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LEND ME YOUR SONGS.

Cora A. Matson Dolson.

Lend me your songs, dear home-winged birds,
And you, sweet minstrels on the way,
That I may set the notes to words,
And voice the joy of Easter Day!

A breath of flowers is in the land,
The waters have been loosed from thrall;
And, reaching out a welcoming hand,
The Risen Christ stands Lord of All!

WHO ARE TO BLAME?

When the Association against the Prohibition Amendment, a few months ago, announced a "Face the Facts Conference" to be held in Washington, D. C., the *Detroit Free Press*, which had frankly opposed prohibition before the 18th Amendment was adopted, came out with the following editorial comment: "The forecasts indicate that those who attend the conference will work from the general premise that prohibition has been and is a hopeless failure. There is no human likelihood that this preconceived verdict will be altered in any material way. Consequently it will be a waste of breath for the dregs or anybody else to argue this main point with those who are delegates to this gathering. But the question of the cause of the condition which the Association against the Prohibition Amendment asserts is a different matter. And if the members of that association are conscientious and really undertake to face all of the facts they cannot avoid asking how far they themselves are responsible for whatever failure prohibition enforcement has suffered, because they have persistently disobeyed the 18th Amendment and have tried to cripple the agencies for its enforcement. In short, how many members of the organization will go to Washington with clean hands?"

THE EASTER MESSAGE.

The Easter morn brings a message of gladness and of hope, but only to the believer. To his heart, but only to his, the resurrection tells of the conquest of death and the grave. Where faith has failed the day is like all other days—full of life's common conditions, but barren of heaven's transforming and triumphant contact.

It may as well be admitted that immortality has not been demonstrated by any merely mental process. There are aspirations within the soul itself that awaken hope. There are analogies in nature that seem to confirm the universal longing for immortality. There are conclusions favorable to the fact drawn from the universal belief in the continued existence of life beyond the grave, and somehow in all ages the individual has thought that he will live and maintain identity in the world beyond. But so far as scientific demonstration is concerned, it is impossible, because the conditions do not obtain by which exact and conclusive knowledge can be reached. When the soul sweeps out into the unseen, out into the spiritual realm, a region has been invaded into which neither the senses can reach nor the intellect explore. Hence we are absolutely shut up to faith for all our knowledge and our hope regarding this life to come.

It is true that certain scientists have given themselves to investigation of the phenomena of the spirit world, and have professedly received such evidences of continued existence in conscious identity of those whom we commonly speak of as dead as to satisfy themselves not only of life beyond the grave, but also of the possibility of communication with them. Of this group was Mr. William T. Stead, the famous Englishman who went down with the Titanic, and among them are Sir Oliver Lodge, and Dr. Hyslop, of Columbia University. Their evidence, however, will not satisfy the average mind, principally because the communications they profess to have received deal with such trivial things. One would suppose, if a spirit in the unseen world were to communicate with a friend here, that he would impart knowledge of considerable importance and value; but the content of such professed revelations as we have seen is so utterly worthless as to discourage a belief in the fact of communication.

We conclude that the fact of future life has never been scientifically demonstrated, and we think, in the nature of the case, it never will be. Its only demonstration is to faith, and only when faith has seized strong hold of the truth do its blessed inspirations and comforts fill and thrill the heart. It is, then, to faith that the message of the Easter morn comes, and only to faith. For all others the

THEN THE SAME DAY AT EVENING, BEING THE FIRST DAY OF THE WEEK, WHEN THE DOORS WERE SHUT WHERE THE DISCIPLES WERE ASSEMBLED FOR FEAR OF THE JEWS, CAME JESUS AND STOOD IN THE MIDST, AND SAITH UNTO THEM, PEACE BE UNTO YOU. AND WHEN HE HAD SAID, HE SHOWED UNTO THEM HIS HANDS AND HIS SIDE. THEN WERE THE DISCIPLES GLAD, WHEN THEY SAW THE LORD.—
John 20:19-20.

day dawns with no glorious light of hope, and when the twilight shadows lengthen in the path the soul that knows no faith faces the speedy coming of the night, dark in its uncertainty and its hopelessness.

Faith fixes its hope of immortality in a fact. There seems to have been no more completely authenticated fact in human history than the resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Prior to his death he predicted what would transpire and definitely promised his followers that he would reappear. After his burial he fulfilled the predictions and promises he had made. To individuals, to little groups, to larger companies he appeared and was recognized. By reason of this appearing, disciples, who had loved him and had been plunged into utter discouragement because of his death, were filled with courage and strength, and transformed in character. In the holding of this faith and its convincing proclamation the disciples of that earliest period found a source of power that enabled them to multiply converts until the growth of the early church, in spite of the fearful persecutions to which confession of allegiance subjected disciples, became the most amazing phenomenon of the history of that period.

Since these witnesses told a world that they had seen the risen Lord this faith has remained an unlost heritage of all succeeding generations. Since this blessed fact was preached in pentup Palestine believing men and women have carried the news about until in every continent and every clime may be found multitudes who cherish the faith as the dearest possession of their lives. In this twentieth century at this blessed Easter time multiplied millions will think back through the ages to the morn when Christ arose, and with glowing hearts will stand by Joseph's tomb where Christ made conquest forever of death, and with gratitude profound will praise God for him who hath brought life and immortality to light.

That Jesus lives today there can be no doubt in the mind of man. The effects of His abiding presence in life are too numerous and too conclusive for denial. Just what He promised before His departure has transpired; and the results are in exact harmony with what we know of the spirit and purpose of the man. Men are transformed in character through faith in the crucified and risen Lord; they are enriched in experience through conscious faith in and fellowship with this living Christ; through the indwelling of His Spirit, whose coming He pledged when He should have ascended, spiritual capacities are released and possibilities of influence and usefulness realized of which the natural man never dreamed before. Yes, Jesus lives today. He who promised "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," is with us now and will be always, and no argument of denial will avail to shake the faith of the man who has found conscious fellowship with the living Christ. He speaks and the ear of faith recognizes His voice; He greets us on the way and our hearts burn within us; He stands by our side in life's crises and weakness finds itself transformed to strength while the discouragement that paralyzes flees before the inspirations and hopes that issue in victory. He ministers to our weary, burdened, sorrowing hearts and in the midst of our afflictions we are found shouting songs of praise. Let many tongues tell this Easter time of the presence of the risen Lord that they who dwell in darkness and in doubt may know of that Presence—the Presence that heals and blesses and saves.

So far as the future is concerned the resurrection of Christ promises continued life. The manifestation of His power of conquest is the guarantee, for He made definite promise that He would share His triumph with His followers. The certi-

tude of our faith rests in His truth and power who has promised. As we bring our flowers to the graves of our friends it is sufficient for our faith to know that they sleep in Jesus. As we approach the inevitable hour we carry the glad consciousness that in Jesus there is life forevermore. "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die." What a glorious message is the message of the Easter time; the promise of victory now and victory forever. He who companies with the risen Christ is conqueror.—Selected.

BANKRUPT FARMERS.

The Department of Agriculture announces that over one million farmers have gone bankrupt in the last three years, and farm values have depreciated some \$13,000,000. In the wheat belt it is estimated that 108,000 farmers have lost their homes through foreclosure, 122,000 have lost without legal proceedings, and 375,000 are barely holding on and are likely to lose. Senator Ladd says that in South Dakota 40 per cent of all the farmers are bankrupt, in Colorado 42 per cent, in North Dakota 50 per cent, in Wyoming 51 per cent, in Montana 62 per cent, in Iowa, 24 per cent, and in Nebraska 32 per cent. In conversation recently with a man who knows the situation in the Corn Belt of Illinois, the richest farming country in the North, it was stated that a very large number of the farmers were bankrupt.

In the South the situation is not quite so bad, and yet many of our wealthy farmers have made nothing and may be forced into bankruptcy, and many of the small farmers are in debt and without credit. In the North the trouble is due largely to the low price of wheat and the high price of that which the farmer must buy. In the South the trouble originated in the fall in the price of cotton three years ago and has been intensified by the failure of the cotton crop in many vicinities.

The farmers of the Northwest are demanding legislation, but it is practically impossible to legislate to help them without working injustice to others. The farmers must be helped by the sympathetic co-operation of bankers and merchants, and by the introduction of diversification so that the farmer will always have food and feed and some crop that will bring cash. In the South, on account of our climate and variety of soils and products, we are better prepared for diversified farming than any other section. Let us study and work to change from our unsatisfactory system. We cannot prosper when farmers are suffering.

AN IMPORTANT ELECTION.

A few weeks before Dr. P. A. Baker died, he had tendered his resignation, and a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League of America had been called to convene in Indianapolis on April 9 to elect a general superintendent. On account of accumulation of work in the office I had not intended to attend, but a letter from Bishop Cannon and a telegram from Bishop Nicholson, president of the National League urging attendance of all directors, caused me to change my plans. Consequently on the morning of April 9, after a rather wearisome journey, I found myself in the meeting at Indianapolis.

There were 101 directors present, and they proved to be a body of alert, aggressive men deeply concerned to secure the best man available for this important position.

The devotional exercises of the morning session were conducted by Bishop Thomas Nicholson of the Methodist Episcopal Church, who read from the first chapter of Joshua and appropriately commented on it. Then under the affable presidency of Hon. L. B. Musgrove of Alabama, a memorial service in honor of Dr. Baker was held in which fitting resolutions and beautiful tributes were offered. Hon. U. S. Lesh, attorney general, welcomed the Board, and suggested the advisability of a flank movement to drive out obscene literature. Judge Richard Hopkins of Kansas responded.

The roll was called, and it became necessary to instruct the secretary in the proper pronunciation of Arkansas. A committee on nominations, consisting of one member from each State, was appointed. It was my privilege to serve on this committee. The committee nominated Dr. E. H.

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

Pine Bluff Dist. Conf. at Rison, Apr. 22-23.
Fayetteville Dist. Conf., at Prairie Grove, Apr. 29.
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Searcy Dist. Conf. at Valley Spgs., May 7-9.
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Helena Dist. Conf., at Wynne, May 13-16.
Jonesboro Dist. Conf., at Monette, May 19.
Camden District Conf. at Waldo, May 20-22.
Prescott Dist. Conf., at Emmet, May 22-25.
Monticello Dist. Conf. at Wilmar, May 27-29.
Henderson-Brown Commencement, June 3.
Y. P. M. S. Conf., at Arkadelphia, June 9-14.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Are you praying for the revival in your church?

What are you doing to help your pastor in the work of the church?

Doing the little things uncommonly well is the surest route to big things.—Youth's Companion.

The Conway News recently had a very complimentary editorial concerning the success and progress of Hendrix College.

The circulation contest is ended. If you have not sent in a list of renewals and new subscribers, it will be greatly appreciated now.

In the April Homiletic Review is an excellent article by Bishop F. J. McConnell on "Science and Religion: Reconciliation through Cooperation."

Leading business men of the city of Marseilles, France, are making definite plans to raise one million francs for an adequate Y. M. C. A. building.

It is startling to read in "The Receding Tree of Democracy" in the April Atlantic Monthly of setbacks that democracy has suffered in many countries.

Rev. R. H. Bamburg, formerly of Little Rock Conference, now of Junction City, Oregon, sends announcement of the marriage of his daughter, Grace Lee, to Mr. R. M. Frank on April 1.

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity at Southern Methodist University will erect a \$17,000 building on the campus this year. The architecture will harmonize with the other campus buildings.

Men must be at least touched by culture, swayed by morality and dominated by religion if they are to handle helpfully the weapons which science puts into their hands.—Indianapolis News.

The Methodist Reporter is the latest church bulletin. It is published by Rev. Floyd G. Villines for his people on Tyronza charge. It is full of interesting church news and helpful selections.

We are against any division of the school fund, and against any appropriation of public money for sectarian purposes, or recognition in any form of State-aided parochial schools.—Theodore Roosevelt.

Rev. J. S. Barcus, D. D., who was recently elected president of Southwestern University, was born in Tulip Arkansas, when his father was connected with the fine school that was once maintained there.

Hugo Stinnes, the German financier, is dead at the age of 54. He probably broke himself down from overwork. He made an immense fortune in recent years by taking advantage of the helpless condition of his countrymen.

Rev. H. H. Ridings, who has moved from Hatfield to Vandervoort, Ark., writes that he is well and stronger than he was twenty years ago. Although he will be 83 years old on April 23, he still preaches with Methodist fervor.

Hon J. N. Tillman, member of Congress from Northwest Arkansas, is known to be one of the staunchest friends of prohibition. He loses no opportunity to expose the wiles of those who are seeking to subvert our Constitution and laws.

The Y. M. C. A. sent its first secretary to South America in 1891. For ten years he was there alone. Now there are 24 secretaries maintained by the International Committee of the Association and 65 South Americans who are either secretaries or in training.

Mr. Paul Brown, a prosperous member of St. John's Church, St. Louis, has given \$50,000 to Marvin College, the school of the St. Louis Conference. Mr. Brown was born in El Dorado, Ark., and has contributed liberally to the hospital in that city.

Rev. B. H. Greathouse writes to say that in his account of Elm Springs Church he failed to mention Rev. J. H. Sturdy, now superannuated, Rev. T. A. Martin, deceased, and a Brother Singleton, whose present relation is unknown, making in all ten preachers from that circuit.

Rev. Geo. E. Patchell expects soon to bring to successful completion an eight-room addition to his Hoxie church, which will make the little church a fine plant for Sunday School and Epworth League work. This is one of the whitest harvest fields in North Arkansas Conference.

Pluck wins! It always wins! Though days be slow and nights be dark 'twixt days that come and go, still pluck will win. Its average is sure. He wins the most who can the most endure, who faces issues, he who never shirks, who waits and watches and who always works.—The Youth's Companion.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon has been selected to deliver the Fondren Lectures at Southern Methodist University in 1925. Bishop Herbert Welch of Korea delivered them this year. The lectures are provided for by an income from \$10,000 given for the purpose by Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fondren of Houston in 1919.

Mr. and Mrs. Bottoms, two liberal Baptists of Texarkana, who had already given \$100,000 for Missions and \$25,000 on the 75 Million Fund, have now agreed to give to the Southwestern Baptist Seminary and Buckner Orphans Home a building in Dallas worth \$150,000 to be shared equally by those institutions.

The General Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will hold its annual meeting at Mt. Sequoyah, July 29-31. An interesting program will be offered. Judge W. Erskine Williams, of Ft. Worth, Texas, is president of the Board and also a member of the Western Methodist Assembly Board.

When by some strange magic a book is transformed and becomes a portal, a door to whose lock one possesses the key, and whose knob one may turn—a door through which one may enter into new knowledge, new feeling, new appreciation of the meaning of men and things—then he begins to feel the lure of books.—Lynn Harold Hough.

There have been more changes in the educational field in the last thirty years than in the preceding thirty centuries. The technique of teaching is fifty per cent superior to what it was thirty years ago, and high school pupils are fifty per cent poorer than they were at that time, because then only the very best pupils went to the higher schools.—Dr. Henry Suzzalo.

In the Class Bulletin of the Chaplains' School, which was held at Ft. Wayne, Mich., from Jan. 12 to April 4, is a picture and sketch of Chaplain Thos. A. Harkins, who holds the rank of captain and is associate editor of the Bulletin. Captain Harkins is a graduate of Henderson-Brown College who is now chaplain of the First Cavalry and is stationed at Camp Marfa, Texas.

About six months ago Mrs. Reynolds, wife of Dr. J. H. Reynolds of Hendrix College, had the misfortune to break her thigh bone near the hip. While she has slowly improved, it was recently discovered that the union of the broken parts was imper-

fect. Last week at Memphis, Tenn., she underwent an operation for bone-grafting with a view to securing a more perfect union. She will be at Dr. Willis C. Campbell's Clinic for six or eight weeks.

look upon it in that light. Do you realize that long ago Some One was wounded for you? And that A lady was visiting a hospital. She went up to a bed on which lay a wounded soldier, and said gently: "Thank you for being wounded for me." The man's face brightened. That was a new thought to him: it made the pain more bearable to "Some One" was no less than the Son of God himself.—Sunday School Chronicle.

