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FOREST PROTECTION.

Our Governor has issued a proclamation setting aside the week of April 21 as "Forest Protection Week," in which he says: "It is essential to the continued comfort, welfare and prosperity of the people of the United States that abundant forests, widely distributed and maintained in a condition of high productiveness, be forever wisely conserved as one of our greatest natural resources." Our citizens are urged to celebrate Arbor Day, and all are exhorted to "give thought to the protection of our forests from fire, to the end that these forests may supply us with wood, protect the purity of our streams, and otherwise serve the people of our state."

This admonition comes not a day too soon, as we are rapidly destroying our forest wealth without adequate provision for replacement. Let us study the subject of forestry and profit thereby.

A WARNING.

The Memphis Commercial Appeal recently had the following editorial: "We do not know what others might do, but we would not support a wet democratic candidate on a wet platform, even if he were unanimously nominated by a national Democratic convention. Prohibition as a political issue is behind us. The duty of Democrats and Republicans alike is to aid in enforcing the law, and they can best aid in enforcing the law by obeying it themselves."

These are wise words. Prohibition has come to stay, and the politician who seeks to restore the saloon need not count on popular support. The Democratic candidate who is "wet," or under suspicion of favoring the relaxation of prohibition enforcement, cannot be assured of carrying the South. The "Solid South" is solid for prohibition. Let candidates beware. It might be painful for some men to renounce allegiance to their old party, but thousands will do it rather than support a "wet" candidate for the presidency.

BAD EXAMPLES.

Former Vice-President Marshall was not an advocate of national prohibition at the time the Eighteenth Amendment was adopted; but since it is now a part of the Constitution he argues that good citizens ought to respect it. About a year ago he delivered himself as follows: "When citizens of foreign birth note the attitude of mind and observe the conduct of other citizens who appear to be leaders in all walks of life toward the Volstead Law, what ideas do they gain about the Government; what impression do they receive as to the kind of Americans they ought to be?.....We are going to have much difficulty in teaching our foreign-born man to be a law-abiding citizen so long as he has examples of so-called good citizens who reserve the right to eliminate certain laws from among those which they voluntarily obey. And we are doing a very bad thing when we tell them that those laws cannot be enforced. That should be said of no law, and no law should be repealed because it cannot be enforced. It should be enforced to its strictest letter until citizens, voluntarily obeying it, go about its repeal in an orderly manner.....We cannot make Americans out of foreigners by teaching them principles and at the same time showing them that loyalty to them is merely lip service. We will make of them good Americans only when we keep and enforce our laws."

A GREAT CITIZEN.

The news of the death of Dr. J.W. Conger, which occurred last Monday, brought sorrow to thousands of hearts in Arkansas.

As president of Onachita College, the great school of the Arkansas Baptists, Dr. Conger was a pioneer educator. As president, later, of Central College for Women, he rounded out a truly great career as the foremost educator of his denomination in this State. Beginning when college education was wanted by few, he created a demand for it and by establishing Onachita College he met the demand. A courtly Christian, a scholarly gentleman, a courageous leader, Dr. Conger made character and lives in the lives of the thousands who learned the highest and best things from him.

As is preeminently fitting, his ashes and those of his noble wife who wrought with him, will rest in the campus of the institution which he established and long maintained almost single-handed; and then, as is equally appropriate some noble building

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THOU IT.—Psalm 90:16-17.

will there be erected in his memory.

Laboring simultaneously for years in the same field, the writer learned to love and honor Dr. Conger and his wife, and now feels a sense of loneliness in realizing that these great characters have passed from the scenes of their faithful activity. They have entered into the joy of their Lord.

OUR STATESMAN GOVERNOR.

While it has been our policy to discuss political questions involving fundamental moral principles, we have usually avoided reference to candidates and strictly party issues unless we felt that the public welfare demands frank approval or disapproval. Consequently we have occasionally sought to clarify such issues as taxation, labor disputes, prohibition, Sabbath observance, and immigration, and four years ago we did not hesitate to express the opinion that the candidates of the two great parties for the presidency of the United States were men of unusually small caliber for the greatest political office in the world. Adhering to that policy, we would have refrained from discussing Governor McRae's policy if he had not recently announced that he was not a candidate for re-election, and would not be under any circumstances.

While we have not been able to endorse all of Governor McRae's policies and have doubted the wisdom of some of his methods, yet we are compelled to admire his courage and honesty and approve his general aims. Becoming governor after a long and successful career in Congress and a period of distinguished activity in the ranks, he brought to his arduous duties maturity of mind, tested character, and a determination to make his last contribution of official service his best and crowning service to his native State. Owing little to the State for his own education, he has with singular devotion endeavored to improve our educational conditions. Realizing the utterly unscientific nature of our old system of taxation and its inequitable adjustment and its inadequate results, Governor McRae has persisted in his challenge to the Legislature to seek new or partly untried sources of revenue for educational purposes.

A governor cannot make laws; but it is his constitutional duty to recommend measures, and it is his privilege, if not his constitutional duty, to prepare, or have prepared, such measures as he believes will meet the requirements, and to use all legitimate methods to secure enactment. If a regular session of the Legislature, because of congestion of business or complexity of issues, fails to provide remedial laws, it is the governor's privilege, and may become his public duty, to call the Legislature in special session at such time and under such conditions as will get the desired results.

Governor McRae made wholesome recommendations to the Legislature in regular session. Only very meager relief was secured, and it was found that differences growing out of controversies over important road legislation had interfered. As it seemed impossible for the various interests to be become reconciled with a multitude of measures to distract them, the Governor called a special session to consider road laws that had been carefully worked out, and got fairly satisfactory results. With that burning issue practically settled, the Governor, after allowing ample time for the preparation of a tax law and for the concentration of public sentiment, called another special session for a specific purpose. All of this was wise, as it removed difficulties one by one and clarified issues and simplified the situation.

After about two weeks of confusion and wrangling in which certain political aspirations became evident, the Legislature, after passing several minor and unauthorized and extremely doubtful measures, has passed a law taxing cigarettes and other forms of tobacco for the benefit of education and has repealed the trivial and awkwardly framed income-tax law, and, because of inability to agree on

another income-tax law, has adjourned.

Without regard to the merit of matters in controversy the spirit and conduct of a few members were not calculated to impress the people with their competency or wisdom. Reported utterances indicate in some cases utter inability to comprehend and appreciate present-day conditions. The necessity for better schools to enable our children to meet the increasingly difficult problems of life should be a challenge to every patriot to serve, without compensation if need be, until a reasonable solution should be found. If all extraneous issues had been eliminated and petty personalities had been restrained, it was possible to have reached relatively satisfactory results.

However, the mysteries of scientific taxation are so great and the ramifications so far reaching, that honest men, with inadequate preparation for the mastery of such a complex subject, are not to be harshly condemned if they hesitate to plunge hastily and headlong into the stream of experimentation in new and partially unexplored fields.

In taxing tobacco the Legislature has taken a thoroughly sensible step in the right direction. It is a tax which no one is compelled to pay because no one is under the necessity of having tobacco. It is a tax easily and inexpensively collected. It is paid by the ultimate consumer; and consequently is not cumulative. If it fails to produce revenue because it reduces the consumption of tobacco it indirectly helps society. If it produces revenue because tobacco users prefer to pay the tax rather than refrain from its use, the proceeds are invested in the improvement of youth, the best investment possible of public funds.

Governor McRae has won a partial victory. He obtained a tax levied on other than property values. It will test the principle and produce some revenue. By approving this measure the Governor expresses his appreciation of the gesture in the right direction. By repealing the Riggs Income-Tax Law the Legislature indicated its opinion of its inadequacy and infelicity. By vetoing the repeal bill Governor McRae prevents the loss of the small amount of revenue that will accrue, and expresses his approval of the elemental principle which he had advocated.

If Governor McRae were a mere politician because he could pose as the champion of the children and of taxation which would not burden the poor, he would run again. But if he ran he would be liable to the suspicion that, in dealing with the Legislature, he had been "playing politics" in order to justify himself in running for a third term and in providing the material for a winning campaign. By announcing, at the psychological moment, that he would not run, Governor McRae has removed all ground for criticism of his motives and has brought sharply to the front the fact that he stands for principles and not for personal advantage, and has made himself, after the expiration of his term, the unofficial champion of the inalienable right of Arkansas youth to adequate education. When he lays aside the authority of office, he will be panoplied for the holiest warfare that a statesman can wage. Becoming our governor at an age when most successful men are seeking retirement, Honorable Thomas C. McRae has demonstrated his right to be called a statesman and the champion of childhood. Long may he live to lead us toward the noblest achievements. Arkansas is a better state because Governor McRae lives and labors in it and for it. The day will come when even his enemies will acknowledge his moral worth and true greatness, and childhood will call him blessed.

ON MT. SEQUOYAH.

Last Friday the trustees of the Western Methodist Assembly met on Mt. Sequoyah and made the plans necessary to meet the needs of the coming season.

The cafeteria will be enlarged, ten cottages will be erected, the drives will be completed, and more water and sewer mains will be laid. A site for a swimming pool has been secured, just below the city reservoir where water may be had with least expense. It is not certain that the swimming pool can be built this year, but it is in prospect as soon as it can be financed. Any friend who wants to please the young folks, may supply the funds.

At 4:30 p. m. a crowd assembled near the center of the grounds, and with simple ceremonies ground was broken for the Epworth League Hall.

The writer, as president of the Board, made a

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

Pine Bluff Dist. Conf. at Rison, Apr. 22-23.
Fayetteville Dist. Conf., at Prairie Grove, Apr. 29.
Texarkana Dist. Conf., at College Hill, May 6-8.
Searcy Dist. Conf. at Valley Spgs., May 7-9.
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Jonesboro Dist. Conf., at Monette, May 19.
Monticello Dist. Conf. at Wilmar, May 27-29.
Camden District Conf. at Waldo, May 20-22.
Prescott Dist. Conf., at Emmet, May 22-25.
Henderson-Brown Commencement, June 3.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. C. J. Wade reports that things are moving along well on the Sulphur Rock-Moorefield charge.

Mr. Herb Heilig, professor of History in Henderson-Brown College, will deliver the closing address for the Amity High School May 1.

Rev. J. W. Mann, Tillar, reports that Mrs. Mann has been quite sick with pneumonia. Their many friends wish her a speedy recovery.

At Capitol View parsonage, on April 2, Mr. J. D. Boone of Benton and Miss Dora Glidwell were married, Rev. J. T. Thompson officiating.

Rev. Norris Greer, Conference evangelist, has only one open date for the early summer, June 1. If any one wants him on that date, write him at Jonesboro, Ark.

Rev. E. C. Rule, Dermott, says that plans for their new church building are working out nicely and thinks they will be able to start construction in the near future.

Rev. E. Dyer, Kensett, held the first service in the new church at Kensett Sunday, March 30. Had a great day, received a fine class into the church, and baptized one infant.

Dr. J. M. Workman, president of Henderson-Brown College, will deliver the closing address at Cabot, Sunday April 20, at Leola May 2, at Snyder, May 4, and at DeQueen May 21.

Rev. H. R. Nabors, Hampton, reports that fire did considerable damage to their parsonage Tuesday morning, April 1, and it took heroic effort on the part of the citizens to save the building.

Rev. P. E. Kemper and the editor are this week attending a meeting of the Board of the National Anti-Saloon League at Indianapolis, called to elect a superintendent to succeed the late Dr. P. A. Baker.

Bishop Hay left last week for San Antonio, Tex., where he will assist Dr. S. H. C. Burgin in a pre-Easter meeting. The Bishop will return in time to attend the Pine Bluff District Conference at Rison.

Rev. J. B. Westrope died at the home of his son, near Emmet, last Saturday morning. He was 84 years of age and had been a local preacher for

about 50 years. He was buried at New Salem Church, on the Prescott-Circuit, last Sunday afternoon, the funeral services being conducted by his pastor, Rev. J. C. Johnson, assisted by his long time friend, Rev. J. A. Sage.

Doing his own preaching, Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh closed a revival last week at Hawley Memorial, Pine Bluff, with 122 conversions and 90 additions to his church. Mr. C. B. Wiatt of East St. Louis led the singing.

Since going to Smackover, Rev. B. A. Few has organized a Woman's Missionary Society with seventeen members, an Epworth League with fifteen members and an enthusiastic Men's Bible Class, all of which are functioning in a most creditable manner.

Rev. J. A. Sage writes: "Our church at Prescott is bereft in the death of Mr. Fred R. Thornburn who passed away at his home in that city last Thursday morning. He had been an honored official member of the church there for many years."

Rev. J. T. Thompson reports increasing interest in his church services at Capitol View. One of his choice young men, Geo. E. Rentz, has been recommended for license to preach. Bro. Thompson began a meeting Wednesday in which he is doing the preaching.

Rev. B. A. Few, D. D., Smackover, left April 4 for Ashville, N. C., where he will assist Rev. C. Hawk pastor Haywood Street Church, in a revival. Bro. Few's pulpit will be filled in his absence by Rev. A. T. Clanton, Rev. H. H. McGuyre, and Presiding Elder J. W. Harrell.

It is curious that until Woodrow Wilson was buried in the crypt of the unfinished Episcopal Cathedral at Washington, no president of the United States had ever been buried at the national capital, just as none before Mr. Wilson had made Washington his home after leaving office.—Youth's Companion.

"Three years ago England had 2,000,000 men out of employment. America 3,000,000 unemployed. We are still 'wet' there but in your three 'dry' years, three years of prohibition, what has happened? England still has 2,000,000 unemployed and America has a shortage of 500,000 workmen. Now let me ask you if prohibition has succeeded."—Gypsy Smith.

There is not much hope for a radical change in our methods of farming so long as the present generation holds sway. Improvement will be made, undoubtedly, but there will be no radical change for the better until the thousands of boys and girls in the land have the opportunity to put into practice the valuable lessons they have learned in club work.—The Progressive Farmer.

The tornado which swept over Arkansas and adjoining States two weeks ago blew the parsonage of the Dardanelle Circuit from its foundation and practically destroyed it. The pastor, Rev. W. A. Patty, and his nine-year-old daughter, who were in the house escaped unhurt, but the furniture was badly damaged. Mrs. Patty and a younger child were at Abbott visiting relatives.

Ah, my soul, hast thou learned the lure of the Book, and hast thou learned what a book is as a delight, and hast thou learned, not as the scholar reads, to get to be great, nor to read as the egoist reads, to be thought wise, but hast thou read as God would read, to catch good and to see far, and learn to live, and to blazon thy 'scutcheon with the radiance of the morning light?—Bishop W. A. Quayle.

In the death of Mr. J. A. Presson, at Rochester, Minn., on April 1, Arkansas loses one of her best and most valuable citizens. After having been superintendent of Warren schools for nine years, he became state supervisor of negro schools, and was rendering the state valuable service in a peculiarly difficult field. He was a Christian gentleman who devoted his life to education. His place will be hard to fill.

At a recent mid-week meeting of Dr. W. C. Watson's Church at Helena, 110 were present and the following was the program: "Congress, the Tea-Pot Dome, Our Country and the Rainbow," "Should Young Women Smoke, Swear and Drink? If not, Why not?" Francis Willard, the Path Finder of Moral Reform, and "Can a Railroad Man Serve God?" First Church accepted the quota for Superannuate Endowment and paid it all in cash.

Last week Rev. J. C. Glenn, our assistant editor, went to Nashville, Tenn., to confer with the advertising manager of our Publishing House. While inspecting the new building for the printing plant, he slipped and strained his ankle and broke a small bone in his foot. While the injury is not serious it is painful, and he is now going on crutches. Necessarily he will be compelled to be less active and will cancel several engagements for Sunday service.

The Centenary has preached the gospel of life service in foreign as well as home fields. In Brazil 38 young men are preparing for the ministry. From Mexico 173 volunteers are reported. The Board of Missions recently received a cable stating that 30 students of Soochow University, China, had volunteered for Life Service. In Poland, where we have been working three years, 20 young people have already dedicated their lives to definite Christian service.

During the last few days splendid progress has been made on the building of the Grand Avenue Methodist Mission. The building is located on North 44th and Grand Avenue, about one block from the Avenue. All material is on the ground and we hope to have the house ready for services by Easter Sunday, if not before. Much of the labor is being donated by members of the Local Carpenters Union. The entire community is much interested in this movement.—First Church (Ft. Smith) Bulletin.

We are beginning to realize that the unity of believers can never be achieved through the uniformity of beliefs. Men cannot think alike, because their differences in intellectual capacity, in their peculiar character and temper of mind and their various points of view. Unity will come only by loyalty to a common Lord. Not what we believe, but "Whom we serve" will bring the real unity of Christian believers. Christian unity is growing wherever this fact is being recognized.—Bishop John M. Moore.

It is the business of the schools to empty the jails and the poor-houses. A thoroughbred education would make every citizen a self-supporting, productive worker. The modern school absorbs into itself the better influences of our society, centers attention upon these, and combines them into a plan for shaping the character of the next generation. If we could provide competently wise and efficient teachers for two or three successive generations, the whole of society would be raised visibly to higher standards.—Peabody Journal of Education.

From the natural gas wells at Ft. Worth and Petrolia, Texas, comes the helium with which the gas bags of the Shenandoah are filled. Not all natural gas contains enough helium to be worth being extracted, but there are certain other places in the United States besides Texas where a production plant might be profitable. The Bureau of Mines estimates that enough helium to fill two hundred Shenandoahs goes to waste every year, yet the United States is the only country that is known to have any quantity large enough to be worth mentioning. The great value of helium for use in balloons lies in its being incombustible.—Youth's Companion.

Total attendance at the University of Arkansas during the school year 1923-24, exclusive of summer school, reached 1,360 with the close of registration for the spring term when 34 additional students enrolled. This is by far the largest total attendance recorded in a single year at the University, and the need of new buildings and equipment has become more pronounced. Every room in the four dormitories is occupied and more students than ever are forced to reside in boarding houses. By holding classes on Saturday the University has partially nullified the shortage of classrooms. But more room and equipment, especially in the scientific courses, must be provided as the student body of the State University increases.

I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her commodious harbors and her ample rivers and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her fertile fields and boundless forests and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her rich mines and her vast world commerce and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her public school system and her institutions of learning and it was not there. I sought for the greatness and genius of America in her democratic Congress and her matchless Constitution and it was not there. Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand the secret of her genius and power. America is great because America is good, and if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great.—Alexis de Tocqueville in "Democracy in America."

