his District at Fitzhugh, which is in every way commendable. In spite of the rain and snow on Sunday we had splendid attendance at all four services, and we rejoice in a people that have both vision and purpose to undertake things that are worth while.

This great section on the left bank of the White River is a great bird rendezvous. Even Blue birds agree to spend the Winter in these sheltered woodlands, and this early in March the birds of every family were getting plentiful. Immense flocks of Purple Grackles find abundant food in the fields. While Killdeer, Migrant Shrikes, and Southern Meadow Larks were common at this early date. A splendid Marsh hawk was foraging on our trail, and we got a good picture of some of the picturesque lowlands.

It has been an era of wonderful de-

velopment and improvement. The buildings are undergoing repair, and the organizations of the Church are in healthy condition. The pastor is happy in his work, especially because of the interest which his folks are taking in their teacher-training courses. We know of no work where the program undertaken is more practical or better systematized. Our hats are off to Weldon and Tupelo.—H. E. Wheeler.

NEW LEAFLET ON APPROVED SONG BOOKS.

We have just received a supply of the new leaflet on Approved Song Books for the Sunday School, and it brings the work of the Committee down to date. Some books have been added to the list, and some changes made. Send for this leaflet, and keep posted.—H. E. Wheeler.

N. ARK. CONF. STAFF AT THE LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL.

We are receiving enrollment cards from District staff members in every mail, and it seems that practically all of our officers will be in attendance. The Daily Training Conferences are planned for finer results than ever before attempted.—H. E. Wheeler.

HELENA TRAINING SCHOOL.

There will be held in Helena the week of March 30 to April 4 a Standard Training School, and at this writing the prospects are excellent for a fine attendance from all the schools in that end of the Helena District.

The following courses will be offered:

Beginner Organization—Mrs. E. T. Briggs.

Primary Organization—Mrs. Byron Harwell.

Junior Organization—Mrs. R. H. Lewelling.

The Methodist Church and its work—Rev. Thomas B. Mather.

The Worker and His Bible, New Testament Section—H. E. Wheeler.

The Committees have made generous provision for the entertainment of out-of-town pupils who enroll for credit, and those desiring to avail themselves of this opportunity should write to Mr. H. P. Anderson, Helena, Arkansas.—H. E. Wheeler.

RUSSELLVILLE TO THE FRONT.

We have just had cheering news from Russellville which is evidence of a great and growing program: It is a part of the Report of the Superintendent to the Quarterly Conference:

"During the last quarter the Sunday School has done some of the most constructive work it has done in years in the way of a Teacher-Training Class, which has about 24 members, with an average attendance of 20. The class is taught by Brother Franklin, and more than half are taking the examination. And we have fourteen teachers enrolled for the full teacher-training course.

"Our attendance has averaged well over 300, and the collections have averaged \$13 per Sunday, or \$150 for the quarter. \$30 of this has been devoted to Missions."—Van A. R. Moores, Supt.

1,000 STUDY CLUB.

Have you gotten your leaflet on the 1,000 Study Club? Enrollment is now in order, in fact a number have already enrolled. The Conference is preparing its own membership card, and these will be issued to pastors and superintendents as fast as possible. We stated at the beginning of the year that pastors would be required to complete enough work in training to qualify them for incomplete diploma, blue seal, or gold seal as the case should require, but this has been modified to read, "one or MORE units in teacher-training." We are counting on the superintendents of Teacher-Training in every District to send in many applications for Club membership, and we know of nothing that will be so good for those who enroll as this fine practical program.—H. E. Wheeler.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE ANNIVERSARY DAY.

It is my desire, as chairman of the Epworth League Board, to call the attention of all the pastors to the fact, that April 13 is the day set apart to be observed by the pastors and Epworth Leagues as "Anniversary Day." The observance of this day is a requirement of the Discipline. Let us as pastors help the young people to make this day a great day. We can help by giving our regular church hour on the evening of the 13th. We can advertise the service for them and get them a good hearing from the entire congregation. The people will enjoy seeing and hearing their young people put on a good League program at the Church hour. We can further help the Leaguers by cooperating with them in getting up the program. Meet with them and talk over the program. Begin now. Help the young people to get on the job. If you have no League in your charge, observing "Anniversary Day" will be a good way of getting a League started. Remember the date, Sunday, April 13th.—H. C. Hoy, Chairman Epworth League Board N. Ark. Conf.

MALVERN INTERMEDIATES.

The Intermediate League at Malvern is a live wire. While meeting on Thursday nights they had 19 present at the last meeting and they are enthusiastic. Rev. J. A. Henderson, the pastor, praised them very highly. The Senior League is doing good work.

STILL AN OPPORTUNITY.

March marks the beginning of the home-stretch of the Conference year. How many a race has been won in the last quarter! If your Chapter's Mission Pledge has been running along throughout the year and averaging up fairly well, it has been keeping up with the field.

But who is the man with not enough sporting blood in his veins to want to finish first at the year's end? We have arranged to have an Honor Roll displayed, at the coming Assembly at Henderson-Brown College, showing the names of the Leagues that have paid their Mission Pledge in full, so with just a little more effort (feed in some of that conserved energy) your League will be near the top on this beautiful Roll.—H. T.

ENGLAND INTERMEDIATES.

The England Intermediates are in contest, a membership contest with the boys against the girls. They have an average attendance of 20 on Sunday evenings, meeting the same hour as the Seniors.

With the new church in use the Seniors meet in their room and the Intermediates in their room at the same time.

The Intermediates are working splendidly with the Superintendent,

Mrs. Ben High.—S. T. Baugh.

MURFREESBORO LEAGUE.

A note from Rev. E. S. Cook, the pastor, says: "Our League is moving along nicely. We have already paid our pledge in full for the year. We will observe Anniversary Day. Several of our young people want to attend the Conference at Arkadelphia."

This is good news. Already the enthusiasm is building up for both Anniversary Day and the Summer Assembly. From reports we are going to have the greatest Anniversary Day ever held in our Conference, and the largest and greatest Assembly ever held in Arkadelphia.—S. T. Baugh.