An ultimate endowment of ten million dollars is the ambition of President Charles C. Sealeman for Southern Methodist University. "The larger universities of the country in many instances already have been given such sums," he said, "and S. M. U. must secure larger endowment as it grows from infancy to its rightful position in educational life in America." The University now has an endowment of about \$2,250,000, all invested in Texas real estate.

It is announced that a department of law will be opened this fall at Fayetteville by the University of Arkansas with Prof. J. S. Waterman, graduate of the University of Chicago Law School as dean. Admission requirements will include graduation from a high school and one year of college work for 1924-25 and two years thereafter. This is a movement in the right direction. It was a mistake when the old law department was allowed to close.

Every man—doctor, lawyer, teacher, minister—is debtor to his profession. A preacher inherits as a legacy all the glory of Wesley, Whitefield, Spurgeon, or a Moody. He owes his pulpit and audience to others. His standing, religious and social, is given him by the Church. His place in the community, the respect that the people are willing to give him, was won by thousands of plodding, godly ministers, whose names are not even remembered.—Presbyterian Banner.

Last Sunday morning Dr. P. C. Fletcher of our First Church baptized 20 infants. Among them was William Adams Ratcliffe, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ratcliffe, and grandson of the late Judge W. C. Ratcliffe, who for fifty years was an official of First Church, and great-grandson of Rev. W. P. Ratcliffe, who 94 years ago organized First Church. The silver baptismal bowl used was that which had been used in the baptism of children of the family for several generations.

If you would know the possibilities of development in Arkansas through hydro-electric power, read "The South Spins Its Own Cotton" in The Country Gentleman of April 12. It is claimed that for every dollar invested in hydro-electric power development five or six dollars are invested in industries that are brought in to use the power. Arkansas is an agricultural state, but nothing would benefit our farmers more than the development of factories and mills that would use our raw materials.

The Y. M. C. A. in San Juan, Porto Rico, makes it easy for American sailors and marines to see the sights of the city. When the men from the U. S. Destroyer, Preston, and from several other vessels put ashore last month, they were each given a double-sized postcard on which was printed a colored map showing the location of the principal streets and buildings. On the back of the card was a list of interesting things to see in San Juan with information about ferries, trains and bus lines, special automobile trips and restaurants.

At the suggestion of the Epworth Herald Epworth Leagues of the Methodist Episcopal Church at their devotional meetings on March 16 considered the proposition of Unification of the two major Methodisms. The total vote, as far as reported, is, for Unification 9,463, against Unification 476. This takes no account of many reports which were unanimous without giving the number of votes. The editor says: "The young people whose job it is to carry on the work of the church tomorrow are of one mind on a matter which some of their elders too concerned with details, have been slow to comprehend."

Funds for the erection of a library building, a science hall, and an additional dormitory will be sought as the next move for the enlargement of facilities at Southern Methodist University, President Charles C. Sealeman announced following the laying of the corner stone of the \$130,000 school of theology building last week. The science building will be named for Dr. R. S. Hyer, first president of the University, with whose students the movement originated. The S. M. U. Library now has more than 25,000 books and can add no more without increased facilities. Existing dormitories are not large enough to care for the students who would like to live in them.

More persons guilty of criminal offenses escape the just punishment of their offenses through the law's delay than from any other single cause.

The result is that the deterrent effect of the fear of punishment is lessened and crime increases. In the civil courts the effect of delay does not manifest itself in such dramatic form, but it is no less real. Dishonest men refuse to meet their obligations because they know that the enforcement of these obligations is slow and uncertain. Men who have just claims forego to press them because they cannot spare the time and money necessary for resort to and attendance upon the courts.—American Bar Association Journal.

The April Methodist Quarterly Review is a fine number. Among other strong articles are the following: "Woodrow Wilson, The Happy Warrior," by Edwin Mims; "James Atkins, Christian Leader and Seer," by E. B. Chappell; "Why I Believe in the Whole Bible as the Inspired Word of God," by John A. Rice; "The Unification of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South," by D. Atkins; and "Russia and Revolution," by A. H. Shannon. Prof Mims is an Arkansas man and Prof. Shannon was once in the Hendrix College faculty. The critics of Dr. Rice ought to read his article. Price 50 cents, or \$2 per annum. Order of Lamar and Barton, Nashville, Tenn.

One of the most telling tributes to the effectiveness of prohibition in the field of economics is that given by Roger W. Babson, statistician and authority on economics. Mr. Babson says: "The great improvement in business which followed the war was very largely the result of the influence of prohibition and the salvage of our former waste of two billion dollars or more each year due to the liquor traffic. I know of no other way to account for the great impetus in home building, the tremendous number of new automobiles purchased, the larger volume of department store sales, accompanied at the same time by a continued swelling of savings bank deposits when the tendency of business as a whole should normally have been downward."—Ex.

President Reynolds of Hendrix College has just received the following letter from the treasurer of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. The letter is of interest to the friends of Hendrix and of higher education in the State: "No doubt you have been informed that your school has been accepted as a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. I wish to congratulate you on maintaining educational standards which will admit you to this select list of schools in nineteen of our North Central States. This list is truly the 'Bradstreet' list of education in those states. Membership in this means not only an enhanced prestige, but a mutual co-operation in all matters that will help education to more adequately perform its mission."

Believing that our constitutional form of government is founded in wisdom and based on righteousness, we have taken its permanence more or less for granted and have fancied ourselves immune from that appetite for organic change which Lecky declares to be one of the worst diseases that can afflict a people. Yet when we consider the comparative ease with which the last four amendments to the Federal Constitution were adopted and the far reaching changes they have wrought in our national life, we are compelled to ask ourselves how far this confidence is justified. In the light of current history can one be mistaken in thinking that here too forces are stirring which must make the organic law of the future a different thing from the organic law of today.—John W. Davis, President American Bar Association.

Intercollegiate athletics was one of the things that the Carnegie Foundation investigated last year. It found that the athletic coach, and especially the football coach, sets the standard of the whole system of intercollegiate sports and is responsible for many of its most demoralizing characteristics. It recommends that the coach be a member of the faculty employed for the full session and elected either by the faculty or by other college authorities, that his salary be paid by the institution and not by the alumni or other organizations, and that it be in no wise contingent on the team's winning certain critical games. The committee believes that a coach of high character who has a just sense of the relation of his work to that of other departments of the institution can exert an influence for good greater than that of almost any other man associated with the college.—Youth's Companion.

Bishop and Mrs. H. A. Boaz arrived last Thursday, March 20, on the President Cleveland from Yokohama. They were in San Francisco only a few hours, and left that afternoon to visit their daughter, who is in the university at Madison, Wis. Bishop Boaz has passed a strenuous twelve months. During this time he traveled over 36,000 miles, preached 200 times, had 350 conversions, held five mission meetings and two annual conferences. He will return to his field in August. After visiting his daughter a few days at Madison, where Mrs. Boaz will remain until the end of the session, the Bishop will attend the Board meetings of the

Church, hold a revival of two weeks at Wichita Falls, Texas, and do some work for the Centenary. He has been abundant in labors, and has a strenuous time ahead of him. The Church made no mistake when it made H. A. Boaz a Bishop. He is in fine health, and hard work seems to agree with him.—Pacific Methodist Advocate.

A millionaire member of the Association against the Eighteenth Amendment has no more right to claim protection of the constitutional guarantees of property rights while refusing to respect and support the constitutional provision for national sobriety and the common welfare than has the "down-and out" to plead the law of necessity as a justification for taking the property of another without "due process of law."—Louis C. Cramton, member of Congress from Michigan.

An outspoken impatience, if not severe condemnation, is well justified in the contemplation of efforts to undermine popular faith and trust in the courts, and the Federal Supreme Court in particular. The founders of the government placed the Supreme Court beyond the influence of its two coordinate branches. Under the Federal plan it is the burden-bearer, for it is the guardian of the Constitution of the United States, their treaties and their laws. Congress can enact and the Chief Executive may approve, but the act must square with the Constitution that the court must read into it. The law is, therefore, found in the decisions, and it is thereby made certain, permanent and uniform—a fixture resting upon eternal principles. The very structure of interstate relations is the evolution of wise judicial decisions and not statutes. It is the foundation of the reputation of John Marshall. And I make bold to predict that the interpretations of a new interstate industrial era are going to prove the foundation of other great judicial reputations. The country is moving on behind its faithful guardian, and it is moving on in the middle of the road laid out for it by its founders. Times and the manner of doing things may change, but principles live forever. That is the secret of the strength of this Republic.—Shelton, Spirit of the Courts.

Manufacturing is a transformation process. It takes a certain quantity of raw materials and a certain quantity of labor and produces something. If the manufacturer can sell what he produces for enough to pay all the costs and have a little profit left, he continues in business; if he cannot he shuts up shop. He has no other choice. When he feels the pinch of competition he looks for a means to cheapen production. If materials prices are too high, he looks for substitutes. If labor is too high, he looks for new processes or new machinery to take the place of human labor. If his power is costing too much he may use different fuels or seek new sources of power. All these things manufacturers have been doing since the Civil War. These they must continue to do. For during all these years the managerial brains of industry have never been able, except sporadically to cooperate with labor for greater efficiency; most certainly not with organized labor. On the contrary, organized labor has demanded more pay, shorter working hours, more pleasant, safe and sanitary working conditions and a decreased output per individual. Our success in increasing the wage index and in decreasing the commodity price index has been due wholly to science, invention and management. Labor has been a consistent objector. In making this sweeping statement I am not seeking to cast any aspersions on labor, nor am I intimating it should not receive its rightful share of the fruits of invention. I am merely stating a cold fact baldly.—P. S. Rose in The Country Gentleman.

DEATH OF REV. F. M. SMITH.

The secular press reports the death of Rev. F. M. Smith at his home in Batesville, on April 10, at the age of 85. Bro. Smith was a superannuate of the North Arkansas Conference, who joined the old White River Conference when he was past middle life. Although his educational opportunities had been limited, Bro. Smith by hard work and faithful service became one of our highly useful circuit preachers. He was a man of such sweet spirit and lovable disposition that all who knew him loved and honored him. By his holy life and devotion to duty he won men to his Master. We need more preachers of this type.

BOOK REVIEW.

Leaders in Making America: an Elementary History of the United States; by Wilbur Fisk Gordy; published by Charles Scribner's Sons, New York and Chicago.

The author in an "Address to American Boys and Girls," well expressed the purpose of this book. He says: "I want you to know what a wonderful and beautiful country you are living in, and to learn its fascinating history. You may do this by following the lives of those daring and unselfish leaders who devoted themselves to the advancement and uplift of their fellow men. Going with such men and women and taking part in their adventurous deeds and noble achievements, we may

have a thrilling experience. . . . When you know the wealth of your heritage and the heroic sacrifice of men and women through whom this heritage has been won, you will feel that deep love for your country which grows with true patriotism, and you will develop a sense of responsibility as American citizens." This is a well written book and makes history intensely interesting through biography. While it is intended for boys and girls, it may be profitably read by adults who wish to refresh their minds on our national life.

The Reality of Prayer; by Edward M. Bounds, D. D., author of "Purpose In Prayer," "The Possibilities of Prayer," published by Fleming H. Revell Co., New York and Chicago; Price \$1.25.

Dr. Bounds, who was once connected with the editorial staff of the St. Louis Christian Advocate and the Christian Advocate (Nashville), has been one of the clearest and most helpful writers on the subject of "Prayer." This is a good book, and should be in the hands of those who are studying the question of "Prayer."

The Case for Prohibition: Its Past, Present Accomplishments, and Future in America; by Clarence True Wilson, D. D., General Secretary, and Deets Pickett, Research Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal Church; published by Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York; Price, \$1.75.

This book is a new and authoritative study of the prohibition movement in the United States, based on the results of a recent and thorough investigation. It gives a short history of prohibition in this country, outlines its present status, shows how it has worked, reveals, wherein it has failed and why, and forecasts its future. Carefully written, clear in analysis, and full in authentic historical and statistical material, this work should be of unusual value and interest to all thinking people, no matter what their attitude may be toward prohibition. All pastors and others who wish to defend prohibition should have this book. It supplies ammunition for the fight.

AN IMPORTANT ELECTION.

(Continued from Page 1.)

Cherrington, and a minority nominated Dr. F. Scott McBryde.

For three hours there was able discussion of the merits of these two outstanding men and consideration of the wisdom of a joint superintendency. The spirit of the debate was fine and the whole question was carefully considered. At the conclusion Dr. McBryde received 52 votes and Dr. Cherrington 45, and then the vote was made unanimous for Dr. McBryde; and he was given by Dr. E. J. Moore a beautiful watch which a few years before had been presented to Dr. Baker and at his request was passed on to the new superintendent.

Dr. F. Scott McBryde, who now becomes the leader of the Anti-Saloon League of America, is a United Presbyterian preacher about forty years old who has been very successful as superintendent of Illinois. He is courageous, but affable and brotherly, and is said to be a great organizer and money-raiser. His friends believe that he is unusually well qualified for this new responsibility.

Those of us who supported Dr. Cherrington argued that his recognized leadership gave him a great advantage and that he was the logical man; but, when we remembered that he will continue as secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism and that his duties in this position will increase, we felt that, after all, he may render his largest and best service in this capacity.

Dr. Wayne B. Wheeler had strong support, but it was considered best to retain him as the general counsel to look after the legal affairs of the League. With these three men leading, each strong in his own department, the cause of prohibition is in safe hands. When the meeting closed there was a feeling of confidence and fraternity which augurs well for the future.

Bishop Nicholson proved to be a harmonizer and helpful counsellor. There was a strong sentiment, at one time, in favor of electing him to the superintendency; but it was supposed that he could not correlate the duties with those of a bishop.

Bishops Bell and Kephart of the United Brethren Church were present as directors and conducted the second devotional service. They are splendid men whom I had learned to admire when the Unification Commission met two years ago at Columbus, Ohio. I had a few minutes conversation with Bishop Kephart who expressed a hope that negotiations for union might be continued.

Our own Dr. C. O. Jones, superintendent for Georgia, distinguished himself in his able speech advocating the election of Dr. Cherrington. He is a Christian diplomat.

My time was so limited that I was not able to see much of Indianapolis, but it impressed me as a goodly city with plenty of hotels and a convenient Union Station conveniently located.

On the return trip I had the fine fellowship of Rev. Atticus Webb, the successful Texas state superintendent (originally an Arkansas man), and Rev. Paul E. Kemper, our own capable state superintendent.—A. C. M.

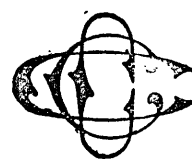


The Call of the Conference Claimants

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SPECIAL EFFORT TREASURERS SHOULD REMIT CASH PROMPTLY TO BOARD OF FINANCE—ST. LOUIS.

Payments on quota in the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment must be made direct to the Board of Finance, Security Building, St. Louis, Mo. Treasurers of Special Effort Committees in the Charges should use the book of remittance forms in making payments; the Board has sent one of these books to every pastor in the Church and he should place it in the hands of the treasurer of his Special Effort Committee for use in making remittances. Money should be sent to the Board of Finance as rapidly as it is collected; otherwise it cannot be set to work to earn income for the support of the Forgotten Man.

I Wish You Could See My Pinks.

To date, March 29, 1924, over 5,900 Pink Leaf Reports have been received out of a possible 6,500. The Charges which have sent these reports have undertaken to raise an approximate amount of \$9,500,000 for Superannuate Endowment and there are yet 600 Charges to send in reports,—is yours one of them?

The Kavanaugh Charge, Greenville, Texas, Rev. J. W. Fort, pastor, added \$500 to its minimum and accepted a quota of \$5,000.