The new Huguenot half dollar has stimulated a study of Christian Eugenics among American Protestants. This coin, just from the U. S. Mint, is being eagerly bought up by our people of Huguenot descent for use as heirlooms. It commemorates the Huguenot-Walloon founding of New Netherland, now New York. Above the words "Huguenot Half Dollar" on its obverse are portraits of Admiral Coligny and of William of the Silent. Coligny was among the Protestants who fell at the massacre of St. Bartholomew. William of Orange liberated Holland from the overlordship of Phillip II., who introduced the Spanish inquisition into Holland. He obtained the name of "The Silent"

because of his showing no concern when informed, at a court function, by the King of France that a secret treaty had been made between the latter and Spain for the massacre of all Protestants within both kingdoms. The ship that first visited in 1624 what is now the port of New York is depicted on the reverse of the coin, with the wording "Huguenot-Walloon Tercentenary of founding of New Netherland."

SUNDAY AT FT. SMITH.

Finding that I could stop on my return from Mt. Sequoyah, I arranged to spend Sunday with the people of Dodson Avenue and First Church, Ft. Smith.

Presiding Elder F. M. Tolleson and Rev. R. H. Lewelling in his car carried me over much of the city, and thus gave opportunity to see the wonderful improvements that have been made. Hundreds of new houses have been built and others are going up.

We found Rev. C. F. Hively making garden across the street from the parsonage. He has already increased the attractiveness of the premises, and has the promise of a good garden. Bro. Hively is in love with his people and will undoubtedly have a successful pastorate at Midland Heights.

Sunday morning I visited the Sunday School at Dodson Ave., and found it wide-awake and growing under Supt. Leland Hunt. The new three-story annex built last year by Bro. Hook, was full. At eleven o'clock I had a fine congregation, the best I have seen in that church.

During the last two years under Bro. Hook the annex was built and the church membership doubled. With this start Bro. Lewelling is building up all the departments rapidly. He is a wise and active leader, loving his people and greatly beloved. The city is developing marvelously in that vicinity and the prospects for Dodson Avenue Church are roseate. Soon a new edifice will be necessary to provide facilities for the expanding congregation and multiplied activities.

Mrs. Lewelling had been to Helena where she was instructor in the Training School. She returned before I departed. Bro. Lewelling provided delightful entertainment for me near by in the hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. B. Yadon.

Visiting a few friends in the afternoon, I was brought to his church by Dr. A. N. Evans in time to say a few words about Mt. Sequoyah to his Epworth Leaguers. Then I had the pleasure of addressing a large congregation in the spacious auditorium of the handsome, new First Church building. It is acoustically a satisfactory room, and the people are patient and helpful listeners.

After the service an hour was spent in social converse with Dr. Evans in the parsonage. Bro. Whittle, junior preacher, came in from the service which he had held at Grand Avenue, where he has organized a church and is erecting a small building. These brethren were in good spirits, and all things give evidence of fruitful activity in this great church of 1,800 members. The pastors are popular and are leading their people into larger and larger things.

While my interview with Presiding Elder Tolleson was brief, I could infer that he was enjoying his work and that the District was prospering. Bro. Tolleson is renewing the friends of his youth. He was reared at Charleston; began the practice of law and married at Ozark, and his first circuit was in Scott Co., where I once helped him hold quarterly conferences.

Fort Smith is growing in a substantial way and seems likely to redeem its early promise of importance. Our Methodism easily keeps pace with the expansion of the city. Both have a bright future.—A. C. M.

UNIFICATION: THAT "MINORITY STATEMENT."

By Bishop W. F. McMurtry.

Bishop Collins Denny has published in the Church press what he is pleased to call a "Statement of Minority of Bishops on Unification Commission." He says that he "was repeatedly denied the exercise of his right" to send forth with the address of other Bishops on the Commission a statement of his reasons for opposing the plan. I do not know anyone who has questioned the right of the Bishop to express his opinion on the subject. Speaking for myself, I did not deny him the exercise of any "right." I have had no part in denying him the exercise of any "right." I do not know of anyone who tried, or even desired, to deny him the exercise of any "right."

It would require a long stretch of the imagination on the part of any member of the Commission to place Bishop Denny with the other Bishops on the Commission in giving to the Church an address on any phase of Unification. I think it may be safely stated that Bishop Denny was not expected by any member of the Commission to join in the proposed address. Nothing that he said or did in the Commission could possibly raise such an expectation. He was not present when the motion for such an address was introduced, having retired immediately upon failure on his part to defeat the adoption of the proposed plan. The motion was one of sufficient courtesy not to ex-

plicitly exclude him by name. The fact is that the Bishops, five of them, who were willing to do the bidding of the Commission prepared the address, and gave it to the Church; and that is all there is to it, as far as I have any knowledge. There is no more reason why Bishop Denny should have been shown special favors in connection with the address than any other member of the Commission.

Bishop Denny did not wait for the publication of the address of the Bishops, to which he objects, to give his position on the Plan to the Church. It is a matter of record that at the Annual Conferences over which he presided last fall, Conferences some of which met in advance of the publication of the address, he discussed the Plan of Unification at length, and entertained motions bearing upon the work of the Commission and looking to the commitment of the Annual Conferences under his presidency against the Plan. I have been unable to learn that he went out of his way, or made any special effort to have the other side of the question presented to the Conferences at the same time. In my judgment, he is the last man on the Commission with any just ground for complaint on account of being denied "the exercise of his rights."

The reasons Bishop Denny sets down for his opposition to the Plan are more than familiar to the members of the Commission. Certainly he was denied no "right" in the matter of presenting his objections either in the meetings of the Commission from his own Church or in the sessions of the Joint Commission. The published report of the work of the Joint Commission tells this story.

Bishop Denny says, "This plan is a mis-nomer, it is not Unification, it is not even welding, etc." This is nothing more nor less than an expression of Bishop Denny's opinion. And let it be noted, he does not bring forward a single fact upon which to base his conclusion. I know of no one who claims for the Plan, that if adopted, the whole process of Unification will be completed. Therein is its strength. It does not attempt too much. It provides for a beginning and on a perfectly fair and honorable basis to both Churches. What more do we need? Under divine guidance we can trust the future.

His statement that, "The two Churches are to maintain rival Methodisms in the same communities, existing friction, irritating competitions are to persist, etc.," is a prophecy on his part in no wise justified. There is abundance of evidence to show that "irritating competitions" and "altar against altar" and "needless waste and competition" will be cared for by local communities, where the two churches exist, when given the official authority to do so. The removal of official pressure and support, which is inevitable when "The Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, shall be united in one Church with two Jurisdictions under a Constitution with a General Conference and two Jurisdictional Conferences" will solve this problem. Of this, I have not the slightest doubt.

His statement that "The plan endorses what now exists and provides for its spread," cannot be maintained. There is not a line in the Plan that supports such a contention. The Plan was written by men who do not endorse "what now exists," and these men are the representatives of General Conferences which, judging from their official utterances, do not endorse "what now exists," and are working under instructions from these General Conferences, to provide a better way. To say that these men have so far missed the mark as to "endorse what now exists" and provide "for its spread" on the face of it, seems to reflect seriously upon both their intelligence and integrity. Of course, Bishop Denny does not intend to do this. If, however, "The plan endorses what now exists" and provides for its "spread," what is the occasion of the strong opposition that Bishop Denny has shown to it?

His statement that "The plan gives no voice in the government of the Church to those chiefly concerned, the people and the preachers," is without foundation, in fact. The Plan proposed does not take away from the preachers or people of either Church any right or voice that now exists. Each Church goes into this agreement with the distinct and explicit understanding that no change can be made in its existing laws or Book of Discipline, except by the processes now provided. The resurrection of the General Conference of 1808 and the Bishop's comments on that Conference and what followed, is therefore, far-fetched and not at all in point. He raised this same question in the Joint Commission. Dr. P. H. Linn (now deceased) replied as follows:—"The attitude of the Southern Commission is that the whole matter is sufficiently protected by the provisions of the Restrictive Rules."

I shall not take the time of the readers of this paper to discuss Napoleon, Bishop Joseph Butler, Madison, James Wilson, Sherman, Williamson, Gorman, and the other celebrities mentioned in the Bishop's article. The truth is, I would not give a penny for the opinion of a single one of these gentlemen on the subject of the Unification of present day Methodism. That they were wise men, and some of them good men, and competent to deal with the issues of their day, in a more or less ef-

fective manner, I do not question. I would rather have the opinion of a Missouri farmer, an official in our Church, in a village neighborhood where both Churches exist, whose children are educated in the same schools as the children of his Methodist Episcopal neighbor, on the subject of two Methodisms in the same small community, than all the wisdom of all the worthies referred to by Bishop Denny.

I did not favor the Plan of Unification presented to the last General Conference. One of the grounds of my objection was the arbitrary handling of Church membership which it involved. I favor the present Plan, not because I think it is perfect, but because it recognizes the right of every member and minister in the matter of his church relationship, and does not involve either Church in the unholy task of arbitrarily setting aside or putting away people who have committed their membership to its keeping.

The present Plan does provide for points of contact and agreement and union where the way is clear and when the people and preachers give their constitutional consent. It marks out a way to increase these points of contact and union just as rapidly as the ministers and laymen of the two Churches desire it, and no faster; and this is the strength and glory of this Plan. The Churches become one only at such points and to such an extent as the constitutional consent of our people and preachers is obtained.

There may be those in our Church, and in the Methodist Episcopal Church, who would agree to no Plan of Unification that does not provide for humiliating concessions upon the part of the sister Church as a vindication of some positions taken in the past, and in repudiation of some official act. I do not belong to that number. All I ask for my Church is equal authority and responsibility in the working out of the present day problems of Methodism. That we are able to properly care for our own on such a basis, I have not the slightest doubt.

When I accepted membership on the Commission, I did so with the full understanding that the action of the General Conference providing for the Commission laid upon the members of the Commission the responsibility and duty of finding a way for Unification. See General Conference Journal 1922, page 222. I have, therefore, attended the meetings of the Commission of our own Church and of the Joint Commission with an open mind. I have listened to every word of debate, and so far as my friend, Bishop Denny, is concerned, I have heard him several times on the points he raises in his article and to an extent that I have heard no other member of the Commission. With confidence in the sincerity of his purpose and with a knowledge of his diligence in searching for facts, I have looked to him for light. The light he has given me is darkness.

ON MT. SEQUOYAH.

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few introductory remarks. Rev. J. A. Womack, presiding elder, read an appropriate Psalm. Prayer was offered by Dr. P. E. Riley, editor of the *Texas Christian Advocate*. Rev. R. E. Nollner, assistant Epworth League secretary, who deserves most of the credit for the movement to secure the Hall, made a statement of the purposes of the Leaguers. Rev. H. Lynn Wade, pastor of our Fayetteville church, spoke of the interest of his church and community. Former Congressman H. M. Jacoway, who was looking over the city and grounds, made a felicitous short address. Then Rev. R. E. Nollner dug the first shovelful of dirt, and was followed by the president of the Board and by Miss Cunningham in behalf of the local League. It was a happy occasion, because this Hall is to be the first permanent building and is the first gift coming from the outside.

The building is to be of native stone and masonry face brick with tile roof. It will have an assembly hall, four lecture rooms, library, office, and long verandah on the first floor, and sixteen fine bed rooms on the second floor together with bath rooms and other conveniences. There will also be a basement. Work begins this week and it is expected that the first story, which is of stone, will be completed this month, and the other story will rapidly follow.

With these new accommodations the Assembly can care for almost twice the crowd of last year, and yet there is promise that every room will be full the first day. Attractive programs have been prepared, and the summer season will see great throngs in attendance.

Within the last week three lots have been sold, and arrangements will soon be completed for the sale of others. Several new houses will be built by purchasers. Our friends who want lots would do well to buy soon. All inquiries should be directed to Supt. J. L. Bond, Fayetteville, Ark.

One of the delightful features of last Friday's meeting was the appetizing luncheon served by Mrs. Bond and other ladies in the cafeteria. A basketful of "Delicious" apples was presented to the trustees and visitors by Mr. W. F. D. Batjer, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce.—A. C. M.

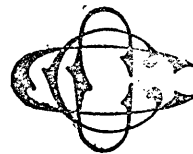


The Call of the Conference Claimants

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I Will Tell It to You And You Can Tell It to Others

There are thousands of people throughout the Church eagerly waiting for news concerning the progress of the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment. Let them watch for this page and read it every week, for it will invariably be crowded with paragraphs telling what the "boys in the trenches" are doing.

The Music of the Special Effort.

First Church, Temple, Texas, Georgetown District, Central Texas Conference: Total quota, \$4,675; paid, \$900 and \$100 on the way; Rev. J. H. Stewart is the pastor.

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DeLand Charge, Palatka District, Florida Conference: Total quota, \$2,300; paid, \$460; Rev. O. E. Rice is the pastor.

Francis Street Charge, St. Joseph District, Missouri Conference: Total quota, \$5,000; paid, \$1,000; Rev. J. F. Caskey is the pastor.

Fulton Charge, Mexico District, Missouri Conference: Total quota, \$2,200; paid, \$440; Rev. R. C. Holliday is the pastor.

Cynthiana Charge, Covington District, Kentucky Conference: Total quota, \$2,417; paid, \$500; Rev. J. E. Moss is the pastor.

Heber Springs Charge, Searcy District, North Arkansas Conference: Total quota, \$1,368; paid, \$453; Rev. O. C. Lloyd is the pastor.

White Avenue Charge, Kansas City District, Southwest Missouri Conference: Total quota, \$2,000; paid, \$400; Rev. F. E. Jenkins is the pastor.

Leitchfield Charge, Elizabethtown District, Louisville Conference: Total quota, \$1,700; paid, \$1,145.75; Rev. W. C. Christie is the pastor.

Central Church Charge, Kansas City District, Southwest Missouri Conference: Total quota, \$6,400; total sub-

scribed, \$12,155; paid, \$4,399.75; and the balance of the \$12,155 will be paid on or before February 1, 1925. Rev. M. N. Waldrip is the pastor.

Italian Mission Charge, Bessemer District, North Alabama Conference: Total quota, \$110; paid, \$50; Rev. S. G. Ceravola is the pastor.

Woodbine Charge, Nashville District, Tennessee Conference: Total quota, \$2,625; paid, \$525; Rev. J. F. Baggett is the pastor.

New Providence and Bethel Charge, Clarksville District, Tennessee Conference: total quota \$2,000; paid, \$508.60; Rev. J. B. Spurlock is the pastor.

Chestnut Street Charge, Rockingham District, North Carolina Conference: Total quota, \$2,718; paid, \$573.80; Rev. T. McM. Grant is the pastor.

Brackettville Charge, Uvalde District, West Texas Conference: Total quota, \$552; paid, \$127.80; Rev. W. S. Ezell is the pastor.

Albertville Charge, Albertville District, North Alabama Conference: Total quota, \$2,743; paid, \$548.60; Rev. N. H. Abernathy is the pastor.

Epworth Church, Norfolk District, Virginia Conference: Total quota, \$10,000; paid, \$5,065.83; Rev. J. W. Moore is the pastor.

Holly Hill Charge, Orangeburg District, South Carolina Conference: Total quota, \$2,000; paid, \$398. Rev. J. P. Attaway is the pastor.

Dickson Charge, Dickson District, Tennessee Conference: Total quota \$1,750; paid, \$529.20. Rev. N. Burch Tucker is the pastor.

LaFeria Charge, Beeville District, West Texas Conference: Total quota \$642; paid, \$128.50. Rev. E. C. Swann is the pastor.

Chrichton Charge, Charleston District, Western Virginia Conference: Total quota \$1,075; paid, \$216. Rev. W. A. O'Dell is the pastor.

King's Mountain Charge, Shelby District, Western North Carolina Conference: Total quota, \$1,635; paid, \$327. Rev. R. M. Hayle is the pastor.

San Marcos Charge, San Marcos District, West Texas Conference: Total quota, \$3,450; paid, \$736.34. Rev. C. M. Raby is the pastor.

Carrollton Avenue Charge, New Orleans District, Louisiana Conference: Total quota, \$3,000; paid, \$813.93. Rev. W. L. Doss, Jr. is the pastor.

Booneville Charge, Corinth District, North Mississippi Conference: Total quota, \$2,715; paid, \$543. Rev. E. G. Mohler is the pastor.

Pace Memorial M. E. Church, S. Charge, Richmond District, Virginia Conference: Total quota, \$3,200; paid, \$640. Rev. H. W. Davis is the pastor. First Fifteen Wires Received Reporting Subscription Day.

(1) "Gary did not forget the Forgotten Man." (Signed) Rev. W. H. Harrison, Pastor, Gary, West Virginia.

(2) (Telegram from Rev. M. N. Waldrip, Central Church, Kansas City. See contents as reported above.)

(3) "Park Church, Hannibal, Missouri, raised on subscription at eleven o'clock service \$4,000, which is \$700 in excess of quota." (Signed) Rev. F. R. Poage, Pastor.

(4) "Subscribed \$2,545 in excess of minimum quota in seventeen minutes. More later." (Signed) Rev. W. H. Foglesong, Pastor Beckley Charge, West Virginia.

(5) "Raised \$2,500 cash today." (Signed) Rev. Silas Johnson, Pastor of Trinity Church, Savannah, Georgia.

(6) "Assessed \$424 on first year's

portion. Subscribed over \$900 at morning service."

(Signed) Rev. James L. Finch, Pastor of West End Church, Lynchburg, Virginia.

(7) "On total quota of \$1,350, subscribed at morning service \$1,723."

(Signed) Rev. W. F. Fleming, Chairman Special Effort Committee, Epworth M. E. Ch., So., Knoxville, Tenn.

(8) "Over-subscribed quota at morning service and will get more during the week. We have never seen anything easier—it just ran itself."

(Signed) Rev. Bedford Turner, Pastor Monticello Charge, Monticello, Kentucky.

(9) "Quota subscribed in full—plus."

(Signed) Rev. Felix K. Struve, Pastor Williamstown Charge, Williamstown, Ky.

(10) "Went over by good margin at morning service."

(Signed) C. F. Lambeth, Chairman, Main Street Church, Gastonia, N. C.

(11) "On minimum quota of \$2,430 secured \$6,200 and over \$1,100 is in cash."