"EPWORTHIAN" COMPLETE IN EVERY DETAIL.

We heartily congratulate Bro. Harwell upon the success of the first edition of the "Epworthian." It is complete in every detail and should be an inspiration to the Leaguers in both Conferences. We wish the "Epworthian" the long life to which its aim entitles it and which the Leaguers support richly promises.—H. T.

JUST FIFTY CENTS FROM EACH MEMBER.

Only one more week and we will be given the opportunity of contributing to the Building Fund for the first building on Mt. Sequoyah. The site selected by the Commissioners for the location of the Building is just inside the main entrance. The first building to greet the eye of the visitor will be the Epworth League Building. An illuminated Epworth League Emblem will send forth its message "All for Christ" to all who enter the grounds.

OBSERVE Mt. Sequoyah Building Day, March 30, 1924, with an appropriate service.

EACH LEAGUER is asked to make a contribution of fifty cents to the Building Fund.

CHAPTER TREASURERS should send the Chapter offerings to the Conference League Treasurer.

CHECK UP ON THE STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY.

We would suggest that you check up on the Standard of Efficiency and see just what points you have not covered and work on these right now, before the hurry and rush of the last moment. We refer especially to the Business and Council meeting, also to the quarterly report for your District Secretary, which will be due in the course of a few days.—H. T.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE HORSEMAN

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Upon a hickory horse.

And later, on a real live horse
To war he rode away,
And now out in the square he sits
A horse of granite gray.

His trousers short have buckled knees,
There are corners to his hat:
I wonder when I'm wise and brave
If I shall ride like that.

—Harrison Long, in The Youth's Com.

ALLIGATOR FARMING.

By Ruth Carr.

One of the most unique industries in the world is that of raising alligators in captivity. There is an ever increasing demand for the skins of these reptiles which sell for \$75 each, and are used for hand bags, suit cases, belts and all sorts of purses, while the teeth are used to make watch charms, fancy pins and souvenir jewelry.

In the United States there are three large alligator farms; one is located in Los Angeles, one in Jacksonville, Florida, and the other in Hot Springs, Arkansas. In the last named place there are about one thousand alligators of all sizes from the tiny ones recently hatched, that look very much like lizards, to the great old saurian, "Big Joe," that is estimated to be 300 years old, and measures fourteen feet.

In the summer the females are placed in pens to themselves where they soon begin to build nests of sticks and mud which they heap up around the edge of a shallow hole they have dug in the ground. After the eggs are deposited, and each female will lay forty to fifty or even more, the eggs are taken out of the pens to keep others from eating them. Often fierce fighting results during the nesting season and many mothers are killed unless carefully guarded by the keepers.

The eggs are about the size of a duck's egg but are the same shape at both ends, resembling a capsule. They are hatched in a specially prepared incubator which is kept at an even temperature of eighty-five degrees. In sixty days almost every egg will hatch, for it is rare to find a single bad one in hundreds.

The baby 'gators are placed in a pen to themselves, else they would be eaten by the larger ones which have a decided cannibal tendency. They are fed on chopped steak and are unmolested until large enough to be sold to tourists who like them for pets, or as advertisements in show windows.

Very few alligators are known to die a natural death, but most of them are killed in fights with the tribe. The large bulls are very vicious and many of them lose a limb, for when the teeth of an enemy fastens on the leg both duelists flop over on the

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

REVIVAL IN FULSON TRAINING SCHOOL.

With no outside help, but with all forces working together, we have had 15 conversions and reclamations during the last three days. Both boys and girls held prayer-meetings in the dormitories at night and conversions were had in these meetings and in Sunday School classes as well as at the other meetings. The Lord wonderfully blessed us during these days.

Our school is moving on nicely this year. We have a great work here and one that our church as a whole should be interested in.—C. E. Nisbett.

PREACHERS' MEETING, SEARCY DISTRICT.

The preachers of the Southern end of the Searcy District met March 10 at 2 P. M., at the Methodist parsonage in McCrory, and organized a Preachers' Meeting to meet once a month. The following officers were elected: President, F. E. Dodson; Vice President, A. N. Story; Secretary-Treasurer, A. T. Galloway.

The following were elected a Program Committee: W. F. Blevins, E. T. Miller, I. R. Davis.

Monday after the first Sunday in

ground till the limb is twisted from the body and there are scores of the reptiles with only three or sometimes two legs.

A few of the most gentle ones can be taught to perform some sort of tricks, as drawing a toy wagon, shooting the clutes or pretending to take a nap, but their intelligence is of such an abbreviated sort that great patience must be shown by the trainer. Authorities have told us that just back of the alligator's eyes there is a socket about the size of a thimble, the cavity holding all the brains the reptile possesses.

In their natural haunts the alligator hibernates during winter months by burrowing deep into the soft mud in the bed of the bayou where he remains till the warm days of spring, but in captivity they are not allowed this long sleep, for tourists are constantly visiting the farm and wish to see them perform, so they are kept in a close building which is warmed by steam, thus keeping the reptiles moving about.

They eat nothing, however, during the three winter months and much interest is manifested by visitors at the first feeding in the spring. This meal consists of refuse meat from the market, and the old saurians are given live dogs and cats which they greedily snatch up, often holding the bodies between their teeth all day.

The majority of those captured are secured in the Everglades of Florida, or the swamps of Louisiana. The smaller ones are caught in nests, but the older ones are secured with long poles which are prodded into the dens in the bank of the bayou. The old bulls fasten their teeth onto the pole and will not turn loose, consequently are drawn to the land. They are very dangerous foes and inexperienced hunters are often hurt by being knocked senseless or have broken legs from a stroke of the reptile's mighty tail.

The teeth, however, are most to be dreaded, for, when once fastened, are almost sure to hold tight until the limb is ground off. Many a valuable old one is shot in order to break his hold on the hunter who prefers, for financial reasons, to capture them alive. Their hides are so thick that it is almost impossible to kill them except to shoot them in the eye.