Emory University Charge, Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. W. G. Henry, pastor, added \$250 to its minimum and accepted a quota of \$500.

First Church, Gainesville, Florida, Rev. W. A. Cooper, pastor, added \$4,556 to its minimum and accepted a quota of \$9,112.

St. Mark's Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Rev. J. B. Mitchell, pastor, added \$6,860 to its minimum and accepted a quota of \$12,500.

The Memphis District, Rev. John R. Nelson, presiding elder, has made a splendid record on the Pink Leaf Report. This District has a minimum quota of \$71,582 but they accepted quotas aggregating a total of \$101,994. Buntyn Charge added \$1,150 to its minimum and fixed a quota of \$5,000; Chelsea Avenue added \$110 to its minimum for a quota of \$1,200; Collierville added \$10 to the minimum for a quota of \$2,000; Epworth added \$3,000 to the minimum for a quota of \$6,000; First Church added \$11,850 to the minimum for a quota of \$17,500; Galloway Memorial added \$410 to the minimum for a quota of \$3,000; Highland Heights added \$68 to the minimum for a quota of \$2,000; Rossville added \$620 to the minimum for a quota of \$2,500; Madison Heights added \$800 to the minimum for a quota of \$6,000; Southside added \$100 to the minimum for a quota of \$4,000; St. John's added \$8,350 to the minimum for a quota of \$15,000; St. Paul's added \$72 to the minimum for a quota of \$3,000; Trinity added \$372 to the minimum for a quota of \$3,000; Union Avenue added \$2,600 to the minimum for a quota of \$7,500. All the other churches of the District approved the minimum quota. Fine, "Uncle John!" Fine!

I have a letter from Rev. Joe F. Webb, presiding elder of the Uvalde District, West Texas Conference, and I note that the dear brother travelled 80 miles inland over the worst kind of roads to hold a Quarterly Conference—but he got the Pink Leaf Report!

I have previously published the names of 92 presiding elders whose Districts are 100 per cent "Pink Leaf." In addition to those already published the following have a right to a place on the honor roll in the order as numbered:

93. North Texas—Sulphur Springs, Rev. W. L. Tittle, P. E.

94. Alabama—Dothan, Rev. R. A. Moody, P. E.

95. Florida—Tallahassee, Rev. L. D. Lowe, P. E.

96. Florida—Tampa, Rev. T. J. Nixon, P. E.

97. East Oklahoma—Shawnee, Rev. A. L. Bowman, P. E.

98. South Carolina—Sumter, Rev. E. L. McCoy, P. E.

99. Western North Carolina—Asheville, Rev. H. C. Sprinkle, P. E.

100. Alabama—Mobile, Rev. C. A. Rush, P. E.

101. Louisiana—Ruston, Rev. K. W. Dodson, P. E.

102. South Carolina—Marion, Rev. S. O. Cantey, P. E.

103. South Georgia—Macon, Rev. W. F. Smith, P. E.

104. Western North Carolina—Winston-Salem, Rev. W. A. Newell, P. E.

105. North Carolina—Durham, Rev. M. Bradshaw, P. E.

106. North Georgia—Gainesville, Rev. W. T. Hamby, P. E.

107. West Oklahoma—Chickasha, Rev. I. W. Armstrong, P. E.

108. East Oklahoma—Hugo, Rev. A. P. Johnson, P. E.

109. Florida—Orlando, Rev. R. Ira Barnett, P. E.

110. Western North Carolina—Greensboro, Rev. W. F. Womble, P. E.

111. Florida—Latin, Rev. W. E. Sewell, P. E.

112. Mississippi—Brookhaven, Rev. H. M. Ellis, P. E.

113. North Carolina—Fayetteville, Rev. R. H. Willis, P. E.

114. North Mississippi—Sardis, Rev. J. Tillery Lewis, P. E.

115. West Oklahoma—Mangum, Rev. C. S. Walker, P. E.

116. Pacific—Los Angeles, Rev. S. H. Werlein, P. E.

117. Central Texas—Cleburne, Rev. O. F. Sensabaugh, P. E.

118. Little Rock—Camden, Rev. J. W. Harrell, P. E.

119. North Texas—Sherman, Rev. Oscar T. Cooper, P. E.

120. North Alabama—Albertsville, Rev. R. M. Archibald, P. E.

121. Florida—Miami, Rev. C. F. Blackburn, P. E.

122. North Alabama—Tuscaloosa, Rev. J. E. Morris, P. E.

123. Holston—Chattanooga, Rev. S. D. Long, P. E.

124. South Carolina—Charleston, Rev. F. H. Shuler, P. E.

125. Alabama—Montgomery, Rev. R. R. Ellison, P. E.

126. Florida—Gainesville, Rev. H. A. Spencer, P. E.

127. Tennessee—Clarksville, Rev. John Durrett, P. E.

128. Tennessee—Dickson, Rev. Harvey W. Seay, P. E.

129. Virginia—Danville, Rev. S. J. Batton, P. E.

130. Texas—Jacksonville, Rev. W. T. Renfro, P. E.

131. North Alabama—Gadsden, Rev. W. W. Scott, P. E.

132. East Oklahoma—McAlester, Rev. J. H. Ball, P. E.

133. Memphis—Jackson, Rev. F. B. Jones, P. E.

134. Holston—Tazewell, Rev. W. S. Hendricks, P. E.

135. Virginia—Rappahannock, Rev. D. T. Merritt, P. E.

136. Western Virginia—Fairmont, Rev. B. M. Keith, P. E.

137. North Mississippi—Greenwood, Rev. J. E. Cunningham, P. E.

138. North Mississippi—Grenada, Rev. R. A. Tucker, P. E.

139. St. Louis—Farmington, Rev. J. N. Broadhead, P. E.

140. East Oklahoma—Vinita, Rev. W. Y. Switzer, P. E.

141. North Alabama—Reno, Rev. John S. Chadwick, P. E.

142. North Carolina—Rockingham, Rev. J. H. Shore, P. E.

143. Memphis—Paris, Rev. H. A.

Butte, P. E.

144. New Mexico—Las Vegas, Rev. W. G. Gaston, P. E.

Just Samples of What the Boys are Doing.

Rev. J. C. Cornett, Pastor Hanes-Clemmons Charge, Winston-Salem District, Western North Carolina Conference, wires that with a minimum quota of \$1,300 his Charge raised \$3,100 in gilt-edged subscriptions.

Rev. W. T. McClure, pastor of Lexington, Missouri, raised in cash and subscriptions about fifty percent in excess of the amount needed to pay his Charge's first year's portion.

Mt. Pleasant Charge, Tennessee Conference, Rev. B. F. Isom, Pastor, fully subscribed quota, and in addition one member made a personal subscription of \$10,000.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr. reports that the Cuba Conference agreed to raise \$500 this year for Superannuate Endowment with the expectation of raising a similar amount each year for five years.

Ozark Charge, North Arkansas Conference—Fort Smith, Rev. J. B. Stevenson, pastor, subscribed more than \$300 above the Pink Leaf pledge and the pastor says every penny and more will be paid.

One-Fifth or More of Total Quota Paid.

The following Charges have remitted to the Board of Finance enough to pay one-fifth or more of their total quotas:

Stamps Charge, Little Rock—Texarkana, Rev. R. H. Cannon, pastor. Total quota, \$2,400; amount remitted \$818.30.

Bethel Charge (Chester), Upper South Carolina—Rock Hill, Rev. Henry Stokes, pastor. Total quota, \$3,303; amount remitted, \$667.95.

Franklin Charge, Virginia—Portsmouth, Rev. J. D. McAlister, pastor. Total quota, \$2,660; amount remitted, \$533.20.

Hobson Charge, Tennessee—Nashville, Rev. W. V. Jarratt, pastor. Total quota, \$2,648; amount remitted, \$600.

Earlington Charge, Louisville—Henderson, Rev. D. L. Vance. Total quota, \$1,620; amount remitted, \$366.

Lenoir First Church Charge, Western North Carolina—Statesville, Rev. P. W. Tucker. Total quota, \$2,750; amount remitted \$586.23.

Biscoe Charge, North Carolina—Rockingham, Rev. F. B. Peele, pastor. Total quota, \$1,618; amount remitted, \$333.64.

East End Charge, Tennessee—Nashville, Rev. E. P. Anderson, pastor. Total quota, \$3,310; amount remitted, \$660.00.

Ocala Charge, Florida—Ocala, Rev. J. B. Rooney, pastor. Total quota, \$4,000; amount remitted, \$1,186.

Williamstown Charge, Kentucky—Covington, Rev. F. K. Struve, pastor. Total quota, \$1,625; amount remitted, \$700.00.

F. Brock Jones Circuit Charge, N. Carolina—New Bern, Rev. K. F. Duval, pastor. Total quota, \$2,160; amount remitted, \$432.

Rocky Mount First Church Charge, North Carolina—Washington, Rev. H. M. North, pastor. Total quota, \$4,000; amount remitted, \$1,700.

Marietta Charge, North Georgia—Marietta, Rev. R. C. Clecker, pastor. Total quota, \$3,500; amount remitted, \$700.

Fayetteville Charge, North Georgia—South Atlanta, Rev. H. L. Byrd, pastor. Total quota, \$1,100; amount remitted, \$292.

Farmington Charge, St. Louis—Farmington, Rev. C. P. Thogmorton, pastor. Total quota, \$3,000; amount remitted, \$602.50.

Langley Charge, Upper South Carolina—Columbia, Rev. Jno. T. Fra-

CONTRIBUTIONS

JESUS AND THE RESURRECTION.

The real meaning and power of Easter are found in the historical and magnificent fact that Jesus Christ was "delivered for our offenses and was raised again for our justification." The only spiritual significance of the occasion is in connection with the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

Christ might have risen from the dead in the fall or the winter time and the resurrection would have been infinitely effective for the vindication of his claims and for the justification of believers. The attention of the world might have been fixed on the divine fact more readily than it is now while material concomitants call away the thoughts from the spiritual truth as to Christ. Be that as it might be we thank God for this great historical fact in the history of redemption and pray that among the beautiful blossoms and the charming carols of the opening springtime we may not fail to discern as the supreme joy and crowning glory of the Easter day the face and form of our risen Lord.

When the Gospel was carried to our heathen Anglo-Saxon ancestors they were found celebrating in the springtime the anniversary of their goddess Oestre, or Easter, who, according to their belief, presided over the reawakening of the natural world. They were taught the truth as to the resurrection of Christ and then, in connection with this great central Christian doctrine, were encouraged to associate the symbols and practices of their old-time worship and were permitted to give the name of Easter to the anniversary. Thus, the name now attached to this resurrection service reminds us most forcefully of the rock from whence we were hewn and the hole of the pit from whence we were digged. Still are we in danger if we do not discern the Lord's body, for the sensuous enjoyment of Easter without clear emphasis upon the actual resurrection of Jesus Christ is heathenism pure and simple, for the heathen had it before we had, and enjoyed its material power and beauty.

The sensuous elements and emblems connected with the day may be considered as almost obstructive or neutralizing of the main lessons of the day. Many persons are misled into seeing the emphasis of the Easter time in the opening flower, the returning spring, the fragrant blossom, the egg in the newly-constructed nest and the other features of revivifying physical life and beauty. These may be adjuncts to help teach and impress the lesson, or, to the uninformed and shallow, they may be mere diversions to draw the mind away from the supreme truth and the divine fact.

We are Christians and we believe, as the Scriptures teach and as the apostles preached and testified, that Christ arose from the grave and from the dead on the third day from his crucifixion in which he made atoning sacrifice for our sins. We yield to no rationalistic explanation of this which denies the fact in stark infidelity, and leaves us mourning, like the women: "They have taken away the Lord and we know not where they have laid him." Christ arose. The grave could not bind him. He has destroyed death and has de-

zied, pastor. Total quota, \$442; amount remitted, \$100.

First Methodist Church, (Corpus Christi), West Texas—Beeville, Rev. Thomas Gregory, pastor. Total quota, \$3,500; amount remitted, \$1,100.

Important Notice.

Just as fast as money accumulates in the hands of treasurers of Special Effort Committees it should be sent to the Board of Finance, Security Building, St. Louis, Mo. Also, these treasurers should not fail to use the treasurer's remittance form when making these remittances. The Board will send receipts promptly. Come on, everybody, and let us make the money in hand do business for the Forgotten Man!

livered from its power all those who love and trust him.

We rejoice in the blessed Gospel truth that because he lives we shall live also if we are his. We accept the divine testimony and rejoice with joy that is unspeakable and full of glory. The future is full of light for all God's children. The grave is only a door through which we are to pass into the everlasting light and holiness and glory of heaven. Where he is there we shall be also. He wills it so and nothing can withstand his will. We shall behold his face and be glad in his presence. Where Christ is there is heaven. We shall be with him and we shall be like him. In this radiant truth of revelation we find comfort and joy.—Herald and Presbyterian.

AN EASTER BOX.

"Sometimes I wish I had never accepted the position of organist, for it has deprived me of many pleasures. I had to decline my invitation to visit Helen Rhodes at Christmas time, you remember, as I couldn't be away from the church services; and just last night I was obliged to give up going to the club meeting because of the rehearsal for the Easter cantata. Now I must decline another delightful invitation. Cousin Anna Lyn writes asking me to spend Easter week-end with her. O how I would love to go! But there's not a soul I could get to take my place at the organ; so of course I must give up the pleasure," Alice Graham observed regretfully as she handed her mother a letter which she had just been reading.

"Yes, my dear, I am sorry you can't go; for dear Cousin Anna would make you very happy in her beautiful hospitable home. But, of course, duty comes first; and you cannot forsake your place as organist, since you have accepted the responsible position," said Mrs. Graham when she had read the letter.

"Well, there's no time for regret, especially as it's useless; so I'll sit down right now and write my reply to Cousin Anna, and then I must hurry back to school, for I've an engagement to review Latin with Nellie Dale this afternoon," Alice observed resignedly as she opened her desk.

Miss Graham never knocked at her classmate's door, for she was sure that such a formality was unnecessary and that a welcome awaited her at any moment she chose to enter. So this afternoon, as usual, she hurried down the long dormitory corridor and into the small bedroom without announcement. But Miss Dale did not appear to greet her. She was nowhere in evidence. "It's strange that she should have forgotten the engagement. I wonder where she can be," Alice reflected for a moment as she stood looking wonderingly about the room. "Maybe she's run in to see one of her neighbors," she concluded, and then called aloud: "O Nellie Dale, where are you? I've come."

"Here!" a trembling voice answered faintly from somewhere quite near by. The sound seemed to emerge from beneath the bed. In astonishment Alice stooped to look beneath that article of furniture for her friend, and there she beheld her cuddled in a despondent heap on the floor between the bed and the open window, her head buried in her arms.

"Why, my dear! Whatever is the matter?" she inquired sympathetically.

"O, I reckon I'm mean and small and envious! But that scene down yonder just breaks my heart," Miss Dale confided tremulously, glancing up through her tears at the sympathetic friend who had already taken her place beside her at the window.

Looking down into the court below, Alice beheld a large express wagon laden with big wooden boxes and smaller packages of varied proportions. A group of girls were examining the addresses and claiming their respective property clamorously.

"O, the Easter boxes for the girls from home!" Alice observed understandingly. "And hasn't yours come, dear? Has anything happened to it?"

"No, it hasn't come. and it will nev-

er come. I haven't any home as the other girls have, you know," Nellie replied sadly.

Alice sat silently holding her friend's hand in a tender grasp. She did not answer. She knew that Miss Dale was an orphan and that she lived during her vacations with relatives, but she had never thought of her as homeless.

"My guardian, who is a distant kinsman, is very kind and generous indeed, and he and his wife are very considerate of me. I do not mean to complain of them," Nellie continued to explain as she choked back the tears; "but I reckon I'll always miss my old real home, especially at Thanksgiving and Christmas and Easter time. O how I do wish I were one of those fortunate girls! I do so want a box from home full of loving remembrances!"