(Signed) Rev. J. N. R. Score, Pastor Epworth University Church, Berkeley, Cal.

(12) "On minimum quota of \$8,000 subscribed yesterday \$12,000 and expect to have a total subscription of \$15,000 by end of the week."

(Signed) Rev. T. S. Hamilton, Pastor of Johnson Memorial Church, Huntington, West Virginia.

(13) "Over-subscribed amount due on quota for first year."

(Signed) Rev. W. L. Myers, Pastor of Arch St. Church, Hannibal, Missouri.

(14) "We are over the top on Endowment quota."

(Signed) Rev. S. H. C. Burgin, Pastor of Laurel Heights Church, San Antonio, Texas.

The Grand Jubilee Chorus.

From the weakest Mission in the Church to the greatest Cathedral, there seems to be sounding a glorious note of victory. And in every instance the "going over" was attended by a wonderful spiritual blessing. I have repeatedly stated that whoever touches the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment will touch the God of the superannuates, for God is surely in this movement. Preachers and lay-members everywhere are proving the truth of those words. I believe the Church will experience her greatest revival as a result of her fidelity to this sacred cause.

I rejoice in every success that has come. Especially is my heart stirred by what is being accomplished in places where the difficulties are many and great. I take off my hat and extend my hand to those of the high-steeped churches who have won in their fields, but my gratitude to those who have achieved success in circuit and mission charges cannot be expressed in words. Suffice to state, that all the heroes have not perished from the earth; Southern Methodism has a lot of them now living and working to remove from her banner the stain of neglecting her worn-out preachers.

Let the cash in hand be sent at once to the Board of Finance, Security Building, St. Louis, Mo. Remember it is Endowment money, and the Board wants to invest it immediately so that it can begin earning income for the support of the Forgotten Man. When sending payments on quotas, be sure to use the Book of Remittance Forms which was sent to the pastor.

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THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

The thirty-fourth session of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, which will meet in Springfield, Mass., in May, will have the best possible entertainment with every convenience for the transaction of business comfortable with the dispatch of the conference proceedings and comfort of the delegates.

This General Conference will be the largest ever held in point of membership and will have many features of unusual interest. There will be more than 850 delegates. Of this number approximately 80 will come from outside of the United States.

The Municipal Auditorium at Springfield, in which it will be held, is thought by many to be the most commodious building in which the conference has ever been held. For artistic beauty, comfortable seats, acoustic values and the rich tones of its four-manual organ, the auditorium cannot be surpassed by any hall in the United States. The Municipal Group, of which the auditorium is a part, is constructed of steel and reinforced concrete with Indiana limestone facing. Twenty-seven varieties of marble from all parts of the world have been used in producing desired color and decoration. The whole is tied together by the campanile patterned in part from the campanile of St. Mark's Venice, and from which can be obtained a wonderful view of Springfield and vicinity. The campanile houses a large electrically illuminated clock and a chime of bells. The chime will peal out some familiar hymn as the delegates gather for the conference each morning.

Plans are being made for exhibits in three different centers which will enable the delegates and visitors to get through every possible means a vivid impression of the varied work of the church around the world. There will also be a daily program of pageants and motion pictures.

This will be the first General Conference which has ever been broadcasted. The Westinghouse Company, which operates the WBZ station at Springfield, has offered to broadcast many of the sessions. The morning devotional sessions with which the session opens each day, and at which one of the bishops will give a devotional address, will be broadcasted every day. This will enable hundreds of thousands of Methodists to "listen in" at this service. It will be a unique sort of morning prayers which many thousands can attend. The evening sessions, including the anniversaries, will also be broadcasted and it is expected that some time during the evening of each day a brief news summary of what the General Conference did that day will also be broadcasted.

The beautiful organ in the auditorium, presided over by the municipal organist of Springfield, will be available for the use of the conference. It is expected that the chimes in the campanile will ring every morning for ten minutes. The only song book used in the official sessions will be the "Methodist Hymn Book."—Ex.

THE PROGRESS OF METHODISM IN CUBA.

By Rev. A. J. Weeks, D. D.

I had the great privilege of attending the session of the Cuba Annual Conference at Santa Clara, March 7-10, and of visiting a number of places in the Island where our principal centers of work are situated. I went solely as an unofficial observer that I might see how the work committed to our Church is going on. Having seen all I could in a brief visit, I feel that I can do the Church at home a distinct service by bringing to the attention of our people some of the facts about that work. I am under no constraint to favorably color any report I may make out; on the contrary I am under the highest obliga-

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tion to fairly present the facts as I saw them.

My own inclination is to write a gossip account of a little journey that was full of personal interest and not entirely without amusing incidents, but this inclination must be resisted inasmuch as valuable space ought to be used for things of greater importance. While Cuba is a distinctly foreign country, it is right next door to us and to reach it requires an ocean journey of only five or six hours. People who are subject to seasickness tell me that not infrequently that little trip on the water hasn't a dull hour in it.

At Key West I met Bishop Cannon and Dr. R. H. Bennett and made the journey from that point with them. On account of an interrupted boat schedule we had a full day at Key West. This gave us an opportunity to see our southernmost American city and it gave our three American pastors there, Brothers Bryant, Wilson and Ley, an opportunity to show us distinguished courtesies. A bootlegging gentleman tried to sell Dr. Bennett and me some liquor but failed. In my travels here and there I am rarely ever approached by a bootlegger, but I am usually by myself.

It will be remembered that Cuba was discovered by Columbus on October 28, 1492. He thought it was Asia and died without knowing any better. Two years after the death of Columbus a party by the name of Sebastian de Ocampo sailed entirely around it and decided it was an island. It was. I confess I was surprised at the size of it. I had an idea that I could go all over it in a little while. Leaving Havana at 1:30 P. M. we did not reach Santa Clara until about 10:00 P. M. The distance is said to be about two hundred miles and after riding all the way in a third class car whose seats are as innocent of upholstery as a park bench, I admitted it. I was greatly surprised when told that I could travel another twenty-four hours in the same direction before reaching the eastern end of the island. Cuba is a little larger and much longer than the state of Tennessee and has a population of almost three millions.

The Conference session was not greatly unlike a conference anywhere else in Methodism, barring of course the bother of having to conduct the business in two languages. I particularly enjoyed the love feast Sunday morning although I could not understand a word that was spoken. As preachers and laymen gave their testimonies their radiant faces expressed the joy in their hearts. The Holy Spirit speaks a universal language.

My visit gave me a new appreciation of our opportunities and responsibilities in Cuba. Furthermore it gave me a new appreciation of the fidelity and efficiency of the men and women who represent our Church there. I do not think of my own loyalty as equal to theirs. We at home do not begin to know what price our brothers and sisters have to pay for the privilege of serving in foreign lands. They would never mention it and, in fact, do not realize it, but it is true. There is a degree of loneliness in any foreign country, be it far or near, and a homesickness that puts a tremendous strain upon the normal heart. Missionaries who read this will probably deny it simply because they are so absorbed in their work that they are not aware of any hardships involved in it. I personally know many missionaries and almost without exception they are contented and cheerful. They are on the King's business and His peace is in their hearts.

We have a membership in Cuba of 5,799, which is an increase of 481 during the last year. There are forty-five organized churches and all have church chapel buildings. In every place I visited we have good property for the purpose for which it is used. In most places our churches are ideally located and while the buildings are not expensive they are neat and adequate.

After the Conference adjourned I spent a day at Camaguey where Pin-

son College is located and where we have a self-supporting church. Rev. Ben O. Hill is president of Pinson College and he is doing as great work with as poor equipment as any man in our Methodism, so far as I know. The enrollment at this school is 215 and the number would be greater if we had room for them. The institution has fine standing in the city and province. The site is valuable and well located, but the buildings are poor—just a few small and unattractive little houses. When the Centenary campaign was put on we agreed to give Pinson College \$30,000 for a main building if they would raise an additional \$10,000 on the field. They raised the \$10,000, but in a bank failure it was tied up temporarily at least. There is hope that it will be made available in the near future. But the money promised by the Church at home cannot be realized until Centenary payments are made. Here is a fine school in a fine section of Cuba that has possibilities for good that cannot be estimated, but here faithful and worthy men and women are forced to toil year after year with the poorest equipment. Is there not some one in the Church at home whom God has blessed with money who will make an investment at Camaguey that will bless coming generations in that great section where the need is so desperate? In addition to the main building a dormitory is essential, but both can be built for \$75,000 or thereabout. I saw many appealing needs in Cuba but none more appealing than at Pinson College.

From Camaguey I went to Cienfuegos on the Caribbean Sea. It is a delightful city, one of the most beautiful in the island. There, too, we have a school—Colegio Eliza Bowman—and there too the need is very great. The site is one of the very best in the city, but the building is wholly inadequate. Miss Frances B. Moling, whom I first knew at San Louis Potosi, Mexico, is principal of this school. The attendance is one hundred and seventy-six, but they are so crowded that porches, hallways and three bed rooms are used for class rooms. At Cienfuegos I found myself alone on the morning of my arrival. I had been with one or more missionaries up to this time. Miss Moling did not know I was coming, so I went to the hotel and had breakfast, which in that country is eaten at noon. Here I had to order my breakfast in Spanish. I did it pretty well, however, as I got twice as much as I ordered. The waiter evidently knew I had exhausted my vocabulary without satisfying my needs and brought me more than I asked for.

Wednesday night I went to the Cuban Church and spoke to a good congregation. The wife of our Cuban pastor interpreted for me, she being a graduate of one of our schools. I think she did it pretty well. The morning I left Cienfuegos Mrs. Board, the wife of the American Consul, came to my hotel accompanied by Miss Moling and took me to my train in her car. Souch courtesies in a strange land cannot be estimated. She was emphatic in her praise of our school and its influence in that city.

My next stop was at Matanzas where the pastor-presiding elder, Rev. R. L. Whitehead, met me and took me to Colegio Irene Toland, out for a drive to a point overlooking the beautiful Yumuri Valley and Matanzas Bay, and then to the parsonage for dinner. How I did enjoy every minute of the time! We also visited our splendid church which is the oldest we have in the island. It is well situated and pretty well equipped.

Colegio Irene Toland has a splendid property in an excellent location. The new building made possible by the Centenary is a gem of a building. It is fireproof throughout and modern in every way. It contains sixteen rooms and when other needed buildings are provided this will be one of our most complete plants. Miss Rebecca Toland is principal of this school, which bears the name of her sainted sister. It was a joy to meet Miss Toland, Miss Churchill and some

of the other workers there.

Some facts about Cuban Methodism deserve special mention. They are developing a spirit of self-support. All assessments for general work were paid in full this last year. Our schools are religious. Their purpose is to make Christians of the students who come to them and splendid revivals have recently been held in more than one of them. Cubans make good Methodists. They are a lovable and joyful people and respond to the gospel as preached by Methodists.

Bishop James Cannon has intimate knowledge of the work in Cuba and he is patiently but earnestly leading them to self-reliance and self-support.

I was impressed with the need of a literature for our Spanish speaking Christians. I looked through the supplies of colporteurs and through the libraries of our schools. My one feeling was that the supply of good books in Spanish is pitifully inadequate.

From Matanzas I went to Havana for a day and two nights. This letter is reaching a dangerous length. If the editor will print it I will promise to write another about the important work we are doing in Havana, which, by the way, is one of the great cities of this hemisphere.

Traveling in Cuba, as in any foreign country, one meets with many surprises. I think my greatest surprise was when I went to bed the first night in the island. The Cuban mattress is not a mattress. It is a quilt. The uninitiated would call it a comfort.

THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO.

The agitation over the proposed income tax measure has brought out an unusually bitter response from those opposed to it. I am not, in this article, concerned with the merits or demerits of the proposed legislation, but I am profoundly disturbed by the rank statements I hear on all sides and by the conviction that serious consequences will follow the wild, bitter talk raging everywhere.

Very recently I heard an influential citizen haranguing a mass meeting, composed largely of uneducated people, on the subject of the proposed law. He began pronouncing it the "most infamous" measure he had ever read. Finding himself backed up by the audience (it was a packed audience) he let himself go and denounced not only the proposed law itself but the governor, the state department heads, the legislature, and everybody else "down there at Little Rock" who do business for the state.

A stranger dropping in on the meeting would have concluded that the speaker was a Red from Russia out to organize a Soviet government, or that an outraged people were framing a new declaration of independence to rid themselves of a tyranny no longer endurable.

A high-school boy, listening to the philippic would have concluded that government is a thing to be hated and circumvented, and that public men are without exception unworthy the confidence and support of law abiding citizens.

I do not mean to suggest that such harangues are the common thing; they are, thank God, seldom heard. For the most part they are uttered by candidates for public office, and all sensible people know that they are mere demagogic clap-trap, and pay no attention to them further than to despise the man who can stoop to utter them for the sake of winning ignorant votes.

But we do hear again and again complaints about taxes. We cannot get away from the anti-tax propagandist. It is a well known fact that no man can hope to be elected to office who does not promise tax reduction.

I realize that some of our taxes are too high—much too high. It is probably true, too, that some of our tax money is wasted because administered by incompetent men. For it takes something besides a desire to cut expenses to qualify a public official to give the people the worth of their money in service. I should not be surprised, either, to learn that some of our money is illegitimately used—that there is sometimes positive dishonesty in some departments of our government. I have seen what seems to be proof of that fact.

But my point is this—that not all our officials are corrupt; that our government is still worthy of our respect and support; and that we as citizens ought to support it with our money in proportion to our ability to do so, and do it as cheerfully as we pay any other bills for family support.

And yet this is not the impression our young people are receiving on the streets, in public gatherings, and from the press. They are growing up in the thought that governments are unworthy of their respect and allegiance, and that tax-dodging is not only permissible but quite the proper thing to do.

A prominent citizen of the state said to me last week, "If this propaganda is not stopped, Arkansas will soon be as Red as Russia." I fear he has some reason for his saying it. For, when the faith of a people in their government is destroyed, and when they are made to believe that they owe nothing in the way of support to their government, there is no telling what will happen. Personally, I do not think his prophecy can come true in our day, for the heart of America is still essentially sound, and there is still a lot of good sense to be relied upon, but it is quite possible that the march of progress will be halted or turned back.

Let us be more careful of our speech. Let us show our faith in our government by supporting it in all legitimate ways. Let us teach our children to render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and not to stab him in the back. Not otherwise, it seems to me, can we hope to build up a citizenship that will prove worthy of its heritage and its opportunity.—J. P. Womack.

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WAKE UP, ARKANSAS!

During Mr. Roosevelt's occupancy of the White House, many of us heard, perhaps for the first time, the phrase, "Conservation of natural resources." Most of us knew in a general way what the words meant, and in this spirit we applauded them. But only a few of us, however, went further than that and applied the force of a conservation policy to our own immediate and pressing problems. The result finds Arkansas today almost at the threshold of an industrial tragedy, which is apt to produce far reaching effects of a serious nature upon her commercial future. I refer to the alarming shortage of our timber supply and the immensely important problem and necessity of replenishing it.

The reasons for this shortage need hardly be mentioned. Sufficient it is to say that reckless cutting in days gone by without foresight, and in a sense of lavishness that indicated a never-ending supply of timber, is one of them. A prodigality of carelessness towards the ever present dangers of forest fires, is another. And the continued destruction of forests, without any thought of replanting, is still another. But tardy as we have been to recognize the pending consequences of this shortsighted policy, there is still left to us an opportunity to do something to prevent a cataclysm. But public sentiment must be immediately aroused, and the proper influences must be brought to bear on our legislators, to give us the same encouragement, and the same help, which have done so much to solve the same great problem in our neighboring States, most notably in Louisiana and Alabama. It is not reasonable to think that we shall be willing to remain in supine complacency and permit States about us to move forward while we stand still, or even go backwards.

There are endless economic reasons why we should fortify our present timber supply and prevent further unnecessary waste of it. There is no question that the lumber industry in Arkansas has added greatly to her prosperity, and that the ratio of increase or decrease of this industry, in the future, will effect the welfare of the State in the same proportion.

The land area of Arkansas is roughly 33,000,000 acres. Of this acreage only 27 per cent is termed as "improved." During the ten years, between 1910 and 1920, the population of Arkansas increased about 11 per cent, but during that period the farm land area increased only 40,500 acres. In other words, it is clear that the farmers of the State are not turning her soil into crop cultivation as fast as it is necessary in order to keep pace with the increase of her population. The plain inference from this is that other means should be found for the use of her vast uncultivated area, and for the maintenance of her material prosperity. The question, of course, arises as to what may be done. In this connection, I quote what one of the country's most eminent forest engineers says, after careful and prolonged investigation in Arkansas:

"It is a fact, concurred in by most informed people, that conditions

found in Arkansas are ideal for rapid growth of timber, and somewhat superior to most other Southern States. Certain highly prized hardwoods can be grown to merchantability from seed in less than fifty years, while good pine can be produced under proper care in thirty years.

"This State possesses a combination of assets of really tremendous importance in her forest areas and her growing conditions. If timber production can be fostered in a sound manner, these forests will yield sufficiently to keep this State among the leaders of wood producers for all time to come."

The Chief Forester of the United States has stated that, in his opinion the requirements of timber products, in the South alone, will be greater than the production of those products by the South within ten years, which, of course, means that we shall have to import from other parts of the country such products for our use at self-evident increases in cost.

The farmers of Arkansas who naturally make up the largest part of our population, and who will prosper or suffer in proportion to the degree of productivity of their land, are loath to understand or develop the earning capacity of timber growth upon their land. But, in order to maintain progressive prosperity, it is important that they should do both. If our forests are permitted to be cut without replenishment, an alarming depression after our present large lumber industry ceases to exist, is quite apt to occur, and remain until some other use of our waste acreage is discovered and stimulated.

However, there is a brighter side to this problem, and helpful examples may be borrowed for our own use from several other States in the Union, where successful programs of timber conservation and reforestation have recently been introduced. First and foremost, a distinct and influential public sentiment had to be aroused in these States, before any success was attained, which aided materially toward the enactment of the necessary laws. A tax remission or tax revision has been applied directly as the most effective aid to the replenishment of depleted forests. It is this mode of helpfulness which most of the States that have attempted to solve the problem, have used. It is this method which has been used for many years so successfully in Europe.