Scientists tell us that of all the reptile family the alligator has the least intelligence and he has never been known to recognize his keeper or show the least affection for the one who gives him his daily meat, but will snap at him or make a vicious spring toward him as readily as toward a stranger.

each month was agreed upon as the time of meeting.

The object of these meetings is declared to be to receive reports from the preachers of their work, and to discuss such subjects as the program committee may bring before the meeting. Topics bearing upon some feature of the work demanding immediate attention to be assigned at least a month in advance, and a speaker appointed to deliver the principal address to be followed by general discussion.

Upon suggestion of the presiding elder, Rev. Jefferson Sherman, the subject of the Superannuate Endowment was taken up. A. T. Galloway led the discussion in a brief address and was followed by remarks which became general upon the part of those present.

The presiding elder reported that every pastoral charge in the District had pledged its quota, a few having gone beyond. The District is one-hundred per cent on "pink leaf" reports sent in. The general work of the district is in advance of last year.

Each pastor present made report of his work and all reports were in the main indicative of a prosperous state of the work. The report of Rev. F. E. Dodson from Augusta was especially encouraging.—A. T. Galloway, Secretary.

METHODIST MINISTER'S ASSOCIATION, HOT SPRINGS.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. C. O. Steele. The following were present: Dr. J. J. Stowe, Revs. C. O. Steele, L. T. Rogers and F. P. Doak.

C. O. Steele made his report. Been sick, but health much improved. Attended the service at Third Street during the revival quite often. He said Dr. Stowe was doing well at Central Church and that this church never had a better attendance.

L. T. Rogers said that Hot Springs Circuit was prospering. Interests along all lines are holding up well through the winter months. Carrying along all the programs of the church. Thinks the charge on the whole is doing good work.

Third Street. Have just closed a good revival with 54 additions to the church. Everything in good working order. The Sunday School will average around 250 present each Sunday. Collections often \$20 or more. Congregations good. Have a good spiritual prayer meeting.

Central Church. Dr. Stowe made the following report. Sunday school growing in interest and attendance, also in contributions. Hope soon to reach attendance of 500. Have organized a Home Department, this department now numbers about 100 members. Our Training Class meeting weekly. Congregations large and attentive. Woman's organizations of the church active, outlook bright.

Dr. Stowe made the address of the hour. Subject, "The Evangelism of the Sunday School." This he said is a matter of primary importance. We must lay great emphasis on the conversion of the child. We must first win them to Christ. If the Sunday school fails to lead to Christ, however efficient it may seem to be, it is largely a failure. We owe much to the late Bishop Atkins for the success of the Sunday school. Not enough stress put on the spiritual side of the Sunday school. We sometimes take the wrong thing for success. Organization is only a means to success. Children as well as men must surrender to Christ. Everyone present endorsed this splendid speech by Dr. Stowe.

At our next meeting "Pastors and Evangelism" will be discussed, led by F. P. Doak.—F. P. Doak, Sec.

CENTERTON.

We have just closed the most successful revival ever held here. Evangelist O. L. Martin is a power in the pulpit. He preaches the straight Bible salvation. There is no hand-holding religion, but salvation through faith. He believes in the altar, and persuades men to come to the altar and accept Christ. I believe he is

the hardest worker I ever saw in a revival. He puts no stress on an offering. He comes for a free will offering made at the last service. I can heartily recommend him to any one desiring the service of an evangelist. Bro Martin has open dates during the months of August and September for tent meetings. He carries his own tent. If you want him address him at Bucklin, Mo.—W. J. LeRoy, Pastor.

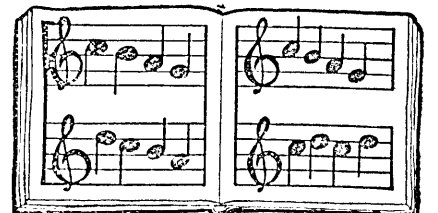
PRINCETON CHARGE.

The work on the Princeton charge starts off well, and the indications now bespeak a great and prosperous year. The people as a whole have entered wholeheartedly into the work of the Church, and are, in a very beautiful way, co-operating with the pastor in his efforts to carry out the plans of our Lord and Savior in the salvation of the lost, and the extension of His Kingdom. It is a pleasure indeed to work with such people as these who make up the personnel of the Princeton charge. One of the reasons why it is a pleasure to work with them, is because they are so lovable, kind, generous, intelligent and like to see the Church prosper. We are at present, planning to build a neat, comfortable home for the preacher of this charge, and the good women who compose the W. M. S. are, in the very near future, going to install a Fairbanks-Morris lighting system for the two Churches, Methodist and Presbyterian, which will add much to the looks, as well as to the comfort and convenience of both Churches. They are also planning to dress the Methodist Church up in a new coat of paint in the early spring, which will also add much to the beauty of the same. We have a live Missionary Society at Princeton, that is surely bringing things to pass, and of which I am extremely proud. There are, possibly, just as good women in other places, but I am sure there are none better. They are working very hard to realize the above named projects, and when you get a bunch of loyal, true-blue women, (about two-thirds of whom are red headed) behind a thing, it is bound to move. We are planning a Pre-Easter campaign for Princeton, to begin on or before the second Sunday in April and close on Easter Sunday, which we hope will do much good in building up the Church in this place, and in the salvation of souls. The first Quarterly Conference very enthusiastically accepted the minimum for the Superannuate Endowment Fund, and I do not think it will be any trouble whatever, to raise it. This circuit is composed principally of farmers, and they are hard hit, and money at present is very scarce; yet they are a bunch, when at all possible, who will rally to the call of the Church, and do their very best for the advancement of God's cause in the earth. Yes, we have received a very generous pound- ing, which came at a very desirable time, and was agreeably accepted by the pastor and family. May God bless the givers. We most humbly ask the prayers of all who read this, for the success of this charge, and that both pastor and people may be led by the

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Holy Spirit, that the proper thing may be said, and the right thing done at the right time. Pray for us.—C. B. Davis, P. C.

WILMOT.