It seemed to Alice that she had no words to express her sympathy for her orphaned friend. She could only sit there silently beside her, holding her hand. She herself knew nothing of homelessness. She had never even been away to boarding school. Hers had been a very sheltered, tenderly nurtured life.

"Come, I must not be silly any longer. Let's get to work on our conjugations," said Miss Dale, at last breaking the silence.

But the review was not altogether thorough that afternoon, and sympathetic Alice could not restrain her tears as she walked slowly homeward. "Mother," she announced that night, "I'm going to sit up later than usual, for I want to do all my studying before I retire. Tomorrow I shall be very busy getting up a boxful of Easter goodies and loving remembrances for my friend. Nellie shall have a box, if not from home, at least from some one who loves her. I don't want her to know who sent it, and it must go to her by express, just as the other girls have received theirs. Let's take the car and ride out to South Bend Station tomorrow and express it from there. She will receive it in time for Easter."

Mrs. Graham readily agreed to this plan, and next day she and her daughter were very busy preparing the box. Alice was an expert cake baker, and her icing decoration of Easter lilies and tiny blossoms was indeed remarkable. Then, too, she could make the daintiest candies in the shape of Easter eggs and wee birds and baskets. At last the box was quite ready and, having been packed and addressed, was placed in the car, which sped away quickly to South Bend Station, where it was expressed to Miss Dale.

Early Saturday afternoon Nellie called Alice over the telephone to come and share the delightful surprise which had come from an unknown source to her.

When Miss Graham saw the happiness which the remembrances of love afforded her friend, she felt fully repaid for the effort which she had expended.

"O Alice dear, who could have thought of me so fondly? What a happy, fortunate girl I am, after all, and how wrong I was to fret!" Nellie exclaimed excitedly as she examined appreciatively each article which the box contained. Suddenly she glanced interestedly at some dim writing on the wrapping paper which had been placed beneath the lid. With little difficulty she made out the name and address of her classmate. "You!" she exclaimed, suddenly embracing her friend. "You didn't make all these lovely things for me and send them to me, did you?"

"Why, my dear, what makes you think I did?" Alice asked surprisedly.

"Because of that," she said, holding up the paper to the light.

"O, I thought all traces were concealed. This was some paper that had been around a package sent to me, and I forgot to erase that writing," Alice admitted reluctantly. And then she was all but smothered with kisses and affectionate embraces and tearful whisperings of gratitude.

"Now let's have a feast together. and I'll call in my neighbors, too,"

Nellie suggested when at last the excitement was over.

"No, I must hurry on to my rehearsal at the church. I must play the accompaniment for the Easter music, and I'll have to put in this afternoon rehearsing," Alice replied. "I've always enjoyed my Easter music, but this time I can't quite forget my disappointment," she added. And then, in reply to her friend's question, she told about having to decline the invitation for the Easter visit.

"Let me see your music," Nellie asked quickly, opening the roll. "Why, my dear, I know every bit of it, and have played it when I was organist at the old church in the town where I lived. I haven't kept up my work since I've been here, but I believe I could manage it all right. I used to be considered a good organist," she said when she had looked over each piece.

"I didn't know you were an organist!" Alice exclaimed surprisedly.

"No, they've no instruments here in the seminary, so I've done only piano work since I came here; but I held a responsible position successfully for two years, and I'm very familiar with all this music. Would you let me substitute for you?" Nellie asked eagerly.

"O, would you do such a lovely thing for me?" Alice observed radiant.

"Would I?" Nellie echoed. "Come, let's hurry down to the church, and I'll show you."

The substitute organist proved entirely efficient, and a telegram sent to Cousin Anna Lyn informed her

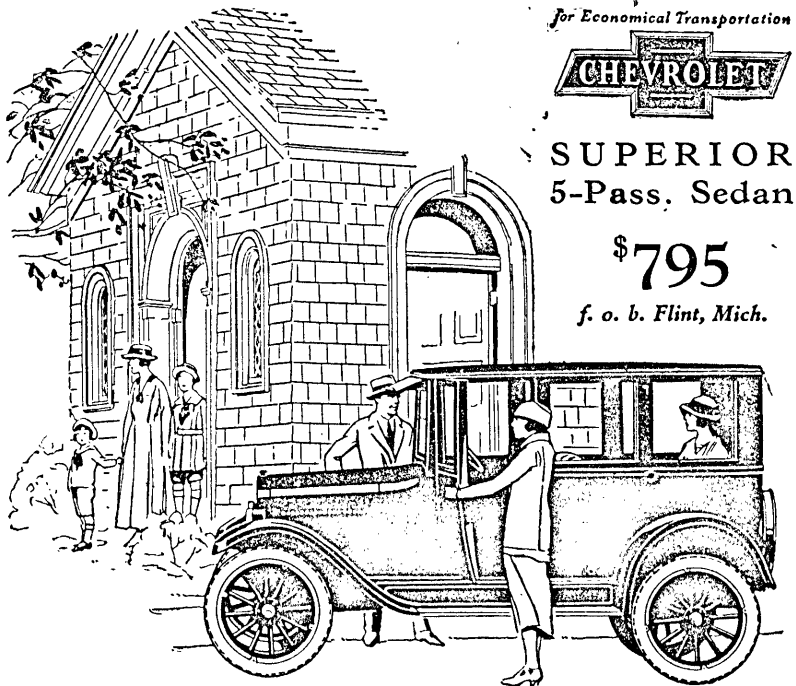
that Miss Graham had found at the last moment that she could accept her invitation after all and would arrive for her Easter visit that night.

It was a happy Easter; indeed, both for the visitor and the grateful friend who took her place.—Selected.

EASTER AND THE LITTLE CHILD.

What does Easter mean to the child of four or five? According to various members of the faculty of the National Kindergarten and Elementary College it too often means a time of misunderstanding and sorrow, rather than the most happy and joyful time of all the year. Miss Anne G. Williams, instructor in Child Psychology, voices the consensus of opinion when she says, "The story of the crucifixion and resurrection should never be told to the child under six, and would be better at ten or twelve."

Can we expect the little child to share in Easter joy and happiness which has its root in the gloom and sadness of Good Friday? The adult has little real conception of the meaning of sacrifice or suffering or death until he has come face to face with them in his own life, and yet we expect the little child to grasp the wonder and glory of the resurrection story which is based on the sacrifice and suffering and cruel death of a friend whom he worships and loves with a devotion and intensity which put to shame the devotion of most grown-ups. Many an older person has questioned with bitterness the reason or necessity for the untimely death of a friend. We do not easily learn to rejoice in the belief or hope of im-



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mortality, yet we tell the little child that the Jesus who so loved little children was taken by cruel men and beaten and tortured and nailed upon the cross, that he died and was buried, and that for three days his mother and friends sorrowed for him—and expect him to believe and understand the incomprehensible facts of the resurrection, and to rejoice in Christ's immortality.

A little girl of five came home from Sunday School one day just before Easter and told her mother in grief and terror that some bad men had taken the little baby Jesus and nailed him down on the cross walks outside the church. In another church school on Easter day the teacher suggested that the children thank God and Jesus for all the lovely things which had made them happy. One child looked at her in utter amazement and said, "Why, don't you know that they killed Jesus last Friday? My mother told me so." And in still another Primary on a glorious Easter morning when sunshine and flowers and singing birds all spoke of the loving care of the Heavenly Father, the teacher opened the door just in time to hear one boy exclaim in tearful wrath, "I hate them! I hate those old Jews for killing Jesus, an' when I'm big I'll kill them."

As a matter of fact, the central idea in all the Easter joy is not death but the renewing of life—be it the life of the lily which has lain dormant for months within the shriveled bulb, the life of the butterfly which has slumbered in the dry and blackened cocoon, the life of the tiny bird held safe within the egg, or the new life of the soul which is concealed from our eyes by the gloom of the shadow of death.

And if the renewing or immortality of life is the real lesson which we are trying to teach, would it not be wiser to begin with simple, tangible things which the child can see and understand, and then as he grows older help him to see through these the meaning of the deeper realities of life? The child who cannot understand the sleep of death may much more readily be led to understand the long winter sleep of the tiny seed or bulb. He will watch and wait with amazing patience for the appearance of the tiny green shoot, and his joy in the waxen bud and fragrant bloom will be unbounded. The chip, chip, chipping of an egg-shell will hold him spell-bound, and a fluffy little chick may embody for him the wonder of all miracles, if mother or teacher help him to view it aright. And his radiant joy over the beauty and wonder of it all will strengthen and deepen

his love for the living Christ and the loving Heavenly Father.

This familiarity with the miracles of nature will in no way detract from the glory and wonder of the other miracles when the child is ready for them, but will rather prepare the way for an appreciation of the divine thought and love which is behind it all.—National Kindergarten and Elementary College Bulletin.

THE JOINT COMMISSION ON CHURCH AND S. S. ARCHITECTURE.

It may be of interest to the Church to sum up briefly the result accomplished to date by the Joint Committee on Church and Sunday School Architecture.

In 1916 the Board of Church Extension and the General Sunday School Board, by agreement, organized a Joint Committee composed of certain members of the two Boards, and constructive work of great value was accomplished. In 1922 the General Conference at Hot Springs, Ark., created a Joint Committee on Church and Sunday School Architecture, to be composed of five members from the Board of Church Extension and five members from the General Sunday School Board, this Joint Committee to carry forward and enlarge the work already begun. Appointees from the General Sunday School Board were M. W. Brabham, L. F. Sensabaugh, Miss Minnie E. Kennedy, W. P. Jones and Wm. H. Stockham. From the Board of Church Extension, J. A. Baylor, T. D. Ellis, Bishop W. F. McMurtry, J. Howard Wells, and J. H. Wilson. Mr. Wm. H. Stockham died recently, and the vacancy thus created has not been filled.

Several meetings of the Committee have been held. In addition to the necessary work of organization and gathering up the results accomplished by the previous organization, definite methods for the functioning of the Committee have been worked out, and a comprehensive outline of building standards or points of guidance for the instruction of architects and building committees have been agreed upon. This will soon appear in printed form, and will mark a distinct advantage in the building program of the Church.

The work of the Committee is both educational and technical. The educational work is carried on by the publication of pamphlet literature, and articles prepared for the Church Press, by lectures, addresses and stereopticon views. The technical side of its work is represented by the Architectural Department of the Board of Church Extension. A thoroughly equipped architectural office is maintained by the Board, and suggestive or preliminary sketches and drawings, estimates, and technical information, and all of the service that is usually supplied by a consulting architect, is offered to the Church. Complete plans and specifications are also supplied under certain circumstances. Plans prepared by architects elsewhere are sent to this office for constructive criticism or revision. The standards endorsed by the Joint Committee govern in such criticism.

During the past two years most of the building enterprises of importance in the Church have sought advice and guidance from the Committee. Among the enterprises of considerable cost may be mentioned church buildings at the following educational centers: Charlottesville, Va., Durham, N. C., Baton Rouge, La., Norman, Okla., Denton, Tex., Canyon, Tex., Goodwell, Okla., Berkeley, California. Other large and important church buildings which may be mentioned are at Florence, Ala., El Dorado, Ark., Madisonville, Ky., Norton, Va., Winston-Salem, N. C. Very many smaller church enterprises have sought advice, plans and suggestions.

The work of the Committee has I think demonstrated the wisdom of its creation. The aggregate investment represented by the various enterprises affected by its work in the two years past is easily two million five hundred thousand dollars. The

work of the Committee has resulted in almost every case in plans making for increased efficiency, and therefore a better investment of church funds. In many instances the influence of the Committee has resulted in actual saving of considerable sums in building cost. In view of the experience gained by the Joint Committee, and the result already achieved, no church building enterprise should be undertaken without ascertaining just what assistance may be had from this source. Such information can be secured by addressing Mr. M. W. Brabham, Gen. Sunday School Board, 510 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., or Rev. J. A. Baylor, Architectural Secretary, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Ky.

A BOY'S ENQUIRY.

Since the passage of our latest school revenue law, a bright boy asked, "Why did our Legislature and Governor make laws to keep me from smoking cigarettes and at the same time, provide that the expense of my education shall come from the money paid for the cigarettes other people smoke?"

Did he make a sensible enquiry? In his school text-book on physiology he has learned that tobacco in any form of use, especially smoking the cigarette is hurtful to the human system, that it discounts brain power and contributes no element in the building of tissue.

This boy might well reason that if it is detrimental to a person under the age of eighteen years to smoke tobacco it is not logical to suppose that it will be helpful to one above that age. Further, it puts the state in conflict with its laws on this point and self-contradictory in undertaking to have the evils of the use of tobacco taught in our public schools, and at the same time provide a revenue to maintain the instruction that this late law seems to discount.

This boy's reasoning is, "Am I to develop my mentality at the expense and discount of the mental force of other people?"

The only reasonable interpretation of the law prohibiting the use of tobacco to minors is its destructive effect upon them.

Now, the logic of this late revenue law will be that the greater the number of thousands of cigarettes sold in the state and consumed by her people the larger will be the bulk of the school revenue, hence every person who will resolve himself into a soliciting committee to increase the consumption of the commodity will be a benefactor to the public schools of the commonwealth.

Parents and guardians are the only persons with authority now to dispense smoking material to minors under eighteen years of age, but many of these might be induced to have their boys learn to smoke when they are made to understand that it will add to the school fund of their district.

If our wives and daughters could all be induced to learn the art any one can see at a glance how large our school revenue would bulk in the near future.

So, we have thrown our latest plan for school revenue into the wide channel of commercialism with an outstanding inducement to every body to indulge in a practice and form a habit that is universally recognized to be hurtful to the human organism.

Every argument against its use can be met with, "Well, it adds to the public school fund."

We need additional revenue for our schools, but to commercialize a vice for that purpose under the sanction of law seems to me to be little less than vicious.

The point of criticism here is that our law-makers could find no better agency to bring forth to meet the present need than this brought forth, an agency that can not but aid in the enlargement of an already destructive indulgence by our youth.—G. N. Cannon, Stephens, Ark.

CHEERING PROGRESS IN SUPPRESSION OF LYNCHING.

Lynching has greatly decreased. It is claimed that during the year 1922 fifty-seven persons were lynched in the United States, whereas in 1923 there were only twenty-eight.

It is affirmed also that during the year 1923 there were forty-six instances in which lynchings were prevented by the courage and fidelity of the officers of the law.

Every law-abiding and patriotic person will rejoice that this barbarous evil is declining. Everyone will ardently hope that this blot upon American civilization may be removed by the utter and speedy disappearance of lynching from every section of our country.

It is a most inexcusable and repulsive form of violence that cannot be condemned too strongly. When a human being is lynched the law is lynched and civilized government is set at naught.

It is doubtless true that many perpetrators of hideous crimes who deserved death, have been lynched; but that fact does not justify their lawless execution by frenzied mob. It is doubtless true also that innocent persons have been lynched; and one such case is enough to condemn mob law in all its forms, however plausibly defended.

Lynching, and all other forms of lawlessness, must be put down, or there is an end of all government. There is no security for life, liberty, or property when law is defied.—Bishop W. A. Candler in Atlanta Journal.

THE REMEDY.

A startling picture is given us by Dr. Walter S. Athearn one of the foremost educators in the United States, who with his corps of helpers has been testing the character strength of our school children in various parts of our country from different classes of society, and different environment. As the skilled engineer can put down in percentages the strength of steel, so Dr. Athearn gives us in cold figures the strength of the characters of American school children. The sight is appalling! "Over half of the chil-

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dren were found to cheat, lie and steal." Furthermore their whole outlook on life was unmoral!