This principle of deferred taxation simply means the collection of either merely a nominal property tax for certain specified periods during regrowth, or, what is more common, the entire remission of such taxes on acreage that is being reforested, subject to appropriate regulations. In Alabama and Louisiana, reforestation has actually commenced in this fashion, and then landowners and commonwealth alike are safeguarded by actual contracts in force for a specified term of years, according to legislative enactment.

Along with this principle of deferred taxes goes almost an equally important and necessary provision, for fire protection to growing forests. Arkansas, at present, is woefully behind all other States in the protection she gives, or rather does not give, to her forests. She now has not even a State Fire Warden, and, of course, no organized machinery to administer even the simplest principles of fire prevention.

There is much to be done in Arkansas, even in order to start the foundation of reforestation. Public sentiment must be built; those who represent us in the Legislature must be made to tackle this enormously important task, sympathetically, tolerantly, enthusiastically, and as quickly as possible. There is no time to be lost. Forest products enter into almost every one of our economic agencies. Even American standards of living have developed upon timber supplies because they have been so abundant and so cheap. But the rate of timber consumption in the United States, including loss by fire, and other destructive factors, according to the reports of the Forest Service, is

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GIVE THE BEST YOU HAVE.

"There are loyal hearts, there are spirits brave,
There are souls that are pure and true;
Then give to the world the best you have
And the best will come back to you."

— Anon.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs W. R. Richardson, the wife of Rev. Dr. Richardson pastor at For-dyce, is ill at St. Vincent's Infirmary in Little Rock. She is greatly beloved throughout Methodism and many friends are united in the hope that her suffering may be alleviated and her health restored. Her cheerfulness enheartens her family and friends who are deeply concerned about her. Her courage is of God.

To the out-of-town friends in attendance for the Training School of Religious Workers in L. R. who expressed appreciation for our W. M. S. department, we would express heartfelt thanks.

The days pass quickly, and the weekly call for "copy" comes with amazing rapidity, but it is a pleasure to us, the Publicity Supts. and the Editor, to serve our women who not only commend, but are ready to co-operate in making this department worth while.

Working together, our efforts shall not be without some help to W. M. S.

OFF TO FLORIDA.

Our Missionary Council to be entertained by Hyde Park M. E. Church, South, in Tampa, Florida, April 9-16, is eagerly anticipated.

So great is the interest throughout the Church, we are even hoping there may be 250 persons in attendance—the number required to insure return rates at a reduction on all railroads.

Aside from the allurements of Florida with her groves of golden fruit fragrant and faultless flowers, mysterious everglades, sea breezes and sunny beaches, we are anxious to see the mission work established by our women there for foreign peoples.

For many years our Wolff Settlement in Thor City, a part of the city of Tampa, valued at \$15,000, has done a blessed work among the Cubans employed in the cigar factories.

Very near that settlement is our Urban Bird Clinic which serves the Cuban and Italian population of Thor City—thousands being treated each year. The Rosa Valdes Settlement in West Tampa, also has Mothers Club, a kindergarten and day nursery. This plant is valued at \$38,000. Our Ruth Hargrove Settlement is smaller, but employs three workers, and is in a population of Cuban people estimated as ranging from ten to fifteen thousand. We have there a night school and a well equipped playground.

Years ago the L. R. Conf. Woman's Home Mission Society raised the money to pay for a room in this school and we named it in honor of Mrs. S.

nearly four times greater than our timber growth of the country. Here in Arkansas, with huge areas of unused land at our disposal, much of which cannot be successfully developed agriculturally, may be reforested according to reliable investigators, as well, if not better, than any other State in the country, and it would seem almost the height of stupidity and shortsightedness, and even a lapse of patriotic duty to our State, if we do not attack the problem immediately, and make every effort to solve it intelligently.—Joseph R. Hamlen, Pres. Ark. Forestry Ass'n in Arkansas Banker.

H. Thompson, one of our generous, great-hearted women who served as Conf.-Treasurer a long time.

The delegates from Arkansas are Mesdames S. G. Smith, Preston Hatcher, R. A. Dowdy, C. F. Elza and W. H. Pemberton.

The program for the Council meeting is full and far-reaching, embracing a wide scope of subjects for deliberation.

Our hope is that each one of our delegation will favor us with letters about this meeting that shall be as "apples of gold in pictures of silver" for the enjoyment of readers of Arkansas Methodists. And may we not ask our co-laborers to pray daily that the presence of the Holy Spirit may be manifest throughout the Council?—Virginia C. Pemberton.

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PARTIAL REPORT OF EX. COM. OF BATESVILLE FIRST CHURCH.

The Executive Committees of the W. M. S. of the First Methodist church held a very satisfactory meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Neill.

The work was discussed and reports compared which showed a year of progress.

The Society only lacked five credit points (having half of the membership present at each meeting) of attaining 100 per cent.

A Society is standard when it attains to the Roll of Honor of the Conference by making 85 credit points—as per Standard of Excellence provided by the Woman's Missionary Council.

This Standard is provided in order that each society may follow, as nearly as possible the same program of work, thereby making the work uniform and possible for each society to complete during the year a full and complete program of work.

The Society during 1923 attained the following requirements which entitles us to an extra honor roll, viz:

- (1) An Honor Roll.
- (2) 10 per cent increase in membership and money.
- (3) All four departments organized.
- (4) A new organization.

The young people with Mrs. O. J. T. Johnson as Supt. reported a membership of 14 members. They remitted to the conference Treasurer the sum of \$32.00 and spent in social service \$50.00.

Mrs. G. C. Ball, Supt. of Juniors reports an increase of nearly half in membership and the following work done, viz:

Pledge paid in full \$20.00.
Week of Prayer offering \$2.80;
membership dues (60c per capita) \$26.10.

Mission Study Book, "The Wonder-land of India," completed.

Social Service Committee work—Five scrap books made for children in hospital; Flowers and visits to sick, and large box of clothing given to United Charities, each child contributing a garment, valued at \$40.00.

The Adult Society was fortunate indeed in having an instructor and Supt. of Bible and Mission Study, Mrs. Tolleson.

We completed during the year "The church and the Community," and half of the Bible study "Life and Letters of St. Paul."—Mrs. I. N. Barnett, Pres., Mrs. W. H. Hardy, Secretary.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.
Mrs. Geo. Hughes, Dist. Sec. writes: "I have not been able to visit the auxiliaries much during the quarter, as the weather and roads have been so bad, but I am going to itinerate some this next quarter. Have one new society at Poyen with ten members, and Friendship is revived with 15 members."

PARK AVE. AUXILIARY.
Mrs. W. Lewis, Cor. Sec., reports a good beginning for the year by Park Ave. Auxiliary, Hot Springs, with 12 members, 5 subscribers to Missionary Voice, Missionary Study and Bible Classes. Dues and contributions to Relief, Bennett and Scarritt funds have been paid, and \$42.65 spent on local work.

COTTON PLANT AUXILIARY.
Since the beginning of the year our Society has increased four members. Unfortunately by removals we have lost three.

Watch night was observed in the church and installation of officers for 1924 was a part of the program. The first meeting was observed as "Rally Meeting." About thirty members were present. Our new pastor was with us and gave an interesting talk urging us to co-operate in the building of a parsonage and in the home mission work. Our pledge was decided on and placed at \$100.00, different members pledging a definite amount. A program for the year's work was arranged, meetings to be held twice monthly—first meeting, Voice lesson and business. Second meeting Bible Study.

We have organized a mission study class of about twenty members to study "The Child and America's future."—Mrs Anna Brown, Supt. Pub. and Study.

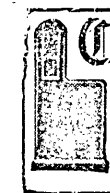
ATTENTION AUXILIARIES!
The Belle H. Bennett Prayer League opens the way for a most gracious service; it is destined to construct a mighty power-line. Many who sit near, and continually wait in the presence of our Lord, need only to be given the opportunity to enlist as Remembrancers who will daily take us and our interests to the Lord in Prayer, for refreshing, for enlightening and for strengthening.
Should there be an auxiliary not having received notice from the District Secretary, it is likely that the letter has been waylaid, and so, in order that no more time be lost, committees should be appointed to find the disabled ones, and visit them and secure their names, addresses, the hours they set for prayer, together with their favorite Scripture; make a copy of this and send to the District Secretary who will forward it to the Prayer Leader, for the Conference.

Thanking all for their kindly assistance in this work, I am
Most sincerely,
Mrs. A. H. DuLaney.

OSCEOLA.
On Monday afternoon, March 31, Circle A of the Missionary Society entertained with a social at the home of Mrs. A. S. Rogers. Though the day was stormy and snowflakes were falling, the reception rooms were filled with a merry crowd of women. The meeting was opened with prayer, which was followed by music and contests—all delightfully informal. Dainty refreshments served by the ladies of Circle A.

On each fifth Monday we have a social, the circles taking turns in entertaining. All the ladies of the church are invited and cars are provided for those who live at a distance. We all enjoy these get-together meetings.

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quarter and feel that we are going to have a great years work under the leadership of our faithful president, Mrs. S. M. Hodges.—Mrs. Guy Murphy, Supt. Pub.

HENDERSON CHURCH AUXILIARY
Mrs. Wallace, Cor. Sec. reports four new members for W. M. S. auxiliary of Henderson Church Little Rock, which now numbers 16. These good women have a Bible Class in which all are enrolled, also a Social Service Committee for this quarter. They have sent \$12.00 to Conf. Treas., spent \$37.14 locally and Conf. Supplies valued at \$17.00. They are at work with earnest purpose.

RISON.
Mrs. T. K. Hawkins, Cor. Sec. of Rison Auxiliary reports three new members for first quarter making 19 workers with 9 subscribers to the Missionary Voice. There are 18 members in their Mission Study, and 29 in the Bible Class, also a Social Service Com. at work. \$31.90 has been sent the Conf. Treas. and \$198.18 raised for local work. This auxiliary is to be commended for its fine work.

N. ARK. CONF. W. M. S. Vilonia.
We have a splendid auxiliary with Mrs. H. H. Welch as President, Mrs. H. G. Moore, Corresponding Secretary and Mrs. A. B. Rogers, Treasurer. We have eighteen members enrolled and seven take the Missionary Voice. I am working for more and hope to be able to have a larger number next quarter.

We have Bible and Missionary Study Classes with eighteen members. Have no Young People and Children's Societies as yet. We are doing some local work and have sent one box of supplies this quarter valued at \$16.30; have also sent a quilt to the Orphanage. We are hoping to do greater things this year than ever. Our members are faithful and loyal.—Mrs. R. T. Montgomery, V. P.

SOCIAL SERVICE URGED.
1. That we use our influence to secure Christian men and women as teachers, on school boards and as heads of public institutions.
2. That we unite with women of other churches and organizations in all movements for community betterment.
3. That every auxiliary, in communities where there are negroes, shall have an inter-racial committee helping to organize negro women into church aid societies which include civic and home improvements.
4. That each auxiliary study its community, needs, co-operate with officials in law enforcement and at all times call attention to the responsibility and privilege of the ballot and urge its use.
5. That we study our state laws concerning child labor, and that we work with other agencies for the passage of such laws as may be necessary to fulfill the standard set by the National Child Labor Committee.—Mrs. S. G. Smith, Supt. Social Service N. Ark. Conf.

VALUABLE BOOKLETS FOR THE ASKING.
Mrs. J. W. Rogers, of Lake Village, sends us an interesting letter in which she says:
"I can not refrain from passing on the information that I got hold of as the leader of the Social Service program for our March meeting. The question was asked about The Shepard-Towner Act. I could not learn that it had been endorsed by the General Assembly of Arkansas, but I found that we were not getting any help in this Country so wrote Hon. O. C. Burnside our Representative and he turned my letter to Dr. C. W. Garrison State Health Officer. I found that the State Board of Health Bureau of Child Hygiene is the designated agency to administer this Act. They sent me the "Arkansas Family Series" which is published by this Bureau for the benefit of expectant mothers and mothers of the State.

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1,000 STUDY CLUB.
Membership cards have been issued to the following people during the week beginning March 31: Mrs. J. D. Barksdale, Mrs. Bessie Carpenter, Miss Mary Fuller, Rev. J. M. Fryar, Dr. Hugh Garrett.—H. E. Wheeler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY PROGRAMS
The following is a list of the schools ordering Sunday School Day Programs during the week of March 31.

Oak Valley, Gassville, Paris, Adona, Abbott, Bird's View, Providence, Cato, Madden Chapel, Friendship, Oppelo, Mt. Pleasant, Mt. Hebron, Sonora, Zion, Brightwater, Oakley Chapel, Dodson Avenue E. Van Buren, Knoxville, Bonanza, Shiloh, Yarboro, Huntington Avenue, Monette, Shady Grove, Cummings Chapel, Bard, Biggers, Peach Orchard, Higginson, Cotton Plant.—H. E. Wheeler.

THE HELENA TRAINING SCHOOL.
The Helena School closed its second session last Friday night. A few pupils from Elaine, Marvel and other Sunday Schools were enrolled but most of the pupils were from the Helena and West Helena Sunday Schools. Out of a total of 83 enrolled 52 took credit and there are applications for 4 office credits.

Courses in Beginner, Primary and Junior Organization, The Methodist Church and Its Work, and Old Testament Bible were offered. The faculty was composed of Mrs. E. J. Briggs of San Antonio, Texas, Mrs. Byron Harwell, and Mrs. R. H. Lewelling of North Arkansas, Dr. Thomas B. Mather of Sikeston, Missouri, and the writer. The splendid work done is a reflection of the interest of that princely and untiring Sunday School Superintendent, Mr. Henry P. Anderson. His school lacks only a few points of qualifying for a Standard Seal and all of his elementary departments are nearing the same goal on their elementary standards.

Dr. Watson and his people are to be congratulated in having a Sunday School that in some respects is leading all the schools in our Conference.—H. E. Wheeler.

These are sent out on request. They are wonderful, and the very ones that need them most are in the Rural Districts. Our doctors here have promised to give a list to our Social Service Committee. One of them said: "Had two mothers I waited on read these booklets last year they might be living today."

I thought perhaps you could call attention through the Methodist telling the Social Service Superintendent to write for the "Arkansas Family Series," asking their doctors to read and pass on them because I am sure every doctor will be glad for the mothers to have them. They seem to be just what young mothers have always needed."

WE ARE SORRY THEY'VE LOST A FRIEND.

In the death of J. A. Presson, State Supervisor of Negro Schools, our colored people have lost a good friend. It was in his heart to help the negroes and his official duties were performed with ability and sympathetic understanding. A Southern man of culture and a devout Christian, Mr. Presson's influence shall not pass away. Our State suffers a loss, and we hope a worthy successor to Mr. Presson may be speedily found that the better understanding between white and black people of Arkansas may go steadily on.—V. C. P.

APPROVED INSTRUCTORS FOR JUNIOR SCHOOLS.

We publish this week a full list of those persons whom the Conference Sunday School Board has approved for teaching in Junior School. This list should be preserved by all pastors, Superintendents and District Workers.

It is only a "first list" as others will be added as the work grows and applications can be considered.

It is to be noted that nothing is stated about units approved for teaching. The Board agreed to leave this matter unbound so that a school engaging a teacher can select one who can handle the particular unit desired in a satisfactory way.

Every District should see that all Junior Schools are on the calendar now.

Batesville District: Mrs. J. E. Snell, C. D. Metcalf, Maud Marvin Lindsey, J. T. Wilcoxon Mrs. L. E. Conklin, J. L. Claud, Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, B. R. Williams, R. E. L. Bearden, W. A. Lindsey, J. W. Johnston, Dove Erwin, F. A. Lark, Mrs. F. A. Lark, Ruth Wyatt, Fay Milburn, Bethel Copp, Bernice Harrison, Grace Lackey, Bascomb Bassett, Lula Metcalf, Wela Jer-nigan.

Booneville District: C. W. Lester, W. J. Faust, J. A. Reynolds, J. B. Stewart, R. T. Cribb, E. H. Hook, Mrs. C. I. Evans, E. E. Stevenson, Mrs. R. L. Whittam, B. L. Wilford, Mrs. B. L. Wilford, Mrs. C. O. Moore, Mrs. L. A. Hodges, Mrs. C. C. Graves, Miss Nell Cockran, Mrs. J. A. Reynolds, Prof. A. E. Pearson, Louis Harton, Prof. B. J. Berryman.

Conway District: Prof. C. C. Denay, Prof. H. G. Moore, Edward Forrest, Charles Franklin, William B. Hays, J. M. Fryar, Miss Sue Flippin, R. E. Womack, C. J. Greene, Prof. H. A. Woodward, D. D. McBrien, G. C. Johnson.

Fayetteville District: A. J. Brumley, Mrs. A. J. Brumley, J. W. Crichtlow, Lester Weaver, E. T. Wayland, J. A. Womack, H. L. Wade, J. L. Bond, Mrs. E. F. Ellis, H. A. Stroup.

Fort Smith District: F. M. Tolle-son, Sam Yancey, Mrs. Sam Yancey, Mrs. Bessie Carpenter, R. H. Lewelling Mrs. R. H. Lewelling, and others to be added.

Helena District: William Sherman, W. V. Womack, R. R. Hamilton, W. L. Oliver, B. C. Few, G. W. Pyles, L. B. Wiggins, T. H. Wright, C. W. Johnston, Prof. R. E. Davis, W. C. Watson, H. E. Pfost.

Paragould District: Allen D. Stewart, Mrs. J. A. Joseph, Louise Anderson, J. H. Harrison, L. E. Mann, Roy Black, George Burr, J. B. Evans, J. F. Glover, C. E. Gray, G. E. Patchell.

Jonesboro District: W. C. House, J. P. Womack, Mrs. Preston Hatcher, John T. Patton, Mrs. W. C. House, Rev. R. A. Teeter, Guy Murphy, Mrs. Guy Murphy, G. G. Davidson, Mrs. J. D. Barksdale, H. H. Haley, Raymond Cooper, Mrs. Ben Flannigan, Mrs. W. B. Flannigan.

DOES A SURVEY PAY?

The best answer is a case in question. The Springdale Sunday Schools have just completed a very thorough survey of the community under the direction of our efficient pastor, Rev. I. A. Brumley. Large community charts were prepared, and are being plotted for permanent use. On last Sunday there were over 1,000 people in Sunday School in this growing little city. In the Methodist Sunday School there were 249 present in the Methodist school, and the enrollment, which was only 140 in 1919 is now 334, exclusive of Home Department and Cradle Roll. A Sunday School

telegram was a unique invitation used sent out Saturday afternoon. This school is wide awake and working on the full program of the Church. They are after 300 Methodists who ought to be in Sunday School, and they will get them.—H. E. Wheeler.