The preacher and his family were as loyally received as was possible for them to be, and while there was no home here for the pastor and his family they were made just as comfortable as if there had been, until a home could be prepared, which has been done. On last Wednesday evening the pastor and family moved into the new parsonage, which is one of the nicest and best homes in the town. It has seven rooms and a bath, and is modern in every respect, well watered and lighted, plastered throughout, with hardwood floors and composition roof in addition to being well located to the church and on concrete street and side walks, also splendid garage, wood or fuel house and servant's house, with fine garden spot.

Fifty members have been received into the church and congregations are larger every Sunday, and interest increases accordingly. We have one of the finest Epworth Leagues that I have ever been pastor of, and the Missionary Society, while small in number, is working hard and succeeding well. The Sunday School is fine, and each teacher and officer of the school is reading at least one approved book on teacher-training. We expect to double the membership of the church by Easter Sunday and receive a hundred per cent increase class. The weather is good and fishing is excellent. Have more fresh bass for supper than we will be able to handle. The pastor's salary has been increased and one man gave me fifty dollars on Centenary.—A. B. Barry, P. C.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY.

S. M. U., pronounced as "smew" when you want to see her win in any contest, is a part of Arkansas. Our two Conferences have a vital interest in this school; they are both represented in its faculty, Academic, and Theological school. Already her graduates and post graduates are becoming a part of the life of Arkansas, both civil and ecclesiastical. And more, it is peculiarly related to our Arkansas Methodism. It is the only University we have west of the Mississippi to which we turn our attention.

S. M. U. has had unprecedented success. Only a few years of age, yet it is fast developing into a great educational institution. Yale reported last year bequests and gifts to the amount of \$4,000,000, and Yale is 224 years old; S. M. U. is now raising her second million dollars endowment and is only 12 years old. Now, if anyone cares to figure out how much S. M. U. should receive in the year 2133 they are welcome to proceed. Reports yesterday gave the figure of \$27,000 as being obtained on the last \$50,000 of her goal. No one doubts that by the limit, March 26, this amount will be collected. For there is a goal in view—a gift of \$333,333.33 from the General Education Board of New York.

The concrete for the new Theological Building is being poured at this time. It is expected to be ready by the opening of school in September. This building was made possible through gift of \$100,000 from Mr. and Mrs. Kirby of Austin, Texas. The entire cost of the building will total \$130,000. Soon another building will be started. This is to be a large auditorium seating at least 2,500 people, costing \$325,000 and containing a

\$25,000 pipe organ. This building was the gift of Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin about whom your paper carried an interesting story from Oklahoma. Bishop Moore has just returned from visits to Northern and Eastern schools for the purpose of inspecting the different types of auditoriums. When the school was being located Dr. John A. Rice, then one of the Commission, spoke prophetic words when he said: "We must build with the sense of eternity in our bones." Thus is S. M. U. getting the very best of the rich experience of the older institutions. There is less reason for costly mistakes and unwise expenditures now.

Last week the authorities agreed to have two semesters instead of three. This program will go into effect next session. It appears to be the best policy available now for taking care of the great number of high school graduates who enter about the middle of January. It may appear to work a hardship on the preachers who have to serve until Conference meets as they would have to wait until the beginning of the second semester, six weeks later than at present, however the impression is that these hardships will not be great.

Arkansas has among the student body 30 representatives, 21 boys and 9 girls. These are scattered through all the departments of the school. Among the faculty members familiar to Arkansas readers may be found the names of Prof. James Seehorn Seneker who teaches Religious Education, Prof. Mims Thornburgh Workman who teaches in the department of English Bible, and Prof. J. Abner Sage who teaches voice and Church Music. Prof. Sage has a class of preachers who study the great hymns of our Church, a thing that is the heart of our gospel message. There may be a lack of the real old hymns of our Church in many sections, but you will not find a single preacher going out from S. M. U. that has not a deep and abiding appreciation of the value of our hymns.

Last week for several days Dr. James A. Anderson visited us, doing some work in the library. He also spoke to the music class on the "Characteristic of Good Hymns." Believe me, he did not include any jazz-tuned words that are falsely so-called "hymns." His was a plea for our great old hymns. Personally we think his speech should be printed and given to our whole Southern Methodism.

Our preachers may be glad to know that the library contains some rare Methodist works. For example, it has every copy of the Book of Discipline from the very beginning to date; it has a complete list of Wesley's ARMINIAN MAGAZINE. These two especially are not to be found in any library in the South or Southwest. Many other volumes of rarity and value are also to be found here.

Truly, S. M. U. is a great university, in a great field, called to do a great work. And let us of Arkansas recognize in it our institution and give to it our sympathetic prayers. "A man can cut more wood with a sharp axe than with a dull one."—R. E. Simpson.

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REVIVAL AT ALTUS, OKLA.

The great revival meeting held in the Methodist Church at Altus, Okla. closed Sunday evening Feb. 24.

Dr. Theodore Copeland of Dallas, Texas, and Mr. Geo. P. Bledsoe of San Antonio, Tex. conducted the meeting. More than a hundred applied for membership in the Methodist Church, about 90 on profession of faith and by baptism. The spiritual life of the church was lifted and Altus Methodism is now on higher ground.

A number of brethren have written me asking about Dr. Copeland and his methods of work in a revival campaign. I have only seen him in action in this one meeting. He has a very pleasing personality, and in a social way is a charming conversationalist. He has the rare gift of adaptation, to the extent that rich and poor, literate and illiterate alike, become his friends on first acquaintance. He makes more friends in shorter time than any man it has been my pleasure to know. In style of preaching and in methods of work, as an evangelist, he is in a class to himself. He gripped his audience here in the first service and the interest and attendance grew until the close of the meeting. Notwithstanding rains, blizzards, and inclement weather, the house was invariably full and sometimes overflowing. Love was the keynote of every message he delivered and repentance, faith and obedience were his themes. He drew his illustrations from the commonplace incidents of every-day life and so clothed them in the simple language of the child as to make them carry the message in a practical way direct to the hearts of all who heard. While he denounced sin in every form, his appeal to the sinner was as tender as the appeal of a broken-hearted mother to a wayward child. His mannerisms and forms of speech in the pulpit often provoked outbursts of laughter, yet in the same minute a holy hush would seem to come upon the audience and then there would be an out-break of sobs and tears. I have never been associated with an evangelist who did more to strengthen the bond of union between pastor and people. If all of the people of Altus were to vote for an evangelist to hold a meeting for everybody, Dr. Copeland would be elected on first ballot.