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School children can tell you about the ancient philosophies, and talk glibly of biology, zoology, and geology, but their knowledge of it all does not include that sublime, all-comprehensive statement: "In the beginning GOD created the Heavens and the earth." When they enter the school door God is left behind, no mention is made of Him there! Do you wonder our school children broke down under the character tests? In the article preceding this, "A Startling Discovery," you can read some of the questions put to the children and see from their answers what an unmoral outlook they have on life. They not only approved of dishonesty but when put to the test they acted dishonestly. This is a dark picture indeed; but there is a bright side to it, for Dr. Athearn says, "We have made the discovery that unless children are taught religion they will not be religious. We have made the discovery that children can be scientific-

cally taught religion in such a way that the course of their entire lives is changed. Our tests prove this beyond any scientific doubt."

In these tests the Boy Scouts stood the highest. One of the troops organized two years before came "within 17.7 per cent of being 100 per cent trustworthy and honest." "The old timers in the troop ranked up 100 percent!" Boy Scouts only 6 months organized ranked 80.4 percent. The next score was 78.2 percent by boys from high-class families in "a highly efficient private school." So we go down the list, past the Camp Fire Girls, and Girl Scouts, until we reach the 9th grading, that of our public school children—only 56.8!

After the tests had all been finished and the percentages put down the work began of finding out if, "goodness, honesty, trustworthiness, and a decent outlook on life and a love of God and man could be taught in school, whether they could be taught definitely and precisely, like other subjects. Whether they could be learned like lessons." Highly trained teachers expert in pedagogy and child psychology gave instruction to some of the groups already tested. Those given just ethical instruction improved over 60 percent; but those given religious instruction, with Bible reading, prayer and singing, "improved 85 percent in honesty tests." "Their characters had become like rock." One of the tests that made a wonderful showing was with a group of city children that had been given one of the honesty tests where not one of them brought back the dime, and after scientific religious instruction only one boy failed to return the dime at once, and he did so the next day!

Dr. Athearn also made an investigation concerning the efficiency of Sunday Schools, acting under the Institute of Social and Religious Surveys. The committee selected Indiana as offering a "fair cross section of American life." Three years was spent in this survey, "more than 20,000 Sunday School children and over 2,000 Sunday School teachers were personally interviewed by a staff of 30 trained surveyors." Only half of the Protestant children there attended Sunday School, and half of those were absent half the time. Half of the time was taken up with opening and closing exercises. "So the Indiana children who go to Sunday School receive a total of 12 HOURS OF RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION ANNUALLY." How valuable would be 12 hours a year in any one of the subjects taught at public school; how much would the children benefit by it?

The average Sunday School teacher is a person of high motives but, as Dr. Athearn discovered has never had a course in pedagogy, or teacher training, or a course in the Bible or in any part of the subject matter which is to be taught. "Under scientific pedagogy children can be taught goodness so that they will really BE good. Spiritual inspiration can be put into the mind so that it will remain there and become the motive of their lives. Our test proves this beyond any scientific doubt."

What is to be done about it? Every parent, every clubwoman should be interested to demand that expert religious instruction (not sectarianism) be given in every public school in our country, and that selections from the Bible that would offend no fair-minded person be required to be read reverently every day. After teachers are trained to give this instruction, the most successful ones could go from one school to another in the cities, giving instruction at different hours in various schools. In country districts the daily instruction by those possibly less competent could be reinforced by intensive instruction at certain times during the term.

The very stability of our country depends upon the spirit of justice, honesty, fair dealing and reverence for God and His laws and the laws of the country. Unless children are taught these so that they become a part of their soul life, we cannot survive as a self-governing, law-abiding nation.—Georgia Robertson.

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INCARNATE LOVE.

"O Love of God incarnate,
Thou everliving Word,
Through whom the Father speaketh,
In whom man's voice is heard,
In thee all love and wisdom,
Divine and human meet;
When God through thee hath spoken
Love's message is complete!—Wilbur Fisk Tillett.

The above is the last verse of Dr. Tillett's hymn of Love and Faith which will be sung by Mr. Tillett Ashford at the Council Meeting in Tampa, Fla.

"The Living Christ in His Church Today" is the central theme of the program for this session, the fourteenth, of our W. M. Council.

In sermons, addresses, prayer and song this blessed thought will be presented to us day by day.

The service, on Wednesday evening will open with the beautiful hymn: "Love Divine, All Love Excelling," followed by a sermon from Rev. Dr. J. L. Cunningham who will speak on "The Living Christ." The Holy Communion will be administered by Rev. T. J. Nixon, P. E. of Tampa District, assisted by our pastor-host, Rev. Felix R. Hill, of Hyde Park Methodist Church, and other pastors of the city.

Thursday, "Home Cultivation Day," will be distinguished by the Annual Message of the President, Mrs. F. F. Stephens, and reports from the Vice President, Mrs. J. W. Perry, the Supt's. of Children's Work and Young People and the Secretaries of other Depts.

Among the addresses we are looking forward to will be those from Miss Louise Leonard, and Miss Daisy Davies.

Dr. Ivan Lee Holt will give an address on "America and the Making of a Christian World."

Friday will be "Administration Day" when we shall have fine reports from the Secretaries of Foreign Fields and the Home Field. Also reports from the Council Treasurer, Mrs. F. H. E. Ross, and from Rev. Dr. Cunningham on Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Missionaries from China, Korea, Brazil and Mexico will tell us about the power of the Living Christ as witnessed in foreign lands.

Each day the Bible Hour service will be conducted by Rev. W. W. Alexander.

The Annual Sermon will be delivered by Bishop Ainsworth who will consecrate the deaconesses.

There will be "An Evening with Nationals" when a number of Latin-American and Oriental students studying in America will make short addresses.

Monday evening worship will be led by Miss M. L. Gibson who has "mothered" the thousand and more Christian workers sent out from Scarritt Bible and Training School.

Bishop W. B. Beauchamp will conduct the consecration service of Home and Foreign Missionaries who will at once receive "marching orders." We have 24 home and foreign candidates this year.

Every phase of missions will be presented by our great leaders who are also our loving co-workers. Each day will bring new inspiration, and we believe this Council will mark a new day in the ongoing of the kingdom.—Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

A PLEASANT TRIP TO TAMPA.

Mrs. W. H. Pemberton.

Mrs. C. F. Elza, Pres. L. R. Conf. W. M. S., and I reached Memphis early Tuesday morning, and were pleased to find there several other delegates enroute to the W. M. Council in Tampa, Florida. At various

points along the journey we were joined by other delegates and friends, and the hours passed happily. Among those interesting women was one of our pioneer mission workers, Mrs. G. B. Hester of Muskogee, Okla., greatly honored and beloved throughout Methodism. Mrs. Hester was present at the General Conference of the M. E. Church, South, which met in Atlanta in 1878 and authorized the organization of our women for work in foreign missions. She laughingly recalls that the men of the Church were afraid the "multiplicity of societies" would hurt the General Board of Missions. She remembers too that eight years later some of the leaders in the Women's Board of Foreign Missions were solicitous about the organization of the Women's Board of Home Missions, saying, "We will go to the sticks in foreign work."

The hand of the Lord was in it all and the General Board, the Women's Foreign Mission Board and the Women's Home Mission Board actually stimulated each other to work far beyond expectations of the most hopeful leaders.

Then came the consolidation of the Women's Mission Boards, and today the Woman's Missionary Council is the splendid organization of Southern Methodism which carries on foreign and home missions and the local work in the churches. Mrs. Hester rejoices in what she has seen in the progress of our Methodism and, at eighty-five years of age she is still at work for the Master. She spoke of the unrest in Oklahoma and throughout the world, saying, "The religion of Jesus Christ alone can bring peace and rest to mankind." Referring to the prevalence of unemployment, she said that some mornings she has cooked breakfast three times, for herself, and then twice for hungry men who came to town and asked for a job to earn a bit of food. Looking backward with happiness to the time when she and her husband supported a missionary for the Indians, serving men today and, by faith seeing an eternity of bliss with the redeemed in Heaven, Mrs. Hester is an inspiration to us.

Leaving Holly Springs, we were soon looking Mississippi in the face, and were sorry to see signs of trouble there. That is, there were so many untilled fields and so few ploughmen and seed sowers in sight, we felt that the lack of agricultural activities was unfortunate for the people of that section. However, conditions appeared better as we approached New Albany.

Besides work in the fields, Alabama, with its great hills of iron and coal, showed more signs of life and prosperity. Instead of mountain breezes we had the electric fan for comfort. Midsummer seemed to have arrived at Pratt City and Birmingham ahead of us.

Atlanta was through with her day's work, and we saw only a blaze of electricity as we passed through and thought of her great activities that rarely cease.

The next morning when I looked out and saw the trees hung with Spanish moss and lowlands all around, I wondered if we had slipped into Florida. But soon we reached Homeland, Ga., where the chickens were catching the early worm, and there were palms and grapevines, flowers and fine trees to make one think the place was living up to its name.

At Jacksonville, Fla., we enjoyed breakfast, and then we saw palms and flowers sure enough—but not cheap fruits for one-half grape fruit was 20 cents as elsewhere in restaurants. From Jacksonville to Tampa we were

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charmed with the succession of lovely lakes; the beautiful orange groves and the orchards of grape fruit which are "taking the world" for the good of its inhabitants. Hard by every grove of trees bearing fruit was one of tiny trees to prevent any stoppage in this great industry.

We find Tampa a beautiful city with lovely homes, exquisite flowers and charming people. Our delegation is being well cared for in the Bay View Hotel whose proprietors, Mr. Geo. D. Kronberg and Mr. Lester H. Simon are courteous and attentive. We have lovely views of Tampa Bay from the 9th comfortable floor where we stay between meetings.

N. ARK. CONF. W. M. S. Report of Superintendent of Publicity for First Quarter.

I have received only sixteen reports. This is due to the fact that this office is so new in our Conference. If your Society is large enough, elect both Superintendent of Publicity and Superintendent of Mission and Bible Study. If your Society is small, let one woman hold both offices, but in that event she must make quarterly reports on Mission and Bible Study to Mrs. John Bell, Greenwood, and on Publicity and Literature to Publicity Superintendent. The report blanks are to be found loose in the new Corresponding Secretary's book. If you find no blanks either buy a new Secretary's book or write Literature Headquarters, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tennessee, for report blanks.

The first of the month I mailed Bulletins to each auxiliary. If you did not receive yours it was because I had the wrong address. Please send in at once your correct address that I may mail the Bulletin correctly and also send a handbook for the Publicity Superintendent.

Fourteen Auxiliaries reported using Bulletin; nine sent Missionary news to the paper; three sent clippings from papers; four used posters; eight have a program committee and one presented missions to the Sunday School.—Mrs. E. F. Ellis.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

There is much un-organized territory in Searcy district and, having a new secretary, the work has been

neglected in a way, yet notwithstanding this, we have gained along some lines. Mrs. R. A. Dowdy was with us in the group meetings at Harrison, Heber Springs and McRae. While there are twenty-one active auxiliaries, only thirteen reported their work all four quarters. Four organizations disbanded on account of lack of leaders and being in sparsely settled sections.

Eight auxiliaries observed the Week of Prayer, Searcy No. 2 having the largest offering. There are one hundred and six subscribers to the Missionary Voice. Cotton Plant leads in the number of subscribers.

Eleven auxiliaries reported Mission Study and six Bible Study classes. Heber Springs auxiliary is to be commended for, having a membership of twenty-one, it has twenty tithers and thirty in both mission and Bible Study classes.

One of our greatest needs in the district is leaders for our young people and children.

We are praying that more work and better work may be accomplished by our women of Searcy district in 1924.—Laura Felton.

REPORT FROM LAKE CITY.

Mrs. H. Frank McDonald makes the following report:

The Junior Missionary Society met Sunday afternoon, Mar. 16, with fifteen members present.

The society was called to order by the President, Thelma Barnes. The Bible lesson for March was read and explained by our leader, Mrs. McDonald, from which we adopted our motto for the remainder of the year, which is, "They helped every one his neighbor." A short prayer was then offered by Flossie Pace. The next number was the Missionary verse for March by Fay Penick. The story of rolling up puffs of smoke in Tampa, Fla., was read by Vinita Penick. The President then read the touching story of the storms in little Yonko's heart. The next number on the program was writing the answers to the questions in our year books, which is very interesting. The mite boxes were opened next which were full of shining nickels and pennies which will help carry the Gospel of good cheer to children less fortunate than we.

After the roll call and payment of dues, we played games which had been prepared by our leader until time for adjournment.

All officers remained to fill out their reports for the first quarter.

We have a good report for this quarter, and are proud of the start we have made for 1924. We are proud of the beautiful diploma we received for the work done in mission and Bible study last year.

PARAGOULD AUXILIARY.

The Auxiliary of the W. M. S. from the First Church at Paragould sends this little article to tell you they are still active even though they have not been heard from for some time.

They now have a membership of 79 divided into five circles and the sixth circle is in the making for the young matrons of the church.

All circles are taking some study for which they will be given credit. One circle is taking a Foreign Book, another a Home Book (The Child of America) while others are taking Bible Study.

The Young People are doing effective work under the efficient leadership of the Superintendent, Mrs. J. A. Joseph, and President, Miss Frances Neely. They have an enrollment of 30 members, active and alert. They meet twice each month. Have their Programs, Devotional and Recreational. They will serve lunch to the S. S. Council for the next three months.

The Junior Society meets every Sunday afternoon at the church and are doing good work under the leadership of Mrs. James B. Evans, superintendent of Juniors. Each Department was represented at the Conference. Each delegate came home full of enthusiasm, and made a good report.

We are hoping and praying for a greater year's work.

"SAVE AMERICA."

Each month the Bulletin will publish the above caption. An ample supply of this interesting book, "Save America," is on hand at Literature Headquarters and can be secured for twenty-five cents per copy, postpaid. The sale thus far has not been large, which may be due to the Christmas rush. Now that the new year is opening up, not only every auxiliary in Southern Methodism, but every member in every auxiliary should have a copy of this book.

A crisis is before us. Every force of evil is mobilized to break down prohibition and law enforcement. Our Christian women have no right to protection and no claim to citizenship unless they are familiar with the facts and help to save America by changing public opinion, and through their votes. The world is watching America today as never before. Those of us who represent great groups of missionary women who have worked untiringly for almost half a century for righteousness and justice must not fail at this crucial time to see that America is fit to rally the nations for righteousness.

Do not wait to organize a State committee. Begin now by getting the women in your auxiliary, in your town or city to buy this book, read it carefully, then plan your Save America Campaign. The material for programs is in the book.

The victory against alcoholic liquor and against laxness of law enforcement may be decided this year, if the women are ready for it. Work toward registration rallies this coming spring, the object of which is to get every last law-abiding citizen registered. Save America rallies to be held in October, 1924, also.

"Let's sell a million copies of 'Save America.'" Order now from Literature Headquarters, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn. Price 25 cents.

A MESSAGE TO THE PUBLICITY SUPERINTENDENT.

(Sent out from Literature Headquarters.)

There is no field of missionary effort more important than the dissemination of missionary news. The Publicity Superintendent has it with

in her province to give the missionary message not only to the entire membership of her own Church, but also to a much larger circle who receive their inspiration through the printed page. One of the chief avenues of service she will find to be through the columns of the Church and secular papers. Dr. Stelzle says:

"There is no agency which can be made quite so effective as the daily newspaper in enlisting the interest of those who do not go to church. It already has an entree into the homes of the people. It is not looked upon with suspicion. It appears every day. The matter it contains is discussed by every one, and worth-while advertisements paid for by the Church and proclaiming religion will be read by millions who would never, in the first instance, go to church to hear it discussed."

We suggest below some ways that the Auxiliary Publicity Superintendent may accomplish the task set for her.

Publicity In The Auxiliary.

1. Use the Bulletin. Be sure to make all the important announcements which appear in the Bulletin. (This is the best way for your auxiliary to keep the connectional touch.)