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL.

We give below some of the interesting facts about the great Training School just held in Little Rock.

Total number enrolled (including auditors)	950
Total number working for credits	749
Total number of Certificates issued	519
Number of Presiding Elders enrolled	15
Number of preachers enrolled ..	102
Number of Preachers receiving credit	77
Number of Presiding Elders receiving credit	14
Number of Sunday Schools represented	105
Number of books sold	1,125

The above figures do not include the large number of people who came each night for the special message of the Bishop.—Clem Baker.

RECORD OF CERTIFICATES ISSUED BY CHURCHES IN THE LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL.

Winfield	67
First M. E. Church, South	49
Capitol View	48
Hunter	34
Asbury	33
Pulaski Heights	32
Highland	31
All Souls	24
First M. E.	18
First Church, N. L. R.	15
Henderson	8
Gardner Memorial	7
Tabernacle	6
Lonoke	6
Primrose	6
Twenty-Eighth Street	4
Keo	4
England	3
Mabelvale	3
Forest Park	3
Other Denominations	3
Unidentified by Churches	2
Others out of town (Little Rock Conference)	58
Out of Town (North Ark Conf.) ..	51
Total Credits Issued	515

CAPITOL VIEW WINS JAMES THOMAS LOVING CUP.

Capitol View won the James Thomas Loving Cup for the second time. Her per cent based on the Number of officers and teachers was 177. Hunter came second with a percentage of 126. Pulaski Heights and Highland each made a percentage of 100.—Clem Baker.

GOLD SEALS WON IN LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL.

The Little Rock School was noted for the number of people completing the work required for the Gold Seal Diplomas. We are sorry that we are not able to give a complete list of all those completing the work and will welcome any information that will enable us to give recognition in these columns to all others that completed the work at this time. We are sure of the following and congratulate them upon the high honor that comes to them:

Rev. R. W. McKay, D. D.—Pine Bluff, Ark.
 Mrs. A. R. Cooper,—Pine Bluff, Ark.
 Rev. S. T. Baugh—England, Ark.
 Mr. F. T. Fowler, First Church—Little Rock.
 Miss Beulah Smith, Winfield—Little Rock.
 Mrs. M. D. McClain, Winfield—Little Rock.
 Miss Lillian Peasley, Winfield—Little Rock.
 Miss Fay McCrae, Winfield—Little Rock.
 Mrs. James Thomas, Winfield—Little Rock.
 —Clem Baker.

SIDE LIGHTS ON THE LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL.

All sixteen of the Presiding Elders in Arkansas attended the school and fourteen of them received credit.

Dr. W. A. Smart had the largest class in the school. Dr. Smart has won a great big place in the hearts of Arkansas Methodists.

The Morning Conferences were all fine and well attended but the best of all was the Conference on Evangelism led by Brother Hammons on Wednesday morning.

Dr. Barclay had another great class of preachers from all over the state. Arkansas is justly proud of her own Standard Training School instructors. Two of the largest and most appreciative classes were taught by our own Dr. Goddard of Conway and Mrs. L. A. Smith of Gillette.

We were delighted at the presence of a large number of District Group Leaders. These men are doing the work and we expect to have them all in the school another year.

Dr. D. H. Colquette reports the sale of more than a thousand Sunday School books. This was a distinct contribution.

Rev. J. Q. Schisler and Miss Marie Parham both of the Central office in Nashville rendered valuable services in the morning conferences.

The Afternoon Devotional Services led by Dr. E. R. Steel reached high water mark and were the best attended of any school we have had.

Rev. C. M. Reves made an ideal Dean and Little Rock Methodism is proud of him.

Again we are under obligations to the W. M. S. for the splendid lunch served each afternoon. 1,500 lunches were served during the week.

LITTLE ROCK CONF. S. SCHOOLS SEND IN 62 ORDERS FOR S. S. DAY PROGRAMS THIS WEEK.

And still the preparation for Sunday School Day observance goes on with increased interest. 62 schools ordered programs since our last report. We are going to have the best observance this year in our history. Our goal is a \$6,000.00 offering and we will reach it. The following schools ordered programs during the week:

Monticello District: Warren, Selma, New Edinburg, Dumas, Magnolia, Montrose, Morrell.

Camden District: Philadelphia, Wesson, Magnolia, Rhodes' Chapel, Junction City, Missouri.

Arkadelphia District: Manchester, Oaklawn, New Salem, Okolona, Friendship, Bethlehem, Gum Springs, Mt. Vernon, Leola, Sparkman.

Texarkana District: Mann's Chapel, Fouke, Bradley, Vandervoort, Few Memorial, Harmony, Acorn, Liberty Hill, Silverina, Richmond, Genoa.

Prescott District: Ozan, Orchard View, New Salem, Sweet Home.

Pine Bluff District: Center, Union, Prosperity, Wesley Chapel, Shady Grove, Olivet, St. Charles, DeWitt, Sherrill, Gillette, Redfield, Faith.

Little Rock District: Mt. Tabor, England, Wesley's Chapel, Carlisle, Hickory Grove, Pulaski Heights, Providence, Concord, South Bend, Smyrna, Old Austin, Congo.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT LEADS THIS WEEK BUT ALL OTHER DISTRICTS ARE PUSHING HARD.

This week the Texarkana District noses out the Prescott District and takes the lead in preparation for Sunday School Day. It looks like Martin and Simmons are going after Charley this year, but you never can tell. Remember that that Prescott District crowd sleep with one eye open. They are to have their District group meetings next week and no telling what will happen. And the race is young and all the Elders and their forces are at work. I should not be surprised to see the Camden District do something great this year. Remember too that Dr. McKay is an "Old Timer" and one of the best Sunday School boosters in Arkansas. That Gold Seal he won

last week means that he is not asleep. Dr. Steel is having his District conference early and I suspect he is doing it to push Sunday School Day. Do not forget that he is out to take the Honors away from Brother Cummins this year. And please note what the Arkadelphia District did this week. Hundley does not intend to be left behind, and neither does Brother Parker and the Monticello District bunch. They are having a Training School at McGehee this week and Sunday School Day will get a boost. It is a merry race we are in and it is all for the Kingdom.—Clem Baker.

Standings By Districts.

Schools that have ordered programs.

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Pine Bluff District	24
Camden District	22
Monticello District	20

—Clem Baker.

McGEHEE TRAINING SCHOOL THIS WEEK.

The Delta Training School is being held at McGehee this week. The instructors are, S. R. Twitty, R. E. Fawcett, Mrs. L. A. Smith, Mrs. Byron Harwell, and Clem Baker. J. L. Dedman is Dean of the School. The Delta folks say they are going to make this the best school of all and they keep their word.—Clem Baker.

HERE IS THAT ANNOUNCEMENT READ IT.

At a conference held in Little Rock last week with representatives of the General Board of Missions, the General Sunday School Board, the Little Rock Conference Sunday School Board, the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions, the Presiding Elders and the bishops in charge of the Conference a plan was officially worked out whereby all Little Rock Conference Sunday Schools may hereafter direct all their Missionary offerings to what will be known as the "Fowler-King" Missionary Special. Under this plan our Sunday Schools through their Missionary offerings will support our own Mr. Fowler who will devote all his time to organizing new Methodist Schools and assisting needy ones in the Little Rock conference and at the same time have full support of Mr. King who has charge of the same type of work in China. The fund will be divided half and half between these two projects. Now is not this fine? Under this plan all our Little Rock Conference Sunday Schools will be supporting the same special. We have been praying for this thing to happen for three years. Now, let all Sunday Schools be ready for you will hear some big things about this right away. This is not a call for new money. It is simply a chance to direct our Sunday School Missionary offerings to one definite Home and Foreign Mission special. Many schools have already responded to the Fowler Special, and we know that all our schools will welcome this opportunity.—Clem Baker.

WARREN SUNDAY SCHOOL UP AND DOING.

An interesting letter from Superintendent D. L. Purkins at Warren gives the following fine information concerning his Sunday School:

The Men's Wesley Class with W. M. Brown as teacher has exceeded 75 in average attendance since the first of January. Kline McKay is rendering great service as Director of music in the Sunday School. The New Sunday School building will be completed and ready for occupancy by June 1st. All classes above the Juniors are to be organized at once. There were six "Star Classes" last Sunday: A splendid Missionary program is rendered each month: Brother Purkins gives all the credit for this fine school to his able assistants and the monthly meeting of his Worker's Council. We congratulate Brother Purkins and Rev. J. D. Baker, the happy pastor.—Clem Baker.

MAGNOLIA SCHOOL NEXT ON LIST.

This week we are in the midst of our Delta Training School at McGehee. After this the next Training School will be held at Magnolia the week of April 21-25. Then comes Mena, etc. Let's all remember the dates and make our Spring Series equal any previous year's record.—Clem Baker.

ELEMENTARY COUNCIL, N. ARK. CONFERENCE.

The annual session of the Elementary Council of the North Arkansas Conference was held at the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, in connection with the Leadership Training School. The morning hours were devoted to this work. Six of the nine Districts of this Conference were represented by District Elementary Superintendents. The Council was very fortunate in having Miss Marie Parham from the central office at Nashville to attend its meetings and lecture on the Elementary Standards. The new requirements for a C Standard District were also presented by Miss Parham. The following goals were adopted by the Council for 1924: One District to attain the B Standard; Eight districts to attain the C Standards.

Children's Week to be observed in one-hundred and twenty-two Sunday Schools.

A Key Woman for every Sunday School.

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Pennants will be awarded at the next annual meeting to the districts which attain the standard.—Mrs. Bessie Carpenter, Ele. Supt. N. Ark. Conf.

TO OUR ORGANIZED CLASSES.

We can pay no higher tribute to the founder of the Methodists than that which is bestowed through the agency of the Wesley Bible Class movement in our church. If ever the time should come when the Wesley Bible Class as an integral unit should be absorbed in the general church organization as only a part of the congregation, we may expect Methodism to lose its power. This is putting a great responsibility upon the Sunday School and upon the Organized Classes in the Sunday School, but I venture to make this assertion knowing that every one who finds himself as a working unit in a real, live, organized Class will understand that it is true. Those who are living beneath this privilege to serve through the agency of an Organized Class should heed the challenge and get in the front line with those classes who are making themselves a power in our churches and communities.

In order to do the best work each class must of necessity have a definite aim. At this particular time we are offering to the classes in the North Arkansas Conference one of the finest objectives possible, the Korean Special, or the A. K. Special as we term it. Rallying to the support of this, our own particular work, we give you an opportunity to take shares in it and appropriate your portion of that blessing which attends definite service for the Master. If you are ready for this task write to me at once and you may take your place in the vanguard. We will keep you informed through this paper of the progress, of our Conference in assuming this work of the A-K Special.—Mrs. J. A. Joseph, Paragould, Ark., Conference Supt. Wesley Bible Classes.

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HACKETT LEAGUE.

At our March Council meeting we made plans for raising our pledges. First we would have a box supper Friday evening March 14. We are going to give a pageant "When cross Roads Cross" sometime in the future. The League is studying "The Choice of a Career" with Mrs. A. B. Clark as teacher.

FORREST CITY LEAGUE.

We are having our Mission Study Class by using part of our devotional period, taking the first part for the regular service. Our study has created much interest since it started. We are holding our Council and business meetings monthly and are planning a spring drive to increase our membership. We have been keeping up our payments to the Africa Special.

AUGUSTA LEAGUE.

Augusta League is trying to be first of all the Leagues, as the letter "A" is first in the Alphabet.

We have organized both Junior and Intermediate Leagues and also a Mission Study Class which meets once a week. Our bank account is never exhausted because we are having sales, carnivals, pay-socials, pageants, special programs and our Leaguers never forget to pay their pledges promptly.

We have begun work on our League tennis court for this summer, which will keep us all together all the time. All our departments are doing splendid work, but we are on the look-out for ways of improvement.

PARKIN PICK-UPS.

Last week Mr. L. M. Frazier, president of the local League, resigned; and Mr. John O. Baker was put in his place. The new president is afire with zeal to make ours a noteworthy League. He immediately called a Worker's Council where the whole work of the League was discussed and several plans for the future were formulated. Among the latter are a ten percent of the membership to attend the District banquet, three-fourths of our quota to be paid to the Mt. Sequoyah building, a fair amount to be paid for African Special, observance of the league calendar, and a representative at the Galloway Assembly.

Recently we enjoyed a visit from Miss Lillian Nelms of Harrisburg, our District secretary. She easily opened up new vistas of League achievement to us.

We are getting ten copies of the Epworthian and everybody is enthused about this new venture into League paperdom.—The Tatler.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

Benton County League Union Formed.

The first meeting of the Benton County League Union met Sunday afternoon, March 30, at Centerton Community Church with over one-hundred representatives present.

An excellent program had been arranged by Miss Ruth Green, of the Centerton League. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Lester Weaver of Bentonville, Rev. W. J. LeRoy of Centerton, Rev. O. M. Campbell of Bentonville Circuit, Mr. Henderson of Rogers, Miss Margaret Miller of Bentonville and others.

A special feature of this meeting was a musical number by each League represented.

The following officers were elected: President, Miss Margaret Miller, Bentonville; Sec., Miss Ruth Green, Centerton; Treas., Miss Allum, Gravette; Era Agent, Mr. Beverly Rakes, Oakley Chapel.

The next meeting will be at Oakley

Chapel the first Sunday in May, and the June meeting will be held at Gravette.

The following Leagues answered to roll-call:

Centerton, Rogers, Oakley Chapel, Gravette and Bentonville.

Carroll County to Organize a League Union.

A two-day League Institute will be held at Berryville, Carroll County, April 5-6, for the purpose of forming a League Union for Carroll County. Every League in the County is expected to be present at this meeting, and every church will be represented. Several new Leagues plan to organize during this time. The District Secretary and Rev. Byron Harwell, President of North Ark. League, Conference will attend this meeting.

New Leagues are springing up all over Fayetteville District and old ones are taking on new life.—Mrs. Lester Weaver, Secretary.

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE ON EPWORTH ERA FOLLOW-UP, N. ARK. AND L. R. CONFERENCES.

At this meeting, which convened at 2:30 Monday afternoon at the Marion Hotel Little Rock, Arkansas, there were present; T. R. Wiggins, Chairman, representing the Circulation Department of the Publishing House; Rev. R. E. Nollner, assistant-general secretary; Neill Hart, L. R. Conf. Pres.; S. T. Baugh, L. R. Board Chairman; Miss Maud Marvin Lindsay, N. Ark. Conf. Era Agent, and Byron Harwell, N. Ark. Conf. President, who was appointed secretary of the meeting by Bro. Wiggins.

Standing, we were led in prayer by Brother Baugh. The purpose of the meeting was then explained by Mr. Wiggins, viz: The arranging of follow-up night for Epworth Era subscriptions. On motion by Harwell, May 4, was adopted as the date for observing Era Night in Chapters where the regular night was not observed.

The Conference Era Agent was authorized to write each of the delinquent Chapters, advising of this action. Mr. Wiggins agreed to send mailing list of Arkansas Era subscribers to each of the Conference Era Agents, and to send a supply of the Era Night literature to any League desiring to put on this program.

Mr. Wiggins stated that there is now a circulation of 37,500 Eras, and 15,000 Junior and Intermediate Epworthians, making a total of more than 50,000 Leaguers taking the League publications.

It was voted to send a copy of the above minutes to Miss McKay, the absent Era agent of the L. R. Conf., and also furnish a copy of the same for publication in the Methodist and Epworthian.—T. R. Wiggins, Chm.

GROUND FORMALLY BROKEN ON MT. SEQUOYAH.

Ground for the \$25,000 Epworth League Building on Mount Sequoyah was formally broken April 4 with an appropriate program. The contract for the stone work has been given and construction will begin immediately.

Bro. Nollner says that even the smallest towns in Oklahoma and Texas are enthusiastic about Mount Sequoyah and he predicts a great attendance at the Assembly August 11.—H. T.

HUTTIG.

Miss Bess McKay, our efficient Conference field secretary, was a pleasant and helpful visitor to the Huttig Leagues on last Tuesday evening.

Miss McKay is the right person in

CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE UNWISE ROBIN.

I thought I saw a sign of Spring!
A robin on a brown twig swing!

But no, his drooping wings, his feet,
Were stiffened with the cold and sleet.

Some winter-birds that live anear,
Told him, I think, that food was here.

How quick he saw the crumbs and grain;
He ate, and sought the woods again,

With a faint chirp as if to say,
"Thank you, I'll come another day!"

Now, weren't those other birdies nice
To coax him over snow and ice

That he might share their daily feast
While the cold winds and snow increased?

Sometimes a robin is not wise,
And does not seek the warmer skies.

the place she is filling. She has the personality, ability, experience and Christian spirit. Wish we had many more such Leaguers.

We are very weak Leaguers at Huttig, having only 12 Senior and 15 Junior members, but we hope to profit by Miss McKay's splendid talk and be strong for our Master and the League work.

It was indeed a pleasure to my husband and I to have Bess in our home. Bess and I have known each other for ten years and love each other as all cabinet officers do for we were each District secretaries for several years. Leaguers have a feeling for each other that we don't have for everyday friends. Wonder why?—Mrs. H. P. Rice.

DELIGHT.

We are beginning the third quarter since we re-organized our Junior League at Delight, Ark., Prescott District. Have more than 30 wide-awake boys and girls who delight in doing and telling their parts in the program, instead of reading them.—Mrs. C. A. Kizzia, Supt.

IT'S BECAUSE!

A woman's laconic reply to something about which she has formulated a definite opinion or to something to which she does not care to commit herself, is that striking couplet well known to ordinary men, "It's because."

You are concerned that the young people of your congregation stay for Church after the Epworth League service. The reason they leave may be because they are not given anything when they do stay.

You sometimes wonder why the young people of your congregation seem so distant and cold to you. It may be because you have forgotten to be interested in them and do things with them instead of for them, or better, get them to do things with you and for you.

You sometimes criticize the young people for being frivolous and so light-headed as you refer to the problems of the modern youth. It may be because you have forgotten how you were when you were young and the things you did and the more things you wanted to do and would have done if you had been given the chance.