Bro. George P. Bledsoe who led the singing in the meeting rendered invaluable service. He has a wonderful mezzo tenor voice and knows how to get the whole congregation to sing. He is one of the most untiring workers in a meeting I have ever known. No one can be associated with him without being brought under the influence of his great Christian character.

At the request of Dr. Copeland no Finance Committee was appointed for the meeting and no mention was made of a collection until the last Sunday of the meeting, when the pastor took a free-will offering for the evangelist and singer. The response to this offering was not only generous but it was given cheerfully and with many expressions of appreciation of the great results of the meeting. At the suggestion of Dr. Copeland the pastor and his wife were also presented with a purse containing up into the hundreds. All of which brings us under renewed obligations to the good people of Altus. Blessings on those good brethren who labored with and for us.—Frank Barrett, Pastor.

MR. JOSEPH T. BEAL, THE CHRISTIAN BUSINESS MAN.

He who thinks that there is something incompatible between being a successful business man and a Christian gentleman, finds his notions upset in the life of Joseph T. Beal. He was known far and wide as a successful business man. Many ministers and church people knew him as a Christian. I chance to know that he was never happier than after a strenuous day in business to come home and talk till late at night with a visiting minister about the Bible and religious experience. In these hours he sometimes grew confidential and unboomed himself as to God's dealings with him. These conversations never closed without a suggestion from him that we have prayers. In trying times that put tremendous strains upon business men, I have known him to call in his pastor to help him "pray through a business difficulty." Out of his own mouth he has told me how marvelously God answered those prayers and brought him through. God was real to him. He believed that God cares. He looked to God for guidance and help.

He was a devout student of the Bible. I have known him to remain up far beyond midnight studying his Bible. In next to the last conversation I had with him he told me of being up till after midnight the night before studying something very interesting in the Bible.

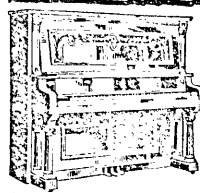
I take pleasure in commending Joseph T. Beal, the Christian business man, to all business men. Take God into your lives. Look to Him for guidance. Realize that you are a part of His great plans. Use the proceeds of your success for the advancement of His Kingdom.—O. E. Goddard, Conway.

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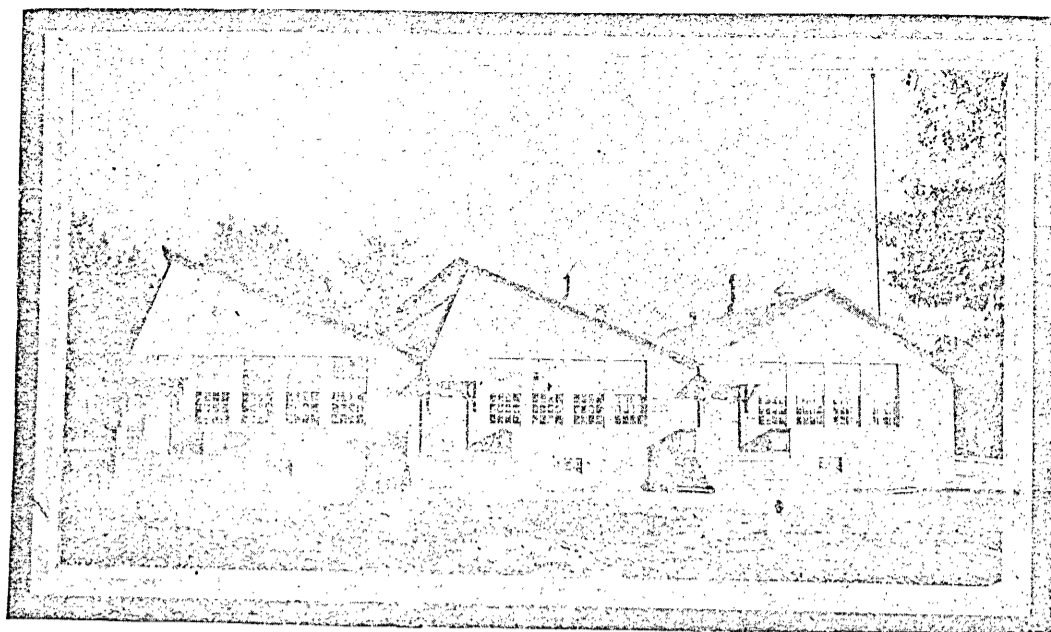
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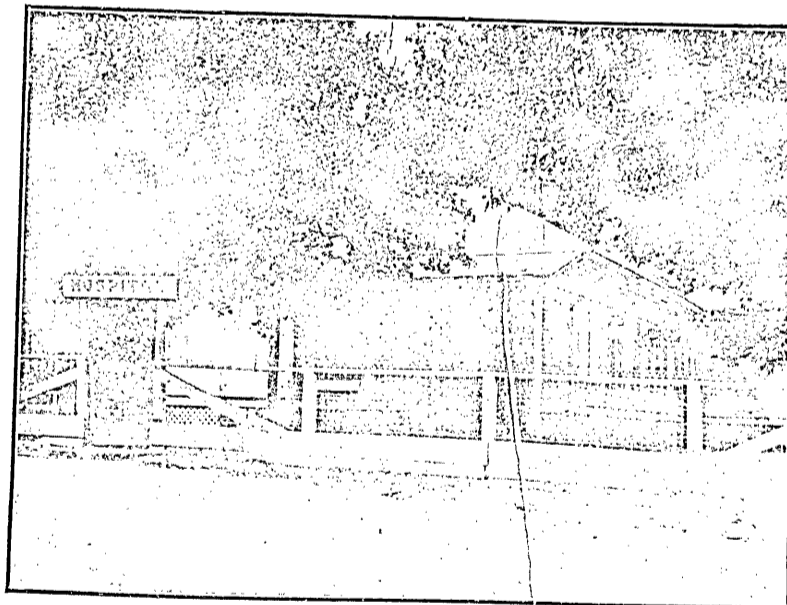
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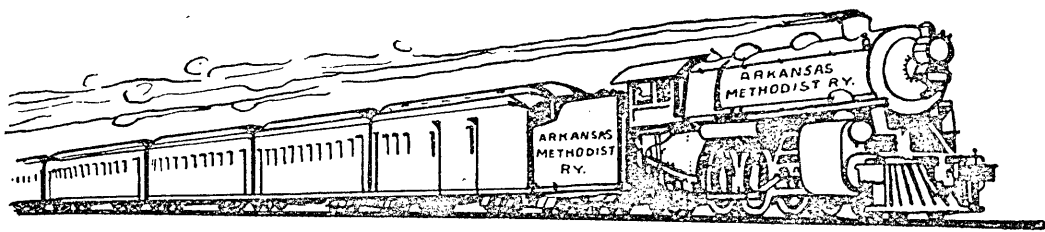
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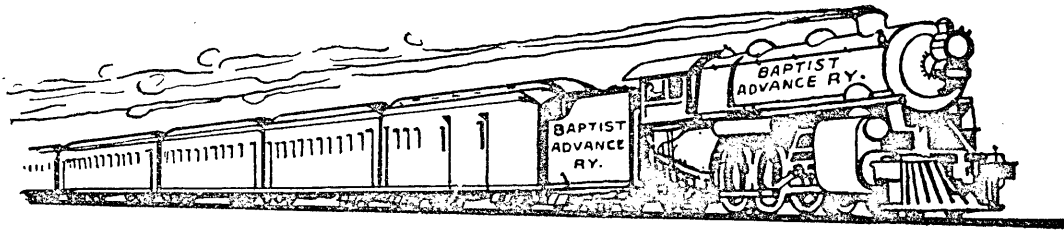
SHOVEL IN THE COAL, METHODISTS: LET'S WIN!