Clip from the Bulletin news items that you consider to be of special interest and ask members of the Auxiliary to illustrate. Make this one of the most interesting features of your meeting.

2. Try telling missionary news in cal, Conference, and general interest and tell to the Auxiliary.

Let these news items suggest subjects for prayer within the Auxiliary and in the private devotions of the membership. Be sure to note "Prayer Reminders" in the Bulletin, adding others that may appeal to you.

Publicity In The Local Church.

1. Use a bulletin board. Select missionary items and put on the bulletin board. Be sure that they are in type large enough to be easily read. Place the board where all who come and go to the church services may read.

2. Try telling missionary news in the church services. Perhaps the pastor would welcome this innovation in the prayer service. It would help widen the sphere of intercession. Possibly the Epworth League leaders would be glad to receive news items for their meetings, and Missionary Sunday in the Sunday school could be greatly enlivened by the presentation of the latest missionary news.

Use Of The Newspaper.

The Publicity Superintendent should never neglect this part of her work. She should use every possible means to keep in touch with the town and county editors and get into the columns of the newspapers interesting news concerning the Auxiliary, the Conference and Council, and also general missionary news. Efforts along this line should be untiring, because they will be far-reaching in their results.

Sources Of Information.

The Publicity Superintendent should be on the alert for news items from every source, securing them from the Bulletin, missionary magazines, Church papers, and through general sources. Select the most interesting and important missionary news from all these sources and present it in as enthusiastic and attractive manner as possible.

Reporting.

Be sure to fill out report blanks and send to your Conference Publicity Superintendent.

N. B.—Send clippings of all items you may have succeeded in placing in your local columns to Miss Estelle Haskin, Educational Secretary in Charge of Publicity. Address: Box 510, Nashville, Tenn. THIS IS IMPORTANT.

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These Women Gave Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound a Trial First

Fairview, S. Dakota.—"A year ago I was sick in bed for three weeks and the doctor said I would not be any better without an operation. I had bearing-down pains and sick headaches, with pains in the back of my neck. I felt tired all the time, down-hearted, and got poor and pale and was scarcely able to do anything at all for some time before I took to my bed. The doctor said one of my organs was out of place and caused all my troubles. I was too weak and run-down to think of an operation and as one of my neighbors told me about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, I began taking it. I have received great relief from it and recommend it very highly. It cannot be praised too much in cases of female weakness."—Mrs. O. M. RING, Box 106, Fairview, South Dakota.

New Jersey Woman Writes

Camden, New Jersey.—"I take great pleasure in writing you this testimonial. I was a great sufferer of woman's ailments and doctors told me 18 years ago that I must have a serious operation to remove some of my organs. I refused to have it done and took a full course of your medicines for six months, then after the full course I took a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound every week or two, also Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Medicine every

Spring. I am well and stout and still have my organs they wanted to remove. It was while I was in the hospital that I heard your medicines praised by other patients there. I have recommended them to my friends and to my own family. You may use this testimonial far and near, from the smallest paper to the largest, and I will gladly answer letters from women who wish to know what the Vegetable Compound has done for me and what it will do for them if they give it a fair trial."—Mrs. J. RICH, 322 N. 40th St., Camden, New Jersey.

Through neglect, some female troubles may reach a stage where an operation is necessary, but most of the common ailments are not surgical ones; they are not caused by serious displacements, tumors or growths, although the symptoms may appear the same.

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REPORT ON DEACONESS WORK IN JONESBORO DISTRICT.

Quarter Ending March 31, 1924.

Jonesboro, 1st Church, Jan and Feb.	\$ 30.00
Jonesboro Daughters	15.00
Jonesboro, Fisher St.	4.00
Jonesboro, Huntington Ave. .	6.00
Blytheville, 1st Church	45.00
Blytheville Pastor's Aid	30.00
Luxora	15.00
Osceola	15.00
Promised Land	6.00
Lepanto	6.00
Marked Tree	15.00
Marion	21.00
Wilson	9.00
Monette	3.00
Mrs. Finley Robinson, Blytheville, Contributed	10.00
Mrs. Lou Eckels, Blytheville, Contributed	4.00

\$234.00

Cash Disbursements.

3 months salary to Miss Bunn, \$75.00 per month	\$225.00
Expense on car	17.80
License for Ford car	16.00
O. D., 1-1-24	22.80

281.60

C. R. 234.60

Overdraft, 4-1-24 47.60

—Mrs. Lou Eckels, Treas.

Y. P. M. S. SUMMER CONFERENCE.

Great plans are being made for our annual Summer Conference for young people, at Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia, June 9-14.

The Council Supt. Y. P. M. S., Mrs. P. L. Cobb, of Nashville, Tenn., will be an honored guest and teacher as well as her charming daughter; also Miss Mary Orr Durham, Student Counsellor of Scarritt. For the first time in three years our own brilliant and beloved president, Mrs. C. F. Elza, will be with us throughout the entire conference. This is going to be a meeting that your girls cannot afford to miss, so begin your plans now.—Mrs. J. G. Moore, Supt.

SULPHUR CITY.

Our auxiliary at Sulphur City is getting along very well, taking everything under consideration. We only have three paying members. We have several local members. We try to carry out our programs each month. We are trying to get our young folks interested in the work. We do quilting and furnish lunch at public sales and do quite a bit of local work. Our auxiliary has paid \$8.00 to the pastor this quarter and 75 cents has been paid to the Superannuate fund and yet we have about \$23 in the treasury, which will be put where we think it will do the most good.

I tell you this to show that, although our membership may be small, we can do something for the Master if we only try. I hope this may help to encourage other societies to strive to do all they can. You know it is not so much the big things that count, as the little things which were given by sacrificing our all on the altar.—Mrs. J. L. Boaz, Corresponding Sec.

CREED FOR OUR YOUTHS.

1. To think pure thoughts; to read the best books; to discard all unclean literature that may perchance fall into my hands.
2. To speak as correct English as possible; to avoid all use of rough slang.
3. To avoid extremes in my dress; also in the use of cosmetics.
4. To take a firm stand against promiscuous automobile riding and unconventional dancing.
5. To be truthful and reliable.
6. To suppress the spirit of jealousy and of revenge.
7. To possess the spirit of patience, of tolerance, of reconciliation, and the ideal of unity, always practicing the Golden Rule.
8. To let my conduct at all times be above reproach, and at all times to render efficient service to my home, my school, my race, my country, and my God.

Sunday School Department

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SUNDAY SCHOOLS ORDERING PROGRAMS THIS WEEK, APRIL 17, 1924.

Arkadelphia District.
Previously reported, 27.
Hollywood, Magnet Cove, Manning, Sparkman, Mt. Pisgah, Walco.

Camden District.
Previously reported, 22.
New Hope, Harmony, Eagle Mills, Camden.

Little Rock District.
Previously reported, 26.
Congo, Highland, Winfield, Lonoke, Bryant.

Monticello District.
Previously reported, 20.
Montrose, Morrell, Rock Springs, Snyder.

Pine Bluff District.
Previously reported, 24.
Ferrell, Rison, Good Faith, Pleasant Grove, Douglas.

Prescott District.
Previously reported, 31.
Mineral Springs, Delight, Holly Grove, Murfreesboro, Center.

Tuxedo District.
Previously reported, 37.
Ogden, Spring Hill, College Hill, Rondo, Doddridge, Umpire, Athens, Barndale, St. Paul, Liberty, Smyrna, Ashdown.

Standings by Districts.	
Texarkana	49
Prescott	36
Arkadelphia	33
Little Rock	31
Pine Bluff	29
Camden	26
Monticello	24

Total 228
—Clem Baker.

STILL GOING GOOD.

The number of programs sent out last week is fine and we are happy over the prospects of the biggest Sunday School Day observance we have ever had. Let superintendents who have not done so please get their orders in to us at once. Now is the time to hit hard. Watch the report next week. Somebody had better head off Martin and Simmons. They are getting too far in the lead.—Baker.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE 1000 STUDY CLUB.

The "One Thousand Study Club" is a Church-wide movement headed by

This creed was formulated by the Negro group of the Woman's Interracial Committee of Dallas Texas. It was taken by them to the State Teachers' Association, where it was adopted. It is hoped that the National Educational Association will adopt it at their next meeting.—April Bulletin.

CHILDREN IN MISSIONARY SOCIETIES GIVE NEARLY \$70,000 TO MISSIONS IN 1923.

Miss Althea Jones, Council Superintendent of Children's Work, reports that the children in the junior missionary societies throughout Southern Methodism, comprising a membership of 76,494 besides 41,896 members of the Baby Division, raised for all purposes last year, \$67,317.40.

The number of juniors enrolled in mission study classes reached 35,567, and 911 junior auxiliaries observed the Week of Prayer, making an offering of \$3,297.40.

Social Service Committees were reported in 1,767 auxiliaries. As members of these committees, the children "learn to do by doing," and are given an opportunity to make concrete the missionary truths that are taught them.—April Bulletin.

Mr. M. W. Brabham of the General Sunday School Board. The Little Rock Conference Club is a branch of the Church-wide movement. It is organized especially for preachers and Sunday School superintendents but is open to all Sunday School officers and teachers. The conditions for becoming a member include a pledge to do the following things: Attend regularly the Workers' Council; attend at least once a year a District Sunday School Training School or Institute; complete each year one unit in the Standard Training Course; Read the "Methodist Superintendents and His Helpers"; push the "Program of Work"; read Chapter 12 of the Discipline; and (for superintendents) Having A Prepared Program for each Sunday Morning Session. A beautiful membership card is issued to all who join. There is no fee connected with it in any way. We give below the pastors and superintendents who have already joined in the Little Rock Conference:

Pastors:—C. M. Reves, J. W. Thomas, O. L. Walker, L. J. Ridling, W. T. Wilkinson, S. R. Twitty, G. L. Cagle, Jesse Galloway, S. K. Burnett, R. H. Cannon, B. F. Roebuck, W. M. Mears, F. G. Roebuck, F. F. Harrell, J. B. Sims, A. J. Christie, Rex B. Wilkes, J. R. Dickerson, J. J. Mellard, B. F. Scott, R. P. James, J. E. Cooper, W. C. Yancey, L. T. Rogers, T. O. Owen, R. E. Fawcett, J. M. Cannon, J. H. Glass, C. E. Whitten, L. A. Smith, H. R. Nabors.

Presiding Elders.—J. W. Harrell, J. F. Simmons, L. E. N. Hundley, J. A. Parker.

S. S. Superintendents.—L. D. Lea, H. A. Atchley, J. B. Youmans, J. L. Messaniore, Custer Steel, J. G. Moore, W. S. Johnson, K. H. Skinner, H. B. Pipkin, J. E. Walsh, W. E. Forbes, Henry A. Thomas, J. L. Mayhan, C. E. Hayes, J. H. Lynch.

Officers and Teachers.—Mrs. A. J. Christie, Dr. H. N. Princehouse, Hon. A. R. Cooper, Mrs. H. M. Harper, Mrs. J. A. Parker, Kate Johnson, Mrs. Elliott, Robert D. Lee, A. B. Simmons, J. A. Adams, Adah White.

Let's make this unanimous.—Clem Baker.

HENDERSON - BROWN COLLEGE OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP TO TEACHER TRAINING GRADUATES.

Dr. J. M. Workman, president of Henderson-Brown College, authorizes us to make the announcement that beginning with this fall Henderson-Brown College will give a free scholarship in its Literary Department (Valued at \$100.00) to the High School graduate in each Presiding Elder's District in Arkansas who during the year completes the Standard Training Course with the highest grades on the twelve units required for the Gold Seal Diploma. This is a wonderful contribution that Henderson-Brown is making to our cause of Religious Education and offers a wonderful opportunity for 16 fine young people to attend one of the best Methodist Colleges in the South. Let all those interested write for further particulars to Rev. Clem Baker, 406 Exchange Bank Building, Little Rock.—Clem Baker.

THE LUCY THORNBURG WORK- MAN LOVING CUP.

Mrs. J. M. Workman of Henderson-Brown College authorizes us to announce that at the coming session of the Little Rock Conference she will award a beautiful loving cup to the Presiding Elder's District showing the largest percentage of credits in the Standard Training Course earned dur-

ing the Conference year. The per cent will be based on the number of officers and teachers in the district but all who receive certificates on the Training Course will be counted to the credit of the district. Who will win at El Dorado?—Clem Baker.

THE DELTA TRAINING SCHOOL.

The second session of the Delta Training School closed at McGehee last Friday night. 57 were awarded certificates and 3 others will receive officer credits. Again we were handicapped by bad weather, but in spite of this it was a fine school and we all were happy over the results. The following pastoral charges were represented: Dumas, Tillar-Winchester, Arkansas City, Lake Village, Eldora, McGehee, Dermott, Monticello, Wilmot, Altheimer, Swan Lake. The following pastors received credit: Rule, Barry, Mann, Fawcett, Williams, Mel-lard, Dedman, Rogers, J. W., Rogers, A. C. Mrs. J. A. Parker spent the entire week with us, did credit work, and checked up the Elementary work at McGehee. Bro. Rogers spent two days with us looking after Sunday School work in that end of the District. A splendid session of the District officers and group leaders was held. The Delta Section of the Monticello District plans to charter a special train and go in a body to the District Sunday School Institute to be held at Wilmar the last of May. That is a live bunch down there and you will hear from them before the end of the year.—Clem Baker.

MAGNOLIA TRAINING SCHOOL NEXT WEEK.

We are "All Pepped Up" over the fine prospects for the Magnolia Training School which begins with an organization meeting at the Methodist Church in Magnolia at 3:00 p. m., next Sunday, and runs through Friday night. The teachers are Hammons, Baker, Harwell, Fowler and Smith. R. P. James is dean and our good friend Dr. Wilkerson is pushing the advertisement. Look for the report of this school. It will be a good one if we do not miss our guess.—Clem Baker.

AT DUMAS THIS WEEK.

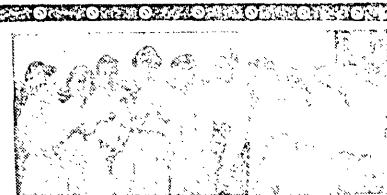
The Conference Superintendent is spending this week teaching "The Program of the Christian Religion" and preaching in a pre-Easter Revival at Dumas. We just can not resist the temptation to have a little share in the big pre-Easter Campaign on over the Conference.—Clem Baker.

DO NOT FORGET.

MENA—APRIL 27-MAY 2.
DEQUEEN—JUNE 1-6.

GREAT HOME DEPARTMENT AT MALVERN.

We give below the report of the Home Department at Malvern which shows a membership of 138. Wonder if there is its equal in the Conference. We congratulate Pastor Henderson and Superintendent Blakeley on hav-



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ing a woman like Mrs. McColpin at the head of this work. "The Home Department at Malvern has an enrollment of 138. 14 of these are 'Honor Members,' having made the 'A Degree.' Our offering for the first and second quarter is exceedingly good. The Superintendent with the help of our good Brother Alexander recently installed the Home Department at the Rammel Dam. These men are very enthusiastic in the S. S. Work and we are expecting great and good results from Brother Alexander and his class at Rammel Dam."—Mrs. W. E. McColpin, Supt.

ALL IN ONE DAY'S MAIL.

That our Sunday School Training Program is growing in the Little Rock Conference is evidenced by the reports coming to our office each day. We give below a sample of one day's mail last week:

"Send Examination Questions on Worker and His Bible and Life and Letters of Paul. Wife and I are both taking several credits this year."—G. L. Cagle, Pastor, Mt. Ida-Oden.

"Please arrange to give us a Junior School at Strong the first week in May and one at Huttig the second week in May. Several of us are planning to attend the Magnolia Training School next week."—J. M. Cannon, Pastor, Huttig and Strong.

"I am enclosing application for membership in the 1000 Study Club and congratulate the Conference on this fine movement."—C. E. Hayes, Superintendent at Winfield, Little Rock.