You are deeply interested in their going as missionaries and becoming preachers. But you wonder why they seem soon to get disinterested and seem to forget the idea. It may be because you did not take it seriously any more than to speak about it from the pulpit, and because you never sought personal interviews to help mold the developing conviction.

Youth is not without his faults. He does all the things that are charged against him, but it may be because some one has not recognized that the program of the Church and Christian society should adapt itself to the needs of its youth.—Garfield Evans.

But if he's any sense at all,
That robin will fly South next fall.
—J. G. Carter in Zion's Herald

WHEN HERBERT FILLED THE WOOD BOX.

Herbert went reluctantly about gathering up wood and cobs. "O dear," he thought to himself, "if only I didn't always have so many chores to do! Seems as if the wood-box was always empty, though I know I fill it often enough."

Into the wood-box went the wood and cobs, and Herbert turned about to face his mother.

"Just another arm-load, please," said mother gently. "I want a fire all day to make apple butter."

"All right," answered Herbert with a brave little smile. But underneath the smile there were cross, complaining thoughts, such as these: "I hate chores, and I hate filling the wood-box. And when winter comes, there will be more chores, and, O dear, I wish I could have a new sled for next winter!"

Out to the wood-pile he ran, and soon another arm-load was picked up. But listen! what was this? A faint, far-away sound seemed to come from the wood-pile. Herbert dropped the wood and knelt down, peering cautiously about. Then suddenly he arose and clasped his hands. "Turkeys!" he exclaimed in gleeful tones. "The turkey hen had hid her nest away and hatched some baby turkeys."

As fast as he could he ran to the house.

"Oh, come see the surprise!" he shouted. "I've found a nest of baby turkeys!"

Mother looked up from the apple she was peeling. "I knew the turkeys were there all the time—ten of them," she said, smiling, "and I've kept the secret because I meant to give them to you as a surprise. If you wish, you may sell them later and use the money to buy a new coaster. What does my son say to that?"

"Oh, mother, you are so good!" said Herbert joyously.

"You see," mother went on, "I appreciate how good my boy is to fill the wood-box so often without grumbling."

For a moment Herbert's face flushed with shame. Then two little arms went tight about mother's neck. "Oh, mother," he cried, "I did grumble about filling the wood-box, not out loud so you could hear, but inside. But now on there is not going to be any grumbling of any kind, because I'll be too busy filling the wood-box and tending to the turkeys."—Word and Way.

GRANDMA WHITE'S BEAR.

Before the days of automobiles and when northern Michigan was still new, something happened where Grandma White lives, something unusual. Grandma White has told the story many times to the four little sisters, Vera, Charlotte, Genie, and Baby Ruth, and it never fails as she tells it to win their smiles.

It happened that one autumn day late in the afternoon a big boy was passing the farmhouse. He saw Grandma White in the yard. (She wasn't grandmother, though, to the four little sisters at that time.) The boy leaned over the fence to talk with Grandma White about wild raspberries. He said that if he thought he would be safe he would sleep out of doors that night. He had walked many miles before he had found a place where raspberries were plentiful, and he wished to pick both his big pails full of berries before he returned home.

"There is nothing to fear in this well-settled neighborhood," Grandma White said cheerfully.

"That is what I told mother," the boy replied. "I told her not to worry about me because I might camp out tonight. She thinks there are bears in these woods."

"Of course," Grandma White admitted, "when I was a little girl bears used to be common in this vicinity; but they are back in the deep woods

now. We haven't seen a bear around here for years."

The big boy thanked her and said, "That's what I told mother." Then he went swinging two big empty pails and whistling cheerfully.

When Grandma White was washing the dishes after supper she said, "I wish I had thought to invite that boy to come back to supper and sleep here tonight."

Later she went to the door for a look into the gathering twilight. The farmhouse is on a hilltop. Just as Grandma White had decided that the night would be warm and that the boy could camp out without feeling cold she noticed a shadow by the farmyard gate at the foot of the hill. A minute later she believed that she plainly saw Maud at the gate below. Maud was a colt.

After Grandma White went into the house and the lamps were lighted, she forgot about Maud until she heard an animal step up on the porch.

"That is a queer thing for Maud to do!" exclaimed Grandma White. "She must have opened the gate and walked up the hill, but I never knew her to climb the steps and come on the porch before."

Without stopping to think further, Grandma White opened the outside door and walked out on the dark porch to drive the colt away. The next minute she called: "Brother Isaac, bring a lamp quick! This isn't Maud! I believe it is—a bear!"

Brother Isaac instantly stepped to the door with a lighted lamp. Grandma White was just ready to back into the house when the light fell full upon a huge bear with bright and shining eyes.

Now it happened that Isaac was so startled by the sight of that bear that he forgot his sister. Instantly he slammed the door shut, leaving Grandma White outside with the bear.

Fortunately, the bear went down the steps faster than he came up, without offering to hug Grandma White or even to shake hands. That bear ran down the hill so fast that when Brother Isaac went looking after him with a gun a few minutes later he was nowhere to be found.

Grandma White didn't sleep well that night. She didn't blame Isaac shutting her outside with the bear, because she knew that of course he didn't intend to do such a careless thing. Grandma White didn't sleep because she couldn't forget that big boy camping out under the shining stars while a huge bear was out for a stroll.

The next morning Grandma White saw the boy coming while he was yet far from the farmhouse. When he came nearer she invited that boy into breakfast. He said he would be glad to come to breakfast, because he had been picking raspberries since the early dawn and had not taken time to eat a bite.

"I am in a hurry to get home," he explained.

"Well, I am so glad that you are safe and sound this morning that I can't tell you how thankful I am," Grandma White said when she helped the boy to more pancakes, "because a bear came to call on us last night."

"He called on me too," the boy remarked. "By hard work I had picked one of my two pails full of raspberries before dark. Then I wrapped up in my blanket and made myself comfortable for the night on a bed of pine boughs. I had put my pail of berries on a big stump before I made camp. I had scarcely closed my eyes when I

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

BISHOP HAY AT DERMOTT.

It was the pleasure of Dermott Methodists to have as their guests last Sunday evening and Monday our presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Parker, and our Bishop S. R. Hay. Bishop Hay preached in the evening of Sunday. The services for that hour were held at the Allied Theatre on account of the fact that our present quarters would not seat the people we expected to be there. We were not disappointed for when the hour for service came there was a great audience present. The Bishop preached a splendid sermon on the twenty-first verse of the seventh chapter of Matthew. It was a message of inspirational and evangelistic power. The people were delighted.

There were many folk here who have been members of the Methodist Church for years and had never heard nor seen a Methodist bishop and of course this was a great event in the life of our Church. It will be bearing fruit for years because Bishop Hay is the type of man who represents our church to advantage and gives our folks a favorable opinion of our episcopacy. He preached so that all the people knew what he was talking about, he kept them interested and he left something for them to think about. Then he is so unassuming and approachable that people are quickly drawn to him.

Monday morning he met our building committee and talked over our church building plans in a business-like way. He impressed the business men as being one of them and as representing an institution that does things in a business-like way.

We would all be glad to have him as our bishop when the assignments are made next month. We believe our territory needs this type of man to lead in its development.

At the Sunday evening service we were glad to have Brother Dickerson of Portland, Brother Mann of Tillar, Brother Dedman of McGehee and some of their people. There were also some from other towns near here, Jerome, Lake Village, Halley, Arkansas City.—E. Clifton Rule, P. C.

DERMOTT.

A part of the second year in this work has passed and I feel that the charge is entitled to a few words from me for the Methodist. On starting my work here I found a situation new in my short experience as a Methodist preacher. There was a new board of stewards to meet the new pastor and begin a new year. Not one of the old stewards had been reappointed and only one of the new board had ever served before. But they were ready for work and under the leadership of the chairman, G. R. Kirkpatrick, did a good year's work. This year G. A. Franklin was elected chairman and the work continues to go on in good fashion. Special credit for the work of the board is due to Mrs. Harvey Parnell and Mrs. J. T. Hoffman, members, who take care of the collecting. They remind me of Brother J. Y. Johnson of Columbus in their loyalty to the work for which they feel a responsibility. During the past year we had twenty-five additions by letter and thirty-one on profession of faith. Of the latter num-

heard an animal walking through the underbrush. Next thing I knew I saw a big bear walk up and lift down my pail of berries. The rascal ate every berry, pawful after pawful. Then he put the empty pail back on the stump and walked away.

"Of course I was glad the bear didn't offer to touch me, but I was mad enough about the berries. That is why I filled my pails early this morning and started for home."

The big boy said he was glad the bear called on Grandma White the way he did, because he had feared that his story wouldn't be believed. Then how they laughed before the big boy went on his way cheerfully!—Francis Margaret Fox, in The Continent.

ber twenty-one were adults. There were seventeen credits given in the teacher-training courses to members of this charge.

This year the work has started well. The congregations have been growing, there have been some additions to the church and the current expenses are being cared for as they fall due. We are making plans for Sunday School Day and Epworth League Anniversary Day. The total enrollment of the two Leagues is over one hundred. The Junior League, under the leadership of Mrs. C. G. Bullock and Mrs. H. Parnell, is an enthusiastic group of workers and has enjoyed a phenomenal development, reaching a total of fifty-one in attendance and having a regular attendance of thirty or more. The Senior League has put over a good financial program, has good attendance at devotional services and is a fine group of young people. The Woman's Missionary Society is one of the busiest groups of women I have ever seen. They never stop and they carry on every department of their work. In finances last year they paid the ordinary expense of the society and care of the property and in addition put over twelve-hundred dollars in the new church sinking fund. This year they have already raised close to five hundred dollars.

Our old church building burned on the afternoon of Sunday, March 16. It caught in the roof from a fire some distance away and spread so rapidly that there was no chance to save it. For a time it seemed impossible to save the parsonage. The wind was blowing the sparks and flame directly on it. But good work by the fire-fighters saved this part of our property. All our household goods were removed, however, and we have since been trying to get straightened up and at home.

Some insurance was carried and we are now making a campaign for funds on which to start a new building, and there is good hope that we will soon be at work on it. Our insurance was carried with the National Church Mutual.—E. Clifton Rule, P. C.

MEETING AT PETTIGREW.

Rev. A. H. DuLaney and I have had a very fine meeting with over 30 professions. We started a Methodist Church with 8 members. Brother DuLaney did the preaching and it was a fine work. Pettigrew is at the end of the St. Paul Branch of the Frisco R. R., and 42 miles from Fayetteville. This appointment will be added to the Fayetteville Circuit. Yesterday afternoon, after preaching, I started a new Sunday School at Dutton, Ark. The mountain country is a fine mission field. We need two young preachers to spend the summer with us, to hold revival meetings, make expenses, and learn to preach. Come! —O. H. Tucker, Fayetteville, Ark.

FROM THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

I have just returned from a very fine visit with Bro. Cooke, who was brought into the Conference with us here in the North Arkansas Conference, and am sure that his friends will be glad to know that he is doing so well.

He is now located at Mount Olive, N. C. He has a great people with whom to work, and few young men are spending themselves more unsparsingly, and few enjoy greater esteem among their people than does Bro. Cooke. He is exceedingly popular with his people.

Bro. Cooke leads his District at present, in Centenary collections. He means to put over the "Forgotten Man Fund." He has a membership of 745, and receives a salary of \$2,100.

We had a great meeting with Bro. Cooke this trip. Many things were accomplished for the advancement of the Kingdom, 102 conversions and reclamations were had, with 47 additions to our church.—Norris Greer, Jonesboro, Ark.

GARDNER MEMORIAL.

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dard, doing the preaching. The weather was very unfavorable. The raining, snowing and the very cold weather made it almost impossible to do what we had hoped for. We had made our survey and found about 100 unidentified Methodists within our parish and a multitude of unsaved people that ought to be reached by our church. Our Evangelistic committee began work at once. We were hopeful that the weather would fair up so that we could continue our meeting, but we had to close after 10 days of faithful service given us by Dr. Goddard. We are continuing the work begun in our meeting and will keep it up till Easter. There were 10 accessions by certificate and one on profession by faith. I think Dr. Goddard is one of the safest and sanest men I ever worked with. His sermons are evangelistic and at the same time constructive. He can hold a revival meeting, do personal work, pastoral visiting, organize his forces, and keep them at work and write a book all at the same time. The great-

est of all is his fine Christian spirit. There were 23 enrolled for the "Training School" in Little Rock. Nine took credits.

Sunday was a fine day with us. In five minutes at the close of the morning sermon we subscribed \$5.00 more than our amount for the first year for Superannuate Endowment Fund.—Edward Forrest, P. C.

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Thank you, Brother Bruce, for this splendid club. We are glad to enter the names of your loyal members at Cave City and Cushman.—J. C. G.

THE PERSONNEL OF ELM SPRING CHURCH.

One of its most unique characters was Aunt Betsey Sanders, daughter of Rev. Jacob Pearson. She was a large woman with an oval face and always wore spectacles. She, like Stephen, was full of faith and the Holy Ghost. Her risibles were easily reached and never was a meeting held that Aunt Betsey did not shout. Sometimes when her emotions began to be stirred she would quietly remove her spectacles and with her face shining as Stephen's shone she would shout the praises of God, and with coherent, sensible words exhort sinners to repent. Often her actions were criticized as if she were acting a premeditated part, but her critics were silenced when she died, as she had lived, with praise on her lips. If she had lived in Christ's day she would have been with the multitude that met him on the road from Olivet to Jerusalem and with an olive branch in her hand she would have vigorously waved it and shouted, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!" Dear old soul, how happy she must have been when she joined the great company in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah, the Lord omnipotent reigneth! Let us be glad and rejoice in him!"

Dr. Glover was another original character whose influence for good was felt in and out of the church. He was an eccentric man. No stranger could hear him pray without being amazed and amused. His prayers did not run true to any form. They were not stereotyped. They were characteristic of himself. No other man could or would have delivered them, but they came from his heart and were honest and true. When men became accustomed to his manner they were influential and powerful. He was at his best in a camp-meeting. Day and night, as long as there was a penitent at the altar, he was there. Precious old man! We knew where to find him. No place will get him but the shouting ranks of the redeemed.

The history of Elm Springs church cannot be written without giving some space to Billy Carlisle. He was a man of fine appearance, possessed of some property, and better educated than most men in the community. He owned a beautiful home near the church and was a class-leader for years. It has been said, "High temper is the vice of saints." Billy had the temper and when exhorted to control it he could truthfully respond, "Bad as it is, I control more temper now than most men have." When excited he often had severe spells of palpitation of the heart and nothing seemed to relieve him but whiskey. Uncharitable men, at such times, said, "He has the spells to get whiskey." Despite of it all Billy battled on living a clean life. He was a princely man, a fine entertainer and his hospitality abounded. His Christian life was a warfare, but it was not fruitless. His son, Stuart Carlisle, made a great preacher in the M. E. Church.

Cynthia Downum was a widow, not possessed of much of this world's goods, but she believed that

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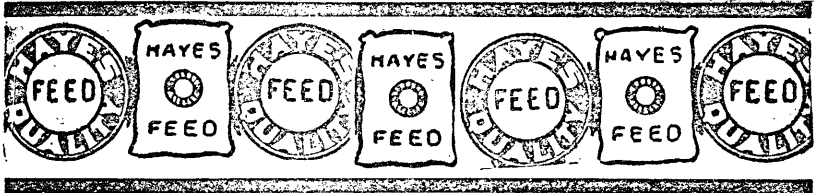
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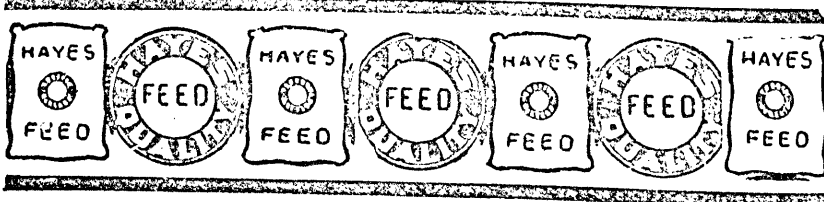
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God, who cares for the flowers and birds cared for her. She would walk miles to church and enter into the services enthusiastically. When happy, she would get upon a pew and, like the man whose ankle bones had been strengthened, she leaped in praising God. Fastidious people might call her actions indecorous, but those who knew her best said, "It is all right; she lives as high as she leaps." She was closely related to the family out of which came Brother Downum, our talented pastor at Lincoln, Ark.

My father and mother were for many years members of this church. Perhaps it does not become me to speak of their worth. Their house was the preacher's house, and such men as Rev. J. A. Anderson will some day do that. When my mother was told that she must die, her answer was, "I have been ready for thirty years." My father simply went to sleep in Jesus in whom he had real faith.

The prayer-meeting was a power in this old church fifty years ago. On Dr. Steel's suggestion Aunt Betsey Sanders or some other good woman would lead the women to a grove for a prayer-meeting, while Riley Ritter or some other good man would take the men in an opposite direction for the same purpose. One afternoon both sections received a pentecostal blessing. As the women were coming into the church they were met in an old field by the men. All were happy, praising God. It was a scene for angels to behold with pleasure. The writer never can forget it and would gladly go far to enter into another such experience. It may be said that they were simple rustic people; and such they were; but they were also a believing, praying, singing, shouting people. They did not know there was such a thing as "Higher Criticism," nor did they know that any

man had ever called in question Luke's account of the miraculous conception of Jesus. They read the Bible simply to find the way to Jesus. They found it and were glad. They believed that "The pure in heart should see God," and "They that do his will shall know of the doctrine whether it be of God."

It is doubtful if in the history of Methodism in this whole country another rural church has been so fruitful. Her sons are preaching the gospel today in home and foreign lands. It is to be hoped that some competent writer will see to it that this church gets a permanent place in the history of Arkansas Methodism.—B. H. Greathouse, Rhea, Ark.

A VISIT TO EUDORA.