THE ARKANSAS METHODIST has 228 subscriptions and no one hundred per cent Churches this week.

HOW WE STAND TO DATE:

Paper	Subs.	100% Chs.
Baptist Advance	2,288	23
Arkansas Methodist	2,112	13



THE BAPTIST ADVANCE has 115 subscriptions and one one hundred per cent Church this week.

REMEMBER THE SLOGAN:--AND--"BEAT the BAPTISTS or BUST"

3-20-24



REV. A. J. CHRISTIE.

CHRISTIE DOES IT UP BROWN.

I am presenting to our readers this week the likeness of Rev. A. J. Christie, pastor of the Bauxite Church—the "100 per cent Plus" Church. He and his people decided a few days ago that they would put the Arkansas Methodist into every home within the territory which the church served. When Christie decides to do a thing that is the same as doing it. His word is his bond. So in a few hours he placed in the writer's hand a 100 per cent plus list and a check for \$54.80.

My coveted friend Christie thinks that his charge is the first Church in Arkansas to put the Methodist into every Methodist home, including those families that have not affiliated with Bauxite Church. Does anybody challenge this statement? If so, "speak now, or else hereafter forever hold your peace," and Brother Christie and Bauxite take the prize.

Think of it!!!!

Just think of it, readers: Christie has a membership of less than 150 and yet he and his official Board are paying for 47 papers which go into an equal number of homes! "Who will follow"—Christie? It is a real joy to visit a man like Andrew Christie, and to know his responsive people. He is thoroughly consecrated, is

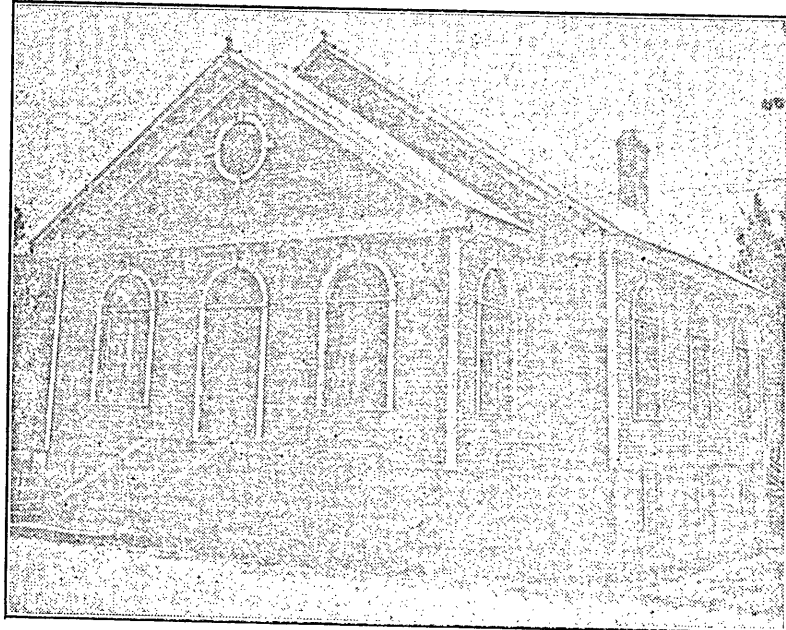
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BAUXITE METHODIST CHURCH.

zealously at work all the time for the Kingdom and has the happy faculty of getting his people to co-operate with him. He preaches a full Gospel, pours out some "hot shots every now and then," then pours on the oil of gladness, and the meeting breaks up with a shout. I do not know of a pastor that is getting the united backing of his people better than he is. They see he is in dead earnest; and people will always rally to an earnest man.