"I am very proud of my approval to teach the Bible Unit in Standard Schools and am endeavoring to prepare myself so that the General Board will never have cause to be disappointed in me. Let me know what I need to complete the work for the Gold Seal. I am planning to attend the Magnolia Standard School."—R. H. Cannon, Pastor, Stamps.

"Please send me all the literature that you can get so that I may more fully prepare myself for my office as district superintendent of Teacher Training. I have written 75 letters urging attendance on the Magnolia Training School. We are trying to make it 100 per cent."—J. B. Sims, Pastor at Thornton and Superintendent Training for the Camden District.

"I have a class just completing the first two sections of the Worker and His Bible. Send examination questions on this unit and also on Life and Letters of Paul."—W. P. Whaley, Pastor, First Church, Pine Bluff.

"Count on me to assist in Your Standard Training School programs where you need me. We must have a Standard Training School at Arkadelphia and will take it at any time it suits you."—J. L. Cannon, Pastor, Arkadelphia.

"We will meet any conditions that the General Board requires if we can have a Standard School for Group Number 4 of the Prescott District at Glenwood the first week in August. We can enroll fifty from Glenwood alone. Group number four is determined to lead the District this year."—W. C. Yancey, Pastor at Glenwood and Leader of his Group.

Now isn't this enough to make a fellow work his head off?—Clem Baker.

SPLENDID SUNDAY SCHOOL RECORD.

Hon. W. D. Lee of Center Point, Ark., on last Sunday, April 6, celebrated his fortieth anniversary as Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school at that place. During the past forty years he has been absent but twenty times and these absences due to his attendance upon District and Annual Conferences in other

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SEQUOYAH BUILDING PAYMENTS IN N. ARK. CONFERENCE.

The following payments have been received on the Mt. Sequoyah League Building Fund. Remittances are listed in the order received. The building is started; the pay roll begins at once. It is, therefore, necessary that funds be sent in at the earliest possible moment.

Quitman	\$15.00
Centerton	21.50
Atkins	17.00
Oakley Chapel	16.50
Vilonia	7.15
Moorefield	5.50
Mammoth Springs	1.50
Calico Rock	5.00
Osceola	5.00
Russellville	15.00
Springdale, Int.	2.00
Russellville, Int.	2.75
Winslow	8.50
Heach Orchard	11.50
Pottsville	7.00
McClelland	2.80
Conway	16.50
Waldron	6.50
Paragould	6.00
Rogers	15.50
Plumerville	20.50
Elaine	5.00
Parkin	11.00
Clarksville	32.50
First, North L. R.	33.50
	\$290.70

Conway, Osceola and Waldron are

cities. During the past thirty-seven years he has only missed three times as superintendent of the Sunday school. Mr. Lee is the father of our Mr. Robert D. Lee and Mr. A. W. Lee.

APPROVED INSTRUCTORS FOR JUNIOR SCHOOLS, SEARCY DISTRICT.

Rev. W. F. Blevins, Cotton Plant.
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Prof. Harry King, Searcy.
Prof. M. J. Russell, Valley Springs.
Miss Neill, Searcy, Galloway College.—H. E. Wheeler.

1000 STUDY CLUB.

Membership cards have been issued to the following people during the week beginning March 31: Mr. Henry P. Anderson, Helena; Rev. W. C. Watson, Helena; Rev. C. W. Lester, Dardanelle; Rev. W. F. Blevins, Cotton Plant.—H. E. Wheeler.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY PROGRAMS.

The following is a list of the schools ordering Sunday School Day Programs during the week beginning March 31st.

Batesville District:—Sulphur Rock, Pleasant Plains, Cedar Grove, Corner Stone, Wolfe Bayou, Alderbrook, Moorefield, Pfeifer, Bethesda, Tuckerman.

Conway District:—Gardner Memorial N. Little Rock, Greenbrier, Dover.

Fayetteville District:—Alpena, Cincinnati, Fayetteville.

Fort Smith District:—Lavaca, Kibler, Hackett, First Church, Fort Smith, New Hope, Spadra, South Fort Smith, Barling.

Helena District:—Hunter, Helena, Colt, Earle, Wheatley.

Paragould District:—Marmaduke, Piggott, Knobel, New Hope, Mt. Zion, Rector, Ravenden Springs, Biggers.

Searcy District:—DeView, Kensett, McCrory, Union.—H. E. Wheeler.

partial reports only.—H. C. Johnston, Treasurer, Conway, Ark.

CARROLL COUNTY LEAGUE UNION.

The first Union meeting of the Leagues of Carroll County was held at Berryville, April 5-6, with 67 Leaguers from Green Forest, Eureka Springs, Berryville and Pleasant Valley in attendance.

Enthusiasm and zeal marked this meeting from its beginning. Special music was furnished by the several Leagues in attendance. On Saturday evening over a hundred Leaguers enjoyed a unique social in the church annex of the beautiful and tasteful stone church at Berryville. Rev. J. N. Wilford and Rev. H. A. Stroup, two of our choicest young preachers, first conceived the idea of a union for Carroll County and asked the District secretary to come up and assist them. With these two Epworth League pastors behind it one has no fears that this new Union will go forward to accomplish great things.

Bro. Stroup spoke on proper recreation for our young people on Saturday afternoon, Mrs. Weaver presented the Standard of Efficiency, and Bro. Wilford presided at a very helpful devotional service.

The visitors had the pleasure of hearing Bro. Wilford in a very forceful sermon Sunday morning on "A Life on Deposit," which was addressed mainly to the young people. The house was packed and some stood. On Sunday afternoon, after a very impressive devotional service, Mrs. Weaver spoke on "The Hidden Christ," and urged the Leaguers, if Christ was hidden to them, to lift the veil that they might know him. This was followed by a discussion of "The Purpose of the Devotional Meeting and How to Accomplish This Purpose."

The following officers were elected: President, Mr. Floyd Wright, Eureka Springs; V. President, Mrs. J. N. Wilford, Berryville; Secretary, Miss Winnie Owens, Green Forest; Era Agent, Miss McCloud, Pleasant Valley.

The next meeting will be held the first Sunday in May at Green Forest, with Miss Winnie Owens, the efficient President of Green Forest, in charge of the program.

THE BEEBE EPWORTH LEAGUE.

The Beebe Epworth League was organized February 3, and we have increased in membership from twenty-six to sixty-six members in this short time.

Much of our enthusiasm is due to Brother Fryar, our pastor, and Dr. Hugh Garrett, the S. S. Superintendent, and Mrs. Garrett. We had our first group meeting March 21. Rev. Noel S. Chaney, District secretary and Brother Hays, P. E., were our guests. The Beebe Leaguers served supper in Baraca Hall and then adjourned to the church, where we heard interesting talks from Mr. Chaney and Bro. Hays.

Jacksonville, Cabot and Antioch were represented.

We have 40 per cent on the Standard of Efficiency. We are planning a large delegation to the League Assembly at Galloway.—Mary A. Smoot, Sec.

FALL IN.

The leaders of your League for the next League year have been or will be chosen this month, and they will set things in motion to make the ensuing year one of history. During the next six weeks plans and policies will be made for the new year's work.

These people, chosen by you for the place they can most ably fill, are instruments in your hands. They are not chosen as monarchs of the Epworth League but as representatives of every one who calls himself a Leaguer. It is the part of everyone, then, to fall in line with the newly elected officers. The work is just begun. Will you back up the line, or will you stand by and watch the same drag?—H. T.

CITY LEAGUE UNION WILL MEET APRIL 28.

On account of the Billy Sunday meeting the Inter-City League Union of Little Rock and North Little Rock will meet the fourth Monday night at Asbury Church.

AN APRIL SHOWER OF GOOD THINGS.

Dear Leaguer:

Have you kept in mind the wonderful work of the Epworth League to be done this month? This is to be a red-letter month in a "shower of good things" in our Conference for the following reasons.

First: We want to raise \$2,000 Anniversary Day offerings April 13. Every Church is to observe the Day and take an offering, remitting to Mr. Leslie Helvie, Treasurer, 1612 West 8 Ave. Pine Bluff, Ark. Report promptly after observing the Day in your Church. This money is to help keep Miss Bess McKay in the field.

Second: Elections are always interesting, and the annual election of Chapter officers is a big event. Hold your election on time, putting in the right persons, and report their names to your District secretary.

Third: Money is coming in on Mission Pledges and we will make a splendid showing if every Chapter will check up and see that their pledge is paid in full as soon as possible.

Fourth: The Chapters succeeding easiest are the ones holding regularly each month their Council and business meetings, carefully planning the month's work in advance. Then they report to the District secretary and the Conference Cabinet knows of the splendid work they are doing.

Fifth: One of the interesting events at the Assembly at Arkadelphia, June 16-20, will be the awarding of the silver cup, or vase, to the Chapter having the best posters. Chapter Artists should keep all their posters and take them to Arkadelphia and enter them in the contest for the cup.

Sixth: Leaguers are calling for the services of Miss Bess McKay, Field Secretary, and that pleases her and the Cabinet. Keep up with her schedule and use her when she can be with you and she will be able to render you good service.—Yours for service, Little Rock Conference Cabinet.

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CHILDREN'S PAGE

EASTER LILIES.

Easter lilies bloom today
At the tomb where Jesus lay.
Sweet and beautiful and bright,
They proclaim, in purest white,
Evermore the glad refrain,
Risen Lord—the Lord shall reign.
—John W. Eddy.

Easter lilies, pure and sweet,
Welcome once again;
For ye tell us joy still lives
In this world of pain;
Tell us, too, that Christ the Lord
Risen is today,
And that he the might of death
Vanquished hath for aye;
Tell us, too, that Christ the Lord
Sleeps, to wake once more,
And that we shall find our dead
On the brighter shore.—Ex.

THE EASTER LIFE

"The light of the sun does us no good unless we are living in it. Yes, that is just what the minister said," mused Tim as he tossed his Sunday school paper upon the table and gave himself up to the flow of his own thoughts. "Yes, he said just that, and more too. He said that the life of Christ will do us little good unless we are living in it—that is, unless we are Christians, it makes little difference to us whether Christ rose from the dead or not."

"What is on your mind now?" It was Tim's sister Ada who asked this question as she came bounding into the room upon her return from school. She had stopped on her way to gather violets, and that, you see, is why she had not reached home as soon as Tim.

"O, I was just thinking about what the minister said last Sunday, that is all," replied the lad in a low voice.

"O, yes; what he said about people being 'born again' if they would live the Easter life, and that reminds me that I must write his text down in my text-book. Let's see; it was last Easter wasn't it, when Mrs. Martin gave us those little books and told us to write in them the text of every sermon we heard preached. I am glad to say that I have not missed many Sundays since then."

"Neither have I," said Tim. "And do you know, I have been wondering whether Mrs. Martin will give her class any presents this Easter."

"O, I don't know. I should think a teacher did her duty by teaching a Sunday School fifty times in a year, without spending her money on presents for us, even if we are but four. I think it would be more appropriate for us to be giving her a present this year than for us to be expecting one from her."

"And let's get up one for her," proposed Tim.

"And that means that we will," laughed Ada. "When you say let's, in that tone, something is always sure to happen."

"But we don't want to have the whole say about the presents ourselves," observed the boy, evidently pleased at his sister's compliment. "Mark and Nettie haven't come by

from school yet. When they do, we shall call them in and see what can be done."

"All right, and let's watch for them."

The windows facing the road were immediately taken possession of, and it was not long before Ada and Tim were both rapping on the panes of glass.

"What is it?" shouted Mark from the road.

"Come and see," replied Ada.

Mark and Nettie, rosy-cheeked brother and sister, were soon in the little sitting room, and Ada and Tim were laying before them their plans for Easter.

"It is just this," said Ada: "I found Tim dreaming about Easter, and I just suggested that we give Mrs. Martin an Easter present this year. Now, what do you think of it?"

"That would be just the thing," said Nettie.

"But what do you think she would want?" queried Mark.

"We can't tell unless we ask her," replied Ada. "But have any of us ever heard her say what she wanted?"

"I have," said Tim. "I have heard her say that what she wanted more than anything was to have her scholars come to Christ."

"But I mean something that we could give her."

"But if we should make up our minds to be Christians, it would make her pleased," said Tim; "and perhaps she'd rather be present in this way than to have a present."

"I know that she would," said Nettie; "and I say, let's settle the question once for all."

The others looked at Nettie in amazement. They could scarcely understand what she meant. Her face was flushed and she was trembling with emotion; but one thing was certain, and that was that Nettie was in earnest, also Tim. And whatever Tim wanted the others to do, they would do.

"You may as well tell us what you do mean," said Mark.

"Why, just what I said," replied Tim. "I think it is about time that we began to think some of being Christians—that is, if what the minister says is true; and I suppose that it is, for everybody believes everything else that he says when he has anything to say in our house and in the store."

"I should say as much," asserted Nettie.

"But what can we do about it?" queried Mark.

"We might all sign a paper telling her what we intend to do, and give it to her on Easter," proposed Tim.

"So we can," said Mark; "and let's do it at once."

So Tim went to the desk, and spent a few minutes writing something upon a piece of paper. When he had finished, he turned around and asked: "Want to hear it?"

"Of course," answered Nettie.

So he read: "We four scholars of your class have made up our minds to be Christians, and we give you this information as your Easter remembrance from us."

"Just the thing!" said Ada.

"And I suppose that we must all sign it," suggested Nettie.

"Of course," answered Tim.

"But is this all that we must do to be Christians?" queried Mark.

"I should say not," answered Tim.

"But if Mrs. Martin knows that we are in earnest, she will tell us what to do."

So the paper was signed by the four, after which Mark and Nettie continued on their way homeward down the beautiful country road.

On the following Easter, when the Sunday School met at the close of the preaching service in the little church on the hill, Tim passed to Mrs. Martin, the very first thing, an envelope bearing her name. When she opened it and read the note that was within, her eyes filled with tears of joy.

"O, my precious class! My precious class!" This was all she could say as she looked from one to another with face shining like an angel's.

"We thought that you'd tell us just

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

CLARKSVILLE.

The people of the Methodist Church of Clarksville are now rejoicing over a beautiful new Pilcher pipe organ that was placed in our church recently. The Methodist Maids and Matrons of our church are those who, through their untiring efforts, made this possible. These women through their efforts and the cooperation of the church were able to pay \$2,200, one half the entire cost, as the first payment.

The interest of the entire church is good, and all departments are working hard at their job.

The pastor has just had the pleasure of being with Rev. I. D. McClure in a two weeks' meeting at Monette, Ark. The Lord gave us a great victory there. At the closing service 23 united with the church. Bro. McClure and his most excellent family are very much loved by the people of Monette, and they are doing a splendid work.

It is a pleasure to work with a man like Bro. McClure who is up and doing business for the Master. It is also an inspiration to see a pastor's children show their love and interest for their father's work as does the family of this good man.—Sam M. Yancey, P. C.

McGEHEE.

We, at McGehee, have had interesting and worthy events within the last two weeks. At the invitation of the ways and means committee through W. M. Kincannon, Bishop S. R. Hay spent Saturday and Sunday, March 29 and 30, in our city. Driven by L. D. Buckalew, we carried him over some of the Arkansas and Louisiana Highway, showing him some of the scenery, wonderful developments, and latent possibilities of this country.

At the evening hour a dinner and informal social were given in his honor, and the near-by preachers were invited. Those present were Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Parker, R. E. Fawcett, J. W. Mann, Geo. E. Williams, E. C. Rule, J. J. Mellard, and the official board of our church. The Bishop seemed a little worried because of this cluster of young preachers who hold forth over here. He may feel that our people need more grey matter and ripened experience for leaders, and perhaps he is right. But the banquet was much enjoyed, and the

what to do," began Ada. "We felt that we needed help from you."

"And you shall have it this very hour. We will let the lesson go today, and just have a little meeting all to ourselves."

"That will be just beautiful!" exclaimed Nettie.