I had the pleasure on Sunday, Mar. 30, of spending the time with Rev. J. J. Mellard at Eudora, Ark. I had a delightful time during my stay with him and his good family. I held two services in his beautiful brick church, and at the close of the evening service we had a regular revival move. Every one came forward and gave their hands as Christians. Brother Mellard is doing a fine work in Eudora. His beautiful brick church is well equipped with Sunday School rooms and for his Leagues. He has both the Senior and Junior Leagues, and both are well attended. He also has very interesting prayer-meeting, with an attendance of from 40 to 50. He has increased his membership since he has been there to 70, and had an increase in his salary of \$750. Brother Mellard is greatly loved by his people. He is an untiring worker, always on the job. He has had several bright conversions while on his visiting tours in the private homes. In the afternoon he took me in his nice car and we toured over the beautiful asphalt highway to Lake Providence a distance of 30 miles. I never saw more beautiful lakes any where in the State than Lake Chicot, and Lake Providence. Thousands of people go to these places regularly for an outing and fishing. Their waters are as clear as crystal and the beautiful Bermuda grass forms a regular mat covering all the banks. Eudora is located on the Mo. P. Railroad 103 miles south of Pine Bluff, and is the highest point in the county, about 150 feet.

Lake Providence is at an altitude of 115 feet above sea level, and is a nice little town located about a quarter of mile from the Mississippi River, 133 miles from Pine Bluff. We enjoyed the sweet breeze along these lakes while driving. These lakes lie all along this nice highway. I never traveled over more beautiful roads any where. Only 23 miles are unfinished between Pine Bluff and the Louisiana line which is a distance of 14 miles before reaching Lake Providence. From there to Monroe, La., it is a graveled road.

One of these beautiful lakes is one mile wide and 18 miles long. The scenery is simply delightful to behold all along the highway. Brother Mellard, on Monday afternoon took me via Lake Village and Halley to Dermott, which is a beautifully located town on the Mo. P. Railroad. The Mo. P. Company has fine services in and out of McGehee and Dermott, and these other towns which I have mentioned. This great highway runs almost parallel with the Mo. P. to Monroe, La. But Eudora has the finest and the best equipped brick building for their churches I ever saw in any town of its size. The Presbyterian Church is an honor to any ordinary city of 50,000 population. It has all of the modern conveniences for Sunday School and other departments for worship. It must have cost at least \$40,000. And the Baptists have under construction a beautiful up-to-date brick church which will, when completed cost \$25,000. But our church is not one whit behind any of them for beauty. Eudora has many up-to-date residences and a fine ice plant, and electric light and water plant, two large gins, a large saw mill, oil station, and several very large hardware, dry goods and grocery stores.

It is located about 6 miles from the Mississippi River, and has a very fine up-to-date two story brick school building, and fine core of teachers. No preacher's home can make a fellow feel more welcome than Brother Mellard and his noble wife. His oldest daughter is in College now preparing for the foreign field, and his noble son James is studying for the ministry. Brother and Sister Mellard are very happy to know that they have reared their children in the way that the Lord can use them. I shall ever remember them and their good family. My first acquaintance with them was 14 years ago when I was just starting as lay preacher and I assisted him in a meeting at Center Point.

I went via Little Rock and Pine Bluff, and I found the connections over the Missouri Pacific first class. I came back over the St. Louis, Southwestern Railroad to Stamps and made fine connections without any delay anywhere.

My prayers for Brother and Sister Mellard have ever been for a successful ministry.—J. A. Hall.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT KEO.

I want to tell of some of the great things that are being accomplished in our little town of Keo, through one of the greatest workers we have ever had. Nearly two years ago Miss Mary Chandler came to our little town and voluntarily gave her service for the uplifting and upbuilding of our town and God's Kingdom in every way possible. She can put her whole life and soul into every thing that is good. When she first came she canvassed this town and got the names of all the Christians and non-Christians every church goer and non-church goer, reorganized our Sunday School into the graded school. When we had only two or three Bibles in S. S. now she has nearly fifty new Bibles and the old ones brought out and the dust rubbed off. She is teaching a successful daily Bible class among the young people and a married ladies' Bible class every Sunday afternoon.

Miss Mary is one of the best S. S. superintendents we have ever had. She never tires. Gets up early, goes over to the church every Sunday morning making all the fires, having the church warm by S. S. hour. She has a well prepared program, with extra Bible work, beginning on time and closing on time to the minute. All the teachers and pupils are getting down to deep Bible study. Her motto is: "Build up the Sunday School on God's Word."

We have a good attendance. Every department is included, from the cradle roll up to Home Department. She has met with great discouragements, and her sacrifices have been many, but she never falters. This is from one who has been a member of this S. S. for several years, and appreciates what is being done by Miss Mary Chandler and prays that God will bless and help her in His good works.—A Friend.

"THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS."

There is no finer or more meaningful word in our holy religion than fellowship, yet few understand its meaning and still fewer know its blessed experience. First may we say that fellowship is not the mere membership in a common organization with persons of a kindred mind. None can resolve or wish himself into a state of fellowship. We all know that in many of our churches there is little real fellowship. We do not know each other and not knowing we have no concern and there is no Christian care or brotherliness for each other. Here are common grounds of agreement or rather of interest before there can be any real fellowship.

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cause stirs their hearts and in working with a common purpose they come to know and love each other. In knowing and loving, they sacrifice, suffer and die, if need be. The strength of the labor movement and many other movements of the masses is in the experiences of common sufferings, hardships and feelings of injustices they endure. They thus stand together and share the common lot and make provision for each other in need.

The fellowship of the early church had its strength through what was endured for Christ's sake. The absence of the spirit of sacrifice from our service in Christ's name today deprives us of his glory and blessing. The high days of power and victorious service in Christ's name are consequently unknown. Is not this the weakness of the church today?

Should the church come to grips with the world there might be a return of this grace and blessedness in Christian fellowship that would make the church mighty in battle and effectual in Christian service.

Every community that has entered into conflict with the liquor traffic or lawless elements of society learned the secret of fellowship. And there came to every active worker the sense of a finer Christian sentiment and faith in relation to his fellows and their common interest.

Is it not also true that in many of our smaller struggling churches there is more real fellowship than in the large and so-called flourishing churches? Here again the element of suffering and sacrifice enters in to unite the people in a common cause and experience. Much of our church life today is so cheap, it is valueless. It is not the investments of money in elegant church houses and their upkeep that contributes most to Christian fellowship, but the cost in sacrifice and suffering service.

To bring back to the church this spirit of true Christian fellowship that is the inspiration and strength of our service, we must learn to live together. In the early church all things were had in common and they were with one accord in "gladness and singleness of heart." Divisions and strife vanish before such a spirit and when conflicts of interest arise there is always a way of adjustment.

There is much mere theorizing about the church today as to what is really the matter with the people, and we ask why so little is accomplished and with so much effort and then only after an effort to awaken interest and organize the people.

If there was sincere fellowship the question would never be asked. There would be no lagging behind and none would be apathetic and through indifference out of the ranks. To make our work effectual and to tone up the spiritual life of our churches we must bring back these fine experiences and tender relations of Christian fellowship that are so heartening and full of inspiration.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

COLLEGES TEACH RIGHT RACIAL ATTITUDES.

Eighteen professors from thirteen of the big white colleges and universities of Texas met at Austin, Texas, some days ago to lay plans for promoting the study of race relations in the higher educational institutions of the State. It was found that such courses are now being given in a number of Texas colleges, and that they are popular with the students, well attended and gratifying in their results. These educators recommended that such courses be introduced if possible into all the colleges of the state, and that graduate students be encouraged to undertake special research in this field. A standing committee was appointed to promote these objects and to formulate a general program for such study. Steps were taken also to have the subject brought to the attention of the next State Teachers' Meeting.

This meeting was called by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, in connection with its effort to

have the study of race relations introduced into all the colleges of the South. A meeting of educators from the Southeast is held annually at Blue Ridge, N. C., in the interest of this plan. Race relations classes are already being conducted in many of the big institutions, sometimes in voluntary groups, sometimes as part of the regular college curriculum.

SHOULD A YOUNG LADY SMOKE, CURSE, OR DRINK?

(This paper was read at the mid-week meeting of First Church, Helena, Ark.)

I don't know of a subject that to me is more repulsive or a subject taken collectively or singularly that covers as many ugly features. To ask a Christian mother of a daughter such a question is like exploding a bombshell right in the region of her heart.

But the good people of our land cannot evade this issue. They cannot get away from the fact that such terrible habits are becoming prevalent among the young womanhood of today, and the pity and shame of it is that society is looking on with approval, allowing these ruinous habits to become a custom—a custom that is robbing womanhood of the crowning glory of purity of heart, purity of mind and purity of soul.

The young woman who smokes, curses or drinks has fallen from the high pedestal on which God placed her.

In the beginning God saw that it was not good for man to be alone so made woman, not of the dust as he did man, but of one of man's ribs, so she in the making, was twice purified by the hands of God. He made her to be man's companion and inspiration; but the woman who smokes, curses or drinks cannot inspire man to higher and nobler ideals, for in so doing she comes down on a level footing with man and her influence ceases to be a power for good. Social custom has made it permissible for man to smoke, curse or drink, but in the sight of God is he any better than the woman who does the same thing? God did not make any distinction when he gave Moses the Third Commandment, "Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain." He did not mean woman only, for God is no respecter of persons. God made no special reference to woman when he said, "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, for at the last it biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder." Then can it be possible that these young women whom our daily papers and magazines are so justly criticizing possess as their heritage the weakness of smoking, cursing or drinking fathers? Can it be possible that the sins of the fathers are being visited upon the daughters? Statistics show us in plain figures that the number of intemperate fathers far exceeds the number of intemperate mothers. Therefore there should be one standard of morals for both man and woman to be judged by, to live by and to rear children by.

The Church, the school and the home are the dominant character-builders in a girl's life, but the church and school has each failed to produce the highest type of trained womanhood and the home has not yet come into its golden age. They cannot fulfill their missions with such strong outside influences enveloping the minds of the young people of today.

A large proportion of our current literature reveals an attitude of rebellion against those moral standards and teachings of the Bible which uphold purity, modesty and gentleness as the true requisites of Christian womanhood.

A large majority of the moving picture shows and theatrical performances through which our young women seek recreation and amusement are inexpressibly vile.

The summer swimming pools where there is no restriction as to mode of dressing or conduct, is a detriment to any group of young women.

The modern dances with their wild

jazzy sensual music are doing their part toward leading the young women from the home altar.

The schools of our land have provided a failure in doing their part to produce the highest type of womanhood; and the high school graduate of today lacks the thoroughness of the high-school graduate of a decade or two ago. There is too much diversion, too much play and too little work. Many of our schools have gone athletic-crazy. Aesthetic dancing, for the purpose of beautifying the body, has supplanted Bible training for the beautifying of the soul, and there seems to be a gradual elimination of all Christian training from the public schools. The young women of today, who are the future mothers of the nation, are facing a rushing tide of immorality and many of their mothers seem to see no cause for placing any restraint on their social activities. A late edition of a certain magazine says in an article on this subject: "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."

This is a horrible situation when we realize the purity of womanhood is at stake. It is a mighty challenge to the Christian men and women of today to find the key to the situation. Christ tells us without Him we can do nothing. Then let us pray, as Solomon did, for God to give us wisdom and knowledge which will enable us to combat the mighty forces of wickedness that are destroying all the finer sensibilities of the young woman who is so weak that she does not look for higher and more beautiful things in life than smoking, cursing and drinking.—Mrs. J. A. Looney.

TOBACCO, INEFFICIENCY, DEGENERACY.

Will H. Brown.

Newspaper dispatches from Washington, D. C., state that the amount spent for tobacco in the United States for 1923 was \$3,090,000,000. This is more than \$1,000,000,000 more than was spent for admission to movies and theaters, for imported silks, for candy and sweets, jewelry, face powder, lipsticks, perfumes, imported diamonds and precious stones, all combined.

The further statement is made that the tobacco bill of the United States for 1923 would pay the entire ordinary operating expenses of the Government for the next fiscal year, according to the new budget estimates. It has been well known for some time that the tobacco bill is far in excess of the total cost and valuation of the entire public school system of America.

But great as is the cost in money, it is small in comparison with the cost in mental, moral and physical efficiency. The lack of care and thought on the part of many workers in many lines is a matter of common comment. A man who stated he had been a yardmaster for the last thirty-five years, wrote to one of the well known financial writers for the Hearst papers, saying: "There are only a few good men left in all the great railroad terminals."

The increase in crime and immorality, which is one of the alarming conditions now faced in this country, keeps pace with the increase in the use of tobacco. One prominent judge says he regrets to see a girl smoking, for he considers a cigarette in the mouth of a girl as the brand of the prostitute. Tens of thousands of women and girls are now smoking. We must remember, however, that tobacco is no more demoralizing for one sex than the other. What is nicotine for the goose is nicotine for the gander.

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has been lost to view as a result of the great hubbub that followed the Teapot Dome disclosures. The measure is far reaching and is most important, for Congress at last has realized that this country, probably the world's richest in the matter of timber, now faces the danger of timber depletion.

We have been so rich in timber that we have paid little attention to the rapidity with which our supply has been used, but lumber men have known the danger for several years and have been insistent in calling it to the attention of lawmakers. Now the lawmakers realize that the timber problem is one that affects the welfare of the people of this country in many ways and among these is the effect upon our standards of living.

The Special Senate Committee proposes a forest policy that will comprise among other things extension of public forest ownership; removal of the risks and handicaps from private timber growing in order to give the greatest possible incentive to commercial reforestation; state and municipal forests, administered with a view to the continuous production of timber; completion of the federal purchases of forest land for protecting the watersheds of navigable streams; expansion of federal purchases to invade portions of the cut-over or denuded areas in the regions where the principal bodies of such lands occur and legislation to enable the president to incorporate in national forests unreserved public lands which are suitable for the production of timber, and portions of military, naval and other reservations which are available for the same purpose.

It is good that Congress has taken up so seriously the matter of reforestation. The states should help by passing laws that will dovetail with the federal law. Perhaps one of the first laws to be passed by the states should be one giving adequate protection against forest fires. Some states have laws of this kind. We do not protect the forests in Arkansas and therefore we can not expect private owners of timber lands to undertake reforestation because they can get no insurance for their investment.

At present 98 per cent of the rural homes in the United States and from 59 to 90 per cent of the city and town homes are made of wood and there is of course an enormous industrial use of timber. The demand is greater than the supply, or at least we are using up the stock more rapidly than we are replacing it.—Arkansas Gazette.

THE AIM OF A UNIVERSITY

In speaking to students recently President Ernest DeWitt Burton, of the University of Chicago, said:

"The aim of a university is four-fold: discovery by research; dissemination by teaching and publication; training for service; and development of personalities, men and women capable of large participation in life and large contribution to life.

"It is personalities that give character to the University. If a university has only men on its faculty, it will be a small university. If a university has mediocre men on its faculty, it will be a mediocre university.

"Let me cite four men—Harper, Henderson, Michelson, Brewster—two who have been here in previous years, two who are still here. It is such personalities as these that have determined the character of the University of Chicago."—Bulletin.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Leola (Hunter's) April 12-13, Conf. 2:30, Sat.
Malvern Sta. April 13, Service 7 p. m., Conf. Wed. 10, 7 p. m.
Traskwood (Hickory Grove) April 19-20, Conf. 2:30 p. m., Sat.
Malvern Ct. April 20, Conf. 3:30 p. m.
Benton Sta. April 27, 11 a. m., Conf. Apr. 29, 7 p. m.
Oaklawn (Lonsdale) April 27, Conf. 4

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p. m., preaching 7 p. m.
Princeton Ct. (Macedonia) May 3-4, Conf. 2:30 p. m.
Arkadelphia District Conference (Carthage) May 10-12.
Carthage & Tulip (Tulip) May 12, 3:30 p. m.
Hot Springs Ct. (Bethlehem) May 17-18, Conf. 18, 2 p. m.
Pearcey Ct. (Pearcey) May 24-25, Conf. Sat., 2:30 p. m.
Park Ave. May 25, 7 p. m.
Lono Ct. (Manning) May 31-June 1, Conf. 2:30 p. m., Sat.
Pastors please carry Quarterly Conference Journals to District Conf. for examination. This Quarter is dedicated to the "Forgotten Man."—L. E. N. Hundley, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Wiseman Ct., April 10-11.
Elmo-Oil Trough, April 12-13.
Salado-Rosie, April 13-14.
Umsted Memorial, April 16.
Newport, April 17.
Strangers' Home Ct., April 19-20.
Swifton-Albia, April 20-21.
Pleasant Plains Ct., April 24-25.
Batesville, First Ch., April 27-28.
Sulphur, Rock-Moorefield, April 29.
Charlotte Ct., May 3-4.
Tuckerman Ct., May 4-5.
Tuckerman, May 6.
The District Conference will convene at 2 o'clock April 1, at Mountain Home, and will run through the 2nd and 3rd.—W. A. Lindsey, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Magazine at Magazine, Apr. 12-13.
Booneville, April 13-14.
Scranton and New Blaine, at New Blaine, April 19-20.
Paris, April 20-21.
Prairie View and McKendree, at McKendree, April 26-27.
Walnut Tree Ct., at Egypt, May 3-4.
Danville, May 4-5.
Rover Ct., at Nimrod, May 10-11.
Plainview, May 11-12.
Ola Ct., at Adona, May 17-18.
Perry and Houston, at Perry, May 18-19.
Gravelly and Bluffton, at Gravelly, June 29-30.
District Conference at Prairie View March 11, 10 A. M. Will continue till work is done.—B. L. Wilford, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Stephens at Mt. Prospect Sat., Apr. 12-13, 7:30 p. m.
Buckner, Apr. 13, 11 a. m.
Camden Ct. at Buena Vista, Apr. 19-20.
Bearden, Apr. 20, 7:30 p. m.
Wesson, Apr. 26-27.
El Dorado, Apr. 27, 7:30 p. m.
El Dorado Ct., May 3-4.
Smackover, May 4, 7:30 p. m.
Chidester, May 10-11.
Eagle Mills, May 11.
A tentative announcement:—District Conference will convene at Waldo Tuesday morning, June 3 at nine o'clock.—J. W. Harrell, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Rosebud at Mt. Vernon, April 12-13.
Naylor and Oakland at Oakland, April 13, p. m.
Quitman, April 19-20, New Hope.
Morganton, April 26-27, Pine Mountain.
Greenbrier, May 3-4, Friendship.
Jacksonville and Cato, at Bethel, May 10-11.
Cabot, at Austin, May 11-12.
Beebe Ct., May 17-18, Floyd.
Beebe, May 18, p. m.
Conway, May 28.—W. B. Hays, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Lincoln Ct., at Morrow, April 12-13.
Elm Springs at Thornberry, April 19-20.
Viney Grove at Rhea, April 26-27.
Prairie Grove, April 27 at 7:30.
Pea Ridge at Brightwater, May 3-4.
Eureka Springs, May 4, at 7:30.
Osage Ct., at Friendship, May 10-11.
Green Forest, May 11, at 7:30.
Alpena Ct., at Coin, May 17-18.
Berryville, May 18, at 7:30.
Winslow at Greenland, May 25, at 11 a. m., and 7:30 p. m.
Rogers, May 25, at 7:30.
Bentonville Ct., at New Home, May 31 and June 1.
Centerton, June 1, at 7:30.
Farmington Ct., May 7-8.
Fayetteville, May 8, at 7:30.
District Conference at Prairie Grove April 29 beginning at 7:30 Tuesday evening and continuing until business is finished.—J. A. Womack, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Lavaca, at Oak Grove, 11 a. m., Apr. 13, Conf. 1:30 p. m.
Charleston, 7:30, Apr. 13, Conf. after sermon.
Ozark, at Gar Creek, 11 a. m., Apr. 20, Conf. 3:00 Sat. before.
Cecil, at Grand Prairie, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 20, Conf. after sermon.
Clarksville Sta., 11 a. m., Apr. 27, Conf. Sat. before.
Hartman and Coal Hill, at Coal Hill, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 27, Conf. 3:00 p. m.
—F. M. Tolleson, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Turner Circuit at Turner, Apr. 12-13.
West Helena, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 13.
Marianna, First Church, April 20.
Hughes-Hulbert at Hughes, 7:30 p. m., April 20.
Lexa-Haynes, at LaGrange, April 27.
Elaine Circuit, at Wabash, 2:30 p. m., April 27.
Crawfordsville, May 4.
Earle, 7:30 p. m., May 4.
Brinkley, May 11.
Hunter Circuit, 7:30 p. m., May 11.
Clarendon, May 18.
—William Sherman, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Tyronza, at Gilmore, 11:00 a. m., Apr. 13.
Marion, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 13.
Brookland, at New Haven, 11:00 a. m., Apr. 20.
Lepanto, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 23.
Bay, 11:00 a. m., Apr. 27.
Trumann, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 27.
Fisher and Hickory Ridge, May 4.
Manila, at Dell, 11:00 a. m., May 11.
St. Johns, at Minirth Chapel, 3:00 p.