Brother Christie is a young man, now serving his third year in the Conference. He is "worthy, well qualified, and has shown proficiency" in his work so far. In 1920, he graduated at Henderson-Brown College, the "School with a heart in it." This distinguished "A. B." and alumnus is reflecting honors upon his Alma Mater at this early date. His wife is no less popular with the fine people of Bauxite. She is eminently suited to be a preacher's wife. During my brief stay in this bright parsonage home, I was convinced that she was not only an efficient Church worker and a good mixer amongst the congregation, but was a housekeeper of no mean order.

Well, I left Bauxite with 10 pages of matter "on the preacher and his crowd," but I forgot about them until this minute. Glad that I have them at hand; for I would do violence to my own feelings if I failed to pen the names of such choice laymen as S. H. Pace, banker, Methodist, S. S. Supt. and a Christian gentleman; J. W. Lewellen, (a prominent official of the American Bauxite Co., S. S. Teacher, and one of God's own; A. C. Reagan, Bauxite's efficient Supt. of City Schools, a great S. S. worker, and an "off and on" Methodist. No, this "part time" business is no reflection on my brother and friend, Supt. Reagan. I meant to say that he is there (at preaching) part of the

time. There are so many good men and women there, I can only mention a few. John Pearsons, Jr., is Bauxite's model young man. He is a bright, energetic, and consecrated gentleman, who donned his first long trousers some months ago. Yes, John is O. K. Misses Viva Bell, Helen Jones, Eura Thompson, and Mesdames A. J. Christie, Paul Crogan, J. H. Harris, A. C. Reagan, John Parsons, W. L. Connevey, Ada Williams, and Miss Blanche Rogers compose the main staff of capable workers who make possible "live Bauxite Church." I have met just as choice people, but none more choice than these faithful workers.

Some Side Lights.

W. M. S. raised \$500 in 1923; will do better this year, of course. Two 100 per cent classes in S. S., and every officer and teacher present the Sunday I was there. Two Wesley Bible classes; Intermediate E. L. awarded "Certificate of Efficiency." The S. S. contributes \$5.00 per month to the "Fowler Special;" the W. M. S. recently has had the parsonage repainted and repaired, and purchased a new gas range for the church kitchen.

Watch Bauxite Methodism! Let it be a lamp unto our feet, readers. Get on the "100 per cent Church" chariot. If you will, I will guarantee that we will "Beat the Baptists."—Reporter.

HE IS CORRECT.

My bosom friend, Rev. J. D. Rogers of Sparkman, sends a fine club this week. He says that there are two reasons why we should boost the Methodist: one is, "To Beat the Baptists," and the other is a better reason still, "Because there is in it (Methodist) the sort of truth that can never be out of date. It is a brilliant piece of writing. It deserves by reason of its special quality of style and spirit to be boosted and fostered by

our people." Rogers is correct. The Methodist is the greatest and best Methodist paper in Arkansas. I am modest, and never like to blow my own horn, of course(?). But I do enjoy tooting the Arkansas Methodist bugle.—J. C. G.

VICTORY CHURCHES.

The following churches are sending the Baptist Advance to all the homes represented in their membership. If your church is not in the list, why not put it there?

El Dorado (First), Heber Springs, Berryville, Green Forest, Marked Tree, Gould, Tillar, Eudora, Lake Village, Fordyce, Stuttgart, Magnolia (Central), Stamps, Arkansas City, Beebe, Pulaski Heights, Little Rock; Pleasant Hill, Conway; Imboden, Strickler, Humphrey, Wabbaseka-Altheimer, Wynne, Osceola, Parkdale, Providence (Fayetteville-Farmington) Benton, Dardanelle, Earle, Greenwood, Harrison, Tuckerman, Twelve Corners, Manila, First Church, Little Rock; Wilmot, Life Line (near Little Rock), McGehee, Hope (First), Portland, Hardy, Mansfield, Arkadelphia (First), and East Batesville.—Baptist Advance.

Why not do as well as the Baptists? El Dorado Methodists are the only ones who have kept pace with the Baptists in above list.—J. C. G.

THERE'S A REASON.

The other day we saw a steward, Who is a leader in his Church, But he didn't take the METHODIST.

He didn't know
What the Centenary was doing;
Nor where the District Conference met,
Nor where his former pastors were,
Because he didn't take the METHO-DIST.

His own Church was dying,
The Sunday School was lagging,
The finances were dragging,
And he didn't seem to care,
For he didn't take the METHODIST.

The steward was a farmer,
He took a farm paper,
He raised chickens and ducks
And took a poultry paper.
He was a Democrat
And took a political paper,
He belonged to a lodge
And took a lodge paper,
He raised fruit
And took a fruit paper,
He raised bees,
And took a bee paper.
He had a wife and daughter;
And took a fashion paper,
But he was a Methodist steward
And didn't take the METHODIST.

About half our stewards
Are like this steward,
Verily, verily we say unto you,
What shall we do unto them,
That their eyes may be opened
So they will take the METHODIST?
—From Richmond Christian Adv.