m., May 11.
Leachville, 7:30 p. m., May 11.
Lake City, at Black Oak, 11:00 a. m., May 18.
Monette at Monette, 7:30 p. m., May 18.
District Conference at Monette, May 19-21. Opening sermon 7:30 p. m., May 9.—W. C. House, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Austin Circuit, Concord, 11 a. m., April 12.
Lonoke, 7:30 p. m., April 13.
Carlisle Ct., Zion, 11 a. m., April 19.
Carlisle Sta., 7:30 p. m., April 20.
Pulaski Heights, 11 a. m., April 27.
28th St., 7:30 p. m., April 27.
Maumelle and Oak Hill, Oak Hill, 11 a. m., May 3.
Hunter, 7:30 p. m., May 4.
First Ch., 11 a. m., May 11.
Henderson St., 7:30 p. m., May 11.
Hazen and Devalls Bluff, 11 a. m., May 18.
Forest Park, 7:30 p. m., May 18.
Winfield, 11 a. m., May 25.
Asbury, 7:30 p. m., May 25.
Mabelvale, 11 a. m., June 1.
Highland, 7:30 p. m., June 1.
Little Rock Dist. Conf., England, Apr. 8-9. Opening sermon Monday, 7:30 p. m., Rev. W. C. Scott. We are expecting to have Bishop Hay with us during our Dist. Conf.—E. R. Steel, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Arkansas City, Apr. 13, 11 a. m.
Dermott, Apr. 13, 7 p. m.
Monticello Ct., at Cominto, Apr. 20, 11 a. m.
Wilmar Sta., Apr. 20, 7 p. m.
Ingalls Ct., at Jersey, Apr. 26-27.
Southern Camps, Apr. 27, 7 p. m.
New Edinburg Ct., at New Edinburg, May 3-4.
Warren Sta., May 4, 7 p. m.
Mt. Pleasant Ct., at Selma and Mt. Taber, May 10-11.
Fountain Ct., at Ladelle, May 17-18.
The District Conference will be held at Wilmar, May 27-29, opening sermon will be preached Tuesday night, May 27, by the Rev. A. B. Barry of Wilmoit.—J. A. Parker, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Ash Flat, Apr. 12-13.
Black Rock and Portia, Apr. 13.
Pocahontas Ct., Apr. 19-20.
Biggers and Success, Apr. 20.
Smithville, Apr. 26-27.
Imboden, Apr. 27.
St. Francis, May 3-4.
Piggott, May 4.
Salem, May 10-11.
Mammoth Spring, May 11.
Gainsville, May 17-18.
Marmaduke, May 18.
Hoxie, May 25, a. m.
Pocahontas, May 25, p. m.
Maynard, May 26.
Walnut Ridge Ct., May 31-June 1.
Walnut Ridge, June 1.
Sedgwick, June 2.
District Conference will meet at Mam-

moth Spring, 7:30 p. m., May 13.
Rev. Luther E. Mann will preach the opening sermon at that hour, and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered. At nine o'clock the next morning the Conference will organize for business, and will continue its session as long as may be necessary. Committee to examine all candidates for the ministry will be Revs. J. F. Glover, W. E. Hall and C. E. Gray.—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Bayoumeto and Little Prairie, April 12-13.
Gillett Sta., April 13, p. m.
Rison, April 20.
Roe, April 26-27.
St. Charles Ct., May 3-4.
DeWitt, May 4, p. m.
Swan Lake, May 11.
Stuttgart, May 18.
Humphrey, May 25.
—R. W. McKay, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Washington-Ozan, at St. Paul, Apr. 13, 3 p. m.
Delight Ct. at Antoine, Apr. 19-20.
Amity-Womble, at Womble, Apr. 20, 3 p. m.
Murfreesboro, Apr. 27, 3 p. m.
Blevins at Friendship, May 3-4.
Mt. Ida-Oden at Oden, May 11, 3 p. m.
Prescott, May 16, 8 p. m.
Hope, May 18, 3 p. m.
—J. H. Cummins, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Winthrop and Gillham Ct., at Winthrop, April 12-13, Conf. Sat. 10 a. m.
Foreman, April 13, at night.
Sat 2 p. m.
Egger Ct., at Waters, April 19-20, Conf. Mena, April 24.
Hatfield Ct., at Cove, April 27, 11 a. m.
Conf. 2 p. m.
DeQueen, April 27, at night.
Ashdown, May 2.
College Hill, May 4, 11 a. m., Conf. 2 p. m.
Fairview, May 4, at night.
First Church, May 5.
District Conference at College Hill, Texarkana, May 6, 7, 8. Opening sermon, Tuesday night. Delegates to be elected this round.—J. F. Simmons, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Gregory & McClelland, at McClelland, Apr. 12-13.
Kensett, Apr. 20.
McCrory, Apr. 26-27.
Augusta, Apr. 27-28.
Scotland Ct., at Mt. Home, May 3-4.
Clinton & Shirley, at Shirley, May 4-5.
Valley Springs, May 9.
Bellefonte Ct., at Valley View, May 10-11.
Harrison, May 11-12.
District Conference at Valley Springs, May 7-9.—Jefferson Sherman, P. E.

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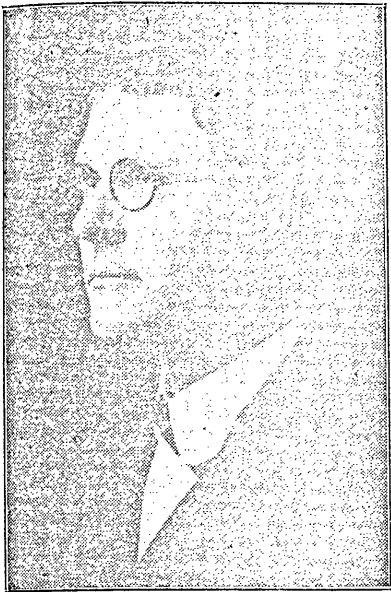
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Rev. H. O. Balin, Conway.
Rev. S. R. Twitty, DeWitt.
Rev. J. W. Mann, Tiffar.
Rev. J. L. Roland, Conway.
Rev. A. J. Christie, Bauxite.

There are doubtless other names that should appear on this list. If so, please notify us. It is our desire to give credit to every one who has helped. Then, too, there are multiplied hundreds of choice laymembers who mailed their subscriptions personally. For which we thank them most heartily.—Associate Editor.

A SENSIBLE PROGRAM.

According to the Country Gentleman, the National Convention of the Grange, the oldest and largest national farm organization, has adopted the following program:

Ringed demand for thorough enforcement of prohibition laws.

Definite move for creating a national marketing system.

Strong declaration against any more daylight saving.

Opposed old-age pension system, or other doles or pensions.

Grange help pledged for cleaning up all agricultural fairs.

Opposed any attempt to revive the free-seed farce.

Demand clean-up of moving pictures and all participating in them.

Rejected proposal of government ownership of coal mines.

Favored rigid conservation of all natural resources.

Positive declarations on various phases of the immigration question.

Urged establishment of a Dairy Bureau at Washington, D. C.

Definite policy declared on Muscle Shoals situation.

Change demanded in present wheat-

tariff arrangement.

Advocated policy of hereafter allowing all nations to manage their own affairs.

Opposed opening more farm land by new reclamation projects.

Strongly pledged renewed fight for Truth-in-Fabrics law.

Favored using present government surplus to reduce taxes.

Strongly opposed government price-fixing and any form of sales tax.

Declared war on narcotics and urged strict government regulation.

Denounced obscene nature of some newspaper contents. Insisted on lower freight rates to help the farmers.

Urged the removal of war tax upon telephone toll messages.

Opposed issuing any more tax-exempt securities.

Promised to fight any further attempts to enact a ship-subsidy law.

Favored extending the scope of postal savings banks.

Favored a universal income tax.

Investigation ordered on possible benefits of hydro-electric power plants.

Favored cutting red tape on manufacture of industrial alcohol.

Definite educational policy outlined. Gasoline tax favored.

Postal service improvement suggested.

SAYING IT WITH FLOWERS.

Having dedicated his life to the raising of flowers for free distribution among the sick, the discouraged, and the friendless, A. H. Allen of Muskegon, Mich., largest producer of gladiolus in Western Michigan, has decided to extend his field of endeavor and invite all in the country who share his views to join with him in spreading cheer and happiness.

Mr. Allen has made the dissemination of gladness his life's work. And the flowers that he produces each season on an 11 acre farm near this city are the messengers that he sends forth to speak his language of love for mankind.

Fifteen years ago he became imbued with the idea of serving humanity and sought the best means of making the world better, brighter, and happier. Always a lover of flowers he decided to use them in his ministry of brotherly love.

Mr. Allen believes that every flowering plant was placed in the world by God to make humans better and happier because of their influence. He has 11 acres of soil devoted entirely to the culture of gladiolus and during the flowering season the tract is a riot of color.

Each day during the flowering season Mr. Allen cuts hundreds of blossoms, piles his automobile high with them, and drives into Muskegon. He stops at hospitals, homes of persons whom he knows are ill, public buildings, stores, jails and other places, and leaves his bouquets without charge. He is a familiar figure on Muskegon streets at that time of year.

"The sight of flowers is the greatest tonic for persons who are ill or discouraged that the world ever has produced," Mr. Allen said. "Many times I have had hospital patients tell me that the sight of my flowers had eased their pain. Men in jails often have told me that the flowers I left helped them to a better life. I believe that flowers truly are messengers from God, sent to beautify the world and lift us out of ourselves."

Recently Mr. Allen's work in behalf of humanity gained wide recognition throughout the country and inspired by the many messages of encouragement he has received from Christian people everywhere, he has decided to take into partnership with him in a great gladness spreading league all the men, women, and children the country over who desire to do their part toward beautifying the world. To that end he agrees to send at cost of producing, packing and mailing, two dozen of his gladiolus bulbs to any part of the United States or its possessions, providing the person obtaining them agrees to give one half of all the blossoms he produces to persons who are sick, dis-

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REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN,
Pastor First Methodist Church, Batesville.

couraged, or in trouble. Upon receipt of two dollars to cover the cost, Mr. Allen will send a choice collection of two-dozen giant gladiolus bulbs that ordinarily retail at from tree to five dollars a dozen.

"I would like to send free to every person in the country," Mr. Allen said, "but my limited means will not permit. I am willing, however, to send them at cost, thus donating my time to the cause of making the world better and happier."

Persons who order bulbs under this plan will receive them at once. No one will be sent bulbs who does not agree to give half the flowers produced to those who might be benefitted physically or spiritually.

GOOD ADVICE.

One of the most notable features of Methodist expansion in the United States in recent years has been the development of strong churches in Southern Florida among the resident and tourist population from the North. The Miami parish is the most conspicuous example. At its head is a great church, and associated with it are four other churches. The local budget exceeds \$40,000 annually, and the Centenary subscriptions have been large and fully paid.

Would it not show a better spirit of soul-felt unification and brotherliness for these Methodists from the North when they go to Florida to live to say to the Southern Methodists:

"We are one at heart, brethren, come on with us and we will build together a Methodist church under your organization here in the Florida Conference and show the world what real unification is."—Christian Advocate, New York.

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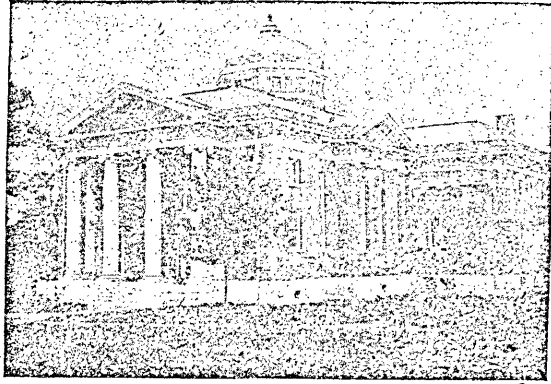


REV. J. E. SNELL,
Pastor Central Ave. Methodist Church
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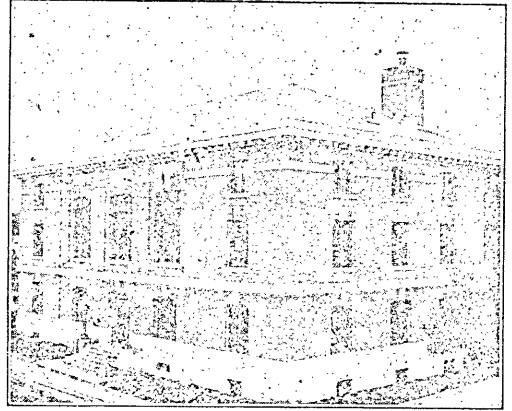
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\$100,000 Federal Court Building
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BATESVILLE



Has the largest High School in the State north of the Arkansas River.

Has the oldest Chartered College in the State.

Batesville Marble, finest known throughout the United States. Our State Capitol and other large buildings are made of it.

Batesville White Lime is acknowledged as the purest and best quality lime found in the United States.

Population, 6,000.

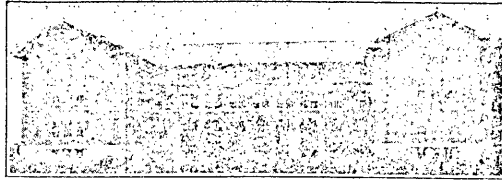
Pure Water—Municipal light and sewerage system.

Both the Masons and Odd Fellows have their State Orphan Homes in Batesville.

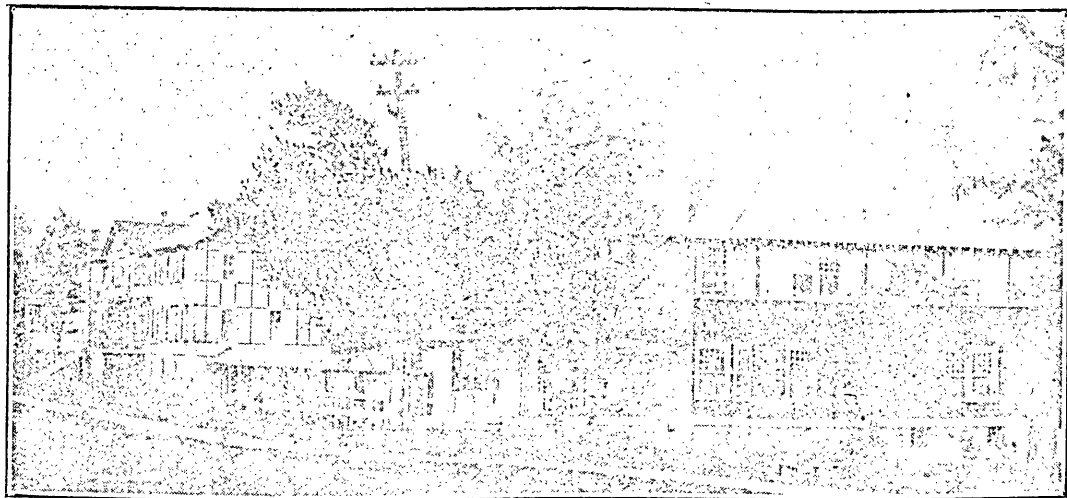
Largest town on the White River Division of the Missouri Pacific R. R. between Little Rock and Joplin, Mo.

Cheap Hydro-Electric power will be available for factories of all kinds on the completion of the Dixie Dam project which will soon be under construction.

Ideal place for homes—Above malaria district.

Independence Hall, Batesville, Ar-
kansas College

"Independence Hall," the new dormitory for boys at Arkansas College, Batesville, is so-called in honor of the citizens of Independence County who have given such loyal and generous support to the College. Their gifts of money, land and time made this new building on a new campus possible. Since its erection they have subscribed more than \$100,000 additional to Arkansas College. Independence Hall cost approximately \$100,000 and is one of the most beautiful and modern buildings of its kind in the South. When constructed only two floors were completed, with accommodations for about 75 men. Every room has been filled this scholastic year and the third floor with accommodations for about 50 more will be finished by September of this year.



Girls Dormitory, Arkansas College