BAUXITE

Saline County, Arkansas

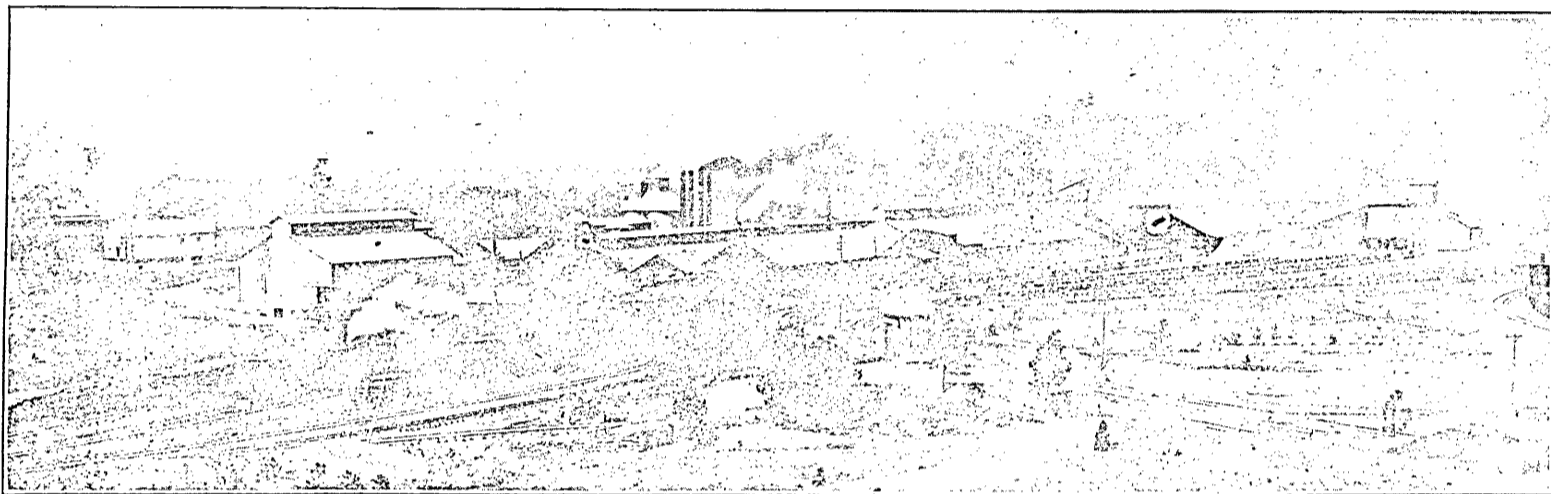
A Town Bordering On Utopia

BAUXITE, twenty-two miles south of Little Rock on the Rock Island Railroad, is a company town, built around a single industry, from which it takes its name.

BAUXITE is the cleanest, most healthful, best governed, with a larger percentage of contented and happy citizens than any other town of similar size in the State.

BAUXITE has: a 3,000 population, housed in over six hundred modern bungalows and cottages; Beautiful macadamized streets; splendid water works system; cold, clear, deep well water for drinking purposes; sanitary sewerage system; Telephone Exchange; Electric Lights; Gas; Graveled side walks; adequate Fire Protection.

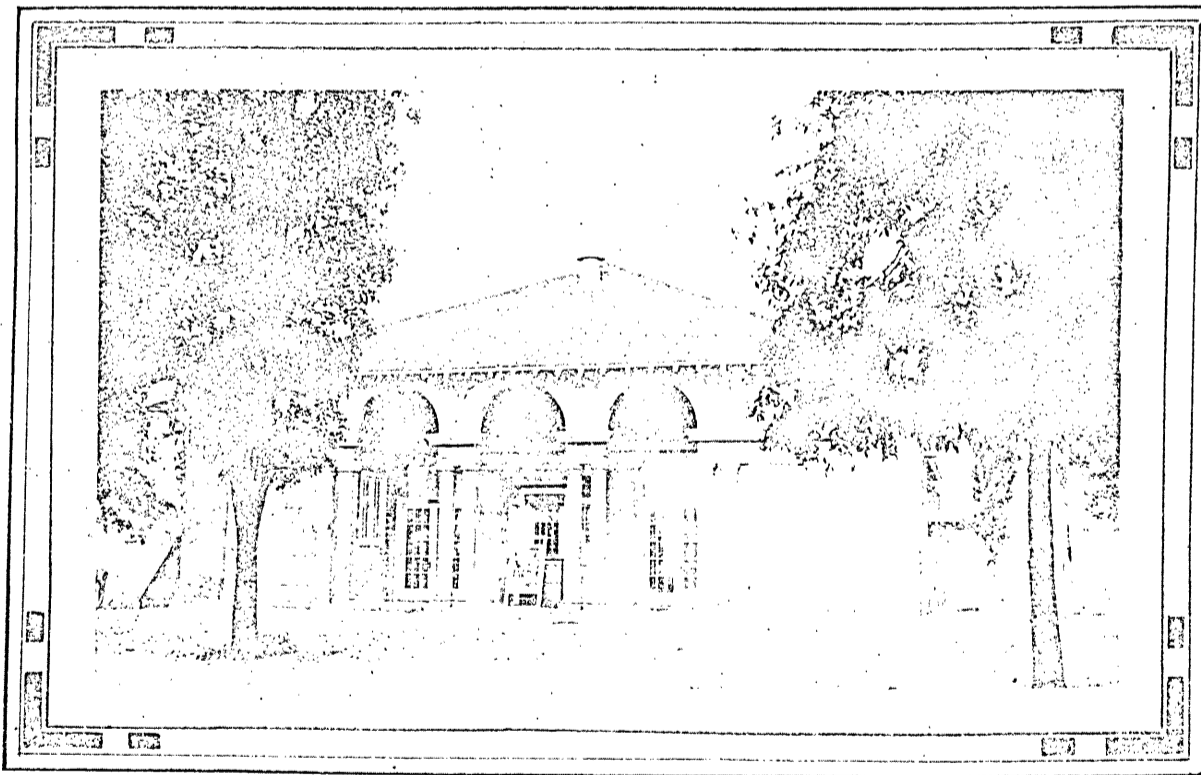
BAUXITE boasts of modern school buildings, excellent churches, a strong banking institution, a large department store, capitalized at \$100,000.00; Modernly equipped hospital; community theatre; Masonic Chapter, F. & A. M.; R. A. M.; W. O. W.; O. E. S.; K. of P.—**NO CITY JAIL!**



GENERAL VIEW OF THE BAUXITE DRYING MILL AND PLANT, BAUXITE, ARKANSAS.

In the foreground is the tram line for switching cars and sorting and storing the ore cars. Building at the left over the locomotive, is the Power House where is generated the electricity for running motors in various parts of the mill. The large building with the smoke stacks is the crushing and drying mill. Just to the left of the four stacks in the middle of the picture, is the storage and loading plant for preparing and handling of ore intended for water purification use and for the various chemical companies. The four stacks at the right of the picture are at the calcining plant. Between the drying mill and the calcining plant are the dried ore storage and loading bins.

The main part of the town of Bauxite lies over beyond the mill and is not visible except for the Club House at the extreme left.



BUAXITE COMMUNITY THEATER

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