While the other classes in the church were discussing the lesson for the day, Mrs. Martin's class in the pew in the rear were settling the great question of their lives.

Mrs. Martin began by telling them the story of the Christ—how Christ left his heavenly home and came to earth to die for all men, since all are sinners, and how all may be saved from sin by being sorry for their wrongdoing, deciding to lead a right life, and taking him as their personal, present Savior. "Is this what you all believe?"

"It is," replied the class softly.

Then all closed their eyes and Mrs. Martin prayed softly for them, after which each prayed for pardon; and by the time that the service was dismissed, all felt that Christ had accepted them as his very own.

"O how I shall prize this little note!" said Mrs. Martin as they were leaving the church for home. "You could not have given me an Easter remembrance which would have meant more to me. And I am sure that I am not the only one you have remembered this day; you have given yourselves to Christ, who died and arose from the grave for you, and he will treasure the Easter gift you have given him more than I can the one you have given me."—Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

Bishop spoke very forcefully with reference to team work. Sunday morning he brought a great message to a crowded congregation. He emphasized burden-bearing. His inspiration has led us into greater activity toward a new church building. His visit is an inspiration to us because of his office, his brotherliness and religious fervor. We trust he will come our way again soon.

During the past week we held the Delta Training School again. It was a success, being led by our Conference Supt., Rev. C. N. Baker, who also taught a class. The other teachers were Rev. S. R. Twitty, Mesdames F. T. Fowler, Byron Harwell and L. A. Smith. All of these filled their places with credit. Those joining us and making the school possible were the loyal pastors and people of Dummas, Tillar, Arkansas City, Lake Village, Eudora, Wilmot and Dermott. About eighty were enrolled and fifty-seven took credit.

Much needs to be done over here, but when it is done, fields open up everywhere, beautiful school and church buildings erected, which is being done rapidly, this will be the garden spot of the world. We are in the making, and we believe the church is keeping pace.—J. L. Dedman, P. C.

A GREAT SCHOOL AND A GREAT BOOK.

That Training School in Little Rock was a great affair. Great in more ways than one, great in numbers, great in its teaching faculty and great in the work done. But to me Wednesday the day set apart for addresses on personal evangelism was the big day of all. Dr. Goddard, Dr. Steel and our good Bishop Hay made very fine speeches, all speaking out of their hearts and experiences. But the address delivered by our Dr. P. C. Fletcher was to my mind the best I ever heard. It came into my heart like a flash of sunshine. It was simply great as I see it. It was so full of gospel truth and light and yet so simple and so sweet one felt perfectly refreshed thereby. But I must not forget Baker, for he is a wonder. I don't know to what lengths he will lead us if he is left alone. Go ahead Baker and we will try to follow where you lead.

I want to speak of a great book I have just read. And since reading the book, I am made to wonder why such a book has been so long coming. There is a great need for this book through the whole Church. It ought to be in every Methodist home in the land and I for one am speaking of this book in my rounds. Of course the preachers will read it, but the laymen, men and women, old and young, ought to read it.

The book is none other than "Fundamentals of Methodism" by our great and good Bishop Mouzon.

Let me give here a few lines from this book: "The Church is no transient organization. It was established by Christ for the conversion of the world."

Then the writer gives us a few words from Dr. Jefferson, "The Church is in literal truth the body of Christ. Without it he does no mighty deeds. The amount of work he accomplishes in every country is conditioned upon the character of the Church in that country. The kind of service he performs in any community is determined by the character of the Christian society in that community. Wherever the Church prospers, society improves. Wherever the Church languishes, society degenerates. (How true.) When the Church is vigorous, the social atmosphere becomes bracing and clear; when the

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Church becomes worldly and corrupt, the sun is turned into darkness and the moon into blood. There is no hope for the triumph of Christian religion outside the Church." Amen! This I have preached and this I believe. I think pastors would do a good work by getting their people to buy and read this book.

This book with the Arkansas Methodist will make better and more intelligent Methodists and better Christians.

And this is one of our great needs today in every place, city, town and country.

Yours for a better day in Methodism.—J. W. Harrell, P. E., Camden District.

MONETTE.

We closed our protracted meeting here Sunday night. It was one of the best meetings I have engaged in for years. Rev. S. M. Yancey of Clarks-ville was with us for two weeks, and did the preaching, to the delight and edification of all that heard him. The preaching was of the highest type, often reaching the sublime, and best of all, it reached the people and moved them towards God. There were thirty professions and twenty-three additions to our church, with others to follow. The meeting should have continued another week, as it was growing with every service, but Brother Yancey was compelled to leave, and I thought it best to close.

Brother Yancey is a splendid preacher, and is as good, if not the best, help I have ever had, in a protracted meeting. This was the second meeting Yancey has helped me in and he gets better all the time.

My people were delighted with him both in the pulpit, on the streets, and in their homes. He did a great work for us, for which we are all very grateful.—I. D. McClure, P. C.

TYRONZA CHARGE.

Tyronza charge is still very much on the map and doing things in the good old Methodist way. We have some of the most loyal people to be found in the Conference and whatever progress is made it is due to their splendid co-operation. The points at present included in this charge are Tyronza, Gilmore and Turrell Community. This is my second year. Quite a few things have been accomplished since conference; an Epworth League for the young people of the Turrell Community and more than seventy-five percent increase in Sunday School attendance for the same Community. Not least important because last mentioned, but most important of all the securing of the services of a deaconess for Turrell Community. It will be impossible for us to make the splendid ladies of the Jonesboro District know just how much we appreciate their interest in this great country.

Our second quarterly meeting for this Conference year will be held with the Gilmore class April 13. Our good P. E., Rev. W. C. House, will be with us. Our people are always glad to meet him. He is a splendid preacher and a great leader. Our good Bishop certainly made no mistake when he sent this good and great man our way.—Floyd G. Villines, P. C.

HAWLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH AND ITS PASTOR.

One of the most successful revivals ever held at this church came to a close Sunday evening, April 6; 125 confessed Christ, with 60 additions to the church. The services were under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh, and his singer, Chas. B. Wiatt, of East St. Louis. Too much praise cannot be given these two godly men for their untiring efforts during this religious campaign. No effort was too great on their part to portray Christ and Him crucified. The gospel messages both in song and Scripture were handled in the same manner that have won for both distinction. Their sincerity, purity of heart and ever zealous nature to go out and bring the lost to Christ are not excelled. Mr. Wiatt has been a very successful evangelistic singer

for some time and has traveled with evangelists of note; yet we cannot let go unmentioned his wonderful personality and capability in handling and training young people. We are very thankful to have had this splendid young man in our midst the past three weeks. When we speak of our pastor, Bro. Fitzhugh, we feel that it was a god-send that he came to us, and we are sure that the Little Rock Conference has already heard of the wonderful things that he has accomplished in so short a stay in Pine Bluff. He is a man of power from God, and the city of Pine Bluff welcomes him as one of their foremost pastors.—A Member.

FREE TITHING LITERATURE.

We hereby offer free, postage paid, to any minister or church worker who asks for the number needed, a sufficient quantity of the new pamphlet, "Winning Financial Freedom," to furnish one copy to every member of the official boards of his church and to the presidents and secretaries of both the Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies; also, a reasonable number for the more influential private members.

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WHERE TO SEND YOUR MISSIONARY MONEY.

Now that Centenary pledges are being paid in full the makers of these subscriptions naturally want to know how their money must be handled in future, and to whom it should be sent. Let the following simple direction be your guide.

As soon as a Centenary obligation has been met make all future checks, drafts and money orders payable to W. M. Casetty, Jr., Acting Treasurer, and send to him, Box 510 Nashville, Tenn. This applies to all Missionary money directed to Missionary Specials as well as to undirected gifts, tithes and offerings.

The regular foreign and home mission assessment should be sent, as usual, to the regular Conference Treasurer, while Epworth League funds continue to pass through the hands of the Conference Epworth League Treasurer, by whom they are forwarded monthly to Epworth League headquarters, Nashville.

If there is any uncertainty yet in the minds of any, please write to—BUREAU OF SPECIALS, 627 Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn.

THE WESTERN METHODIST ASSEMBLY AT MT. SEQUOYAH.

The success of the first season at the Western Methodist Assembly and the assurance of full co-operation of all the connectional boards that conduct summer schools to provide extensive programs this year have made imperative the enlargement of the assembly accommodations.

The trustees met at Fayetteville Friday, April 4, to consider these matters and other important interests. After a full day's deliberation, it was agreed to make an addition to the cafeteria and to build ten more cottages.

The program for the new league building enterprised by the leaguers of the twelve conferences having been well started, the league secretary, Rev. Ralph E. Nollner, was encouraged to believe that a very considerable sum would be raised within the next few months, sufficient in the whole amount to warrant the beginning of the excavation. The proposed building will be on a commanding eminence on the central driveway. It will be a very attractive building and conveniently arranged for assembly and class rooms with dormitories for the class instructors.

The exercises for the ground breaking were in charge of Dr. A. C. Millar, the president. Brief addresses were made by Dr. Millar, Mr. Nollner and others.

Of the 300,000 Epworth League members in the church 80,000 are in conferences west of the river.

There are 300 district secretaries in the church, 90 are west of the river. Two thousand five hundred of the 7,000 chapters are also in this territory. This is a large constituency and should generate enthusiasm for any great church enterprise. The new building will be to their credit and the center of many great inspirational meetings.

The day we spent on the mountain was fair and balmy. The mountain breezes were exhilarating and the lure of the mountain paths for a long walk or climb over the rocky crags was most enticing. Under our feet the grasses were green and made like unto a beautiful carpet by many wild flowers. The fragrance and beauty of the wild plum blossoms and the bursting buds of the peach were like troopers of fairies, announcing the days of spring. To turn from the beauty and delights of the day on the mountains and go back again to the narrow confines of a city office and an apartment was really a denial of life and joy and the refreshing that one felt he much needed after the long winter.

And yet we live in crowded cities and call it life and say we are having a good time and are happy. The time and expense I give to the many trips I make to Arkansas in the interest of the assembly have their offset in these brief days of pleasure and recreation.—C. O. Ransford, in St. Louis Chr. Adv.

THE BOONEVILLE WAY.

Rev. L. D. Patterson, of Menlo, Georgia, one of our general evangelists, spent a week recently at Booneville, Mississippi, preaching four times daily. As a result of the week's work, a decision service was held in which four were converted and joined the Church. A campaign of personal evangelism was initiated to continue until Easter. A church school of missions was organized, five mission study classes to meet Wednesday nights for two months.

The balance of the Centenary pledge, \$2,754, was collected in full and at the closing service Dr. Patterson made an address on the Superannuate Endowment Fund and the entire first year's quota was provided for. Patterson says that if the presiding elder, pastor and a few leading laymen in any church really want the Centenary pledge paid in full, it can usually be done.

At Booneville, great credit is due the presiding elder, Rev. J. B. Randolph, of Corinth, who was on the ground and provided capable and inspiring leadership. The pastor, Rev. E. G. Mohler, laid himself out and displayed fine powers of leadership and constructive ability. The actual collecting of Centenary pledges was done by Brothers Reynolds, Sanders, Taylor, Bell, Spain and Rhinehart. These are great-hearted laymen, and with such a group of men any church can do anything for God's Kingdom that ought to be done.

At the closing Sunday night service the presiding elder stood at the front, the pastor, Centenary treasurer, and the entire officary of the church came forward, the congregation stood, the treasurer presented a check for the Centenary pledge in full, the presiding elder made a most fitting talk, the pastor led in prayer and the congregation sang the doxology. It was indeed a "hallelujah time," and all hearts were filled with joy and praise at the wonderful manifestation of the presence of God.

The secret of this success is due to the fact that under the leadership of the presiding elder and pastor, the leading laymen of the Church made up their minds that the Centenary must be paid in full. They agreed to collect during the week all that was possible to collect of the pledges, and to take a public collection for the remainder. This was done. By Sunday morning all had been collected but \$465. At the close of the Sunday morning sermon, a public collection was taken and this amount was secured in cash. If the same methods are followed in every church in Southern Methodism, the same results can

be obtained. There is no reason why every church could not do as Booneville has done.

OBITUARIES

COCKE.—At Holly Grove, Ark., Jan. 21, 1924, the death Angel visited one of God's homes and left it desolate by the taking away of the wife of Mr. J. T. Cocke, the mother and truest friend, of any home. Mrs. Cocke was the eldest daughter of Rev. J. H. Barentine of Knobel, Ark. She was born Jan. 2, 1891; Joined the M. E. Church, South, Aug. 1898, thus living a Christian practically all her life. She leaves her husband, four small children, her father, mother, four brothers and three sisters, and other kindred and friends to mourn her departure. Her home life was most beautiful. Her greatest joy seemed to consist in her ministry of love to her family. She was a true and faithful wife and mother, devoted always to the interests of her husband and children. She consistently lived her religion, and consequently her life was a blessing to the community, and to the church which she had so faithfully served since childhood. She walked that way which moves upward where the day is done. She is gone, but the memory of her beautiful life will linger with us always. We shall miss her from among us, but we cherish with confidence the hope of looking upon her kind, sweet face again. We would commend her life and character, her devotedness to the home life, her faithfulness to the church and her sweet spirit of conservatism to her children, the children of her kindred and host of friends, to our young women in whose hands the hope and destiny of the home, the community and the nation rests. We feel most keenly the great loss which has been sustained by her home, her community and her church, and extend to the bereaved family our expressions of earnest sympathy in their sorrow and loneliness.

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WHY A SUMMER SCHOOL?

By Dr. Charles J. Greene, Dean.

Everybody is going to school. Business men are reading books on efficiency, taking correspondence courses, reading journals, and going to business schools. So are professional men. Farmers and housewives are using many educational agencies. Teachers are crowding the colleges and universities, and educational administrators are putting their heads together in educational associations, and in a vast body of literature that they may have the last word of wisdom and efficiency in their fields. The Arkansas Legislature was recently called together in extraordinary session for the sole purpose of improving the state's educational system. Schools of all grades are crowded as they never were before.

Education is expensive. Money is required for the erection and upkeep of buildings, for equipment and for more and better teachers. Every student in school is withdrawn from productive employment, and this fact tends to increase the cost of living and of education.

For these reasons all people in any way responsible for education feel that all the money and time employed in the cause should be used in its maximum of economy and efficiency. The Hendrix College Summer School has been organized to enable our constituency to use the plant during the summer, and to help students to reduce the cost of education by going to college while work is scarce, and by shortening the time required for graduation.—Conway, Ark.

THE OLD-TIME REVIVAL.

The old-time revival is called by some modern men "spasmodic." I use this word now, and will have further use for it before I finish this letter.

In June, 1907, I began a protracted meeting at Newark, on the fifth Sunday. I had secured Rev. John H. Dye, D. D., to help me. The meeting ran for three weeks, and resulted in 200 conversions. It was a "mourner's bench" meeting with strong men on their knees praying, weeping, repenting, believing with their hearts and confessing salvation with their mouths.

I received 160 into the Methodist Church—75 in one class. Baptized 59 by immersion and "emersion." I guess 1,000 or more people attended the baptizing. Four Baptist preachers were there—Rev. J. L. Brown for one. He is a big-souled fellow, and when I met him I inquired about his health. He said: "I feel bad. You've got my job."

Dr. Dye stayed with me for seven weeks. Our next meeting was at Sulphur Rock, where we had 45 converts and a large per cent joined our church. The next meeting was at Lee's Chapel, and we had 103 converts.

All of these meetings were run on the "spasmodic" method. Now how long did that "spasmodic" work endure? It is lasting until now. Out of this "spasmodic" effort grew two pastoral charges, and with the old charge there are three charges where there was only one before the "spasmodic" method was used. One of these places,

Newark, is now building a \$12,000 or \$15,000 church.

I feel like calling for a similar one where the "unspasmodic" method has been used.

Now I am going to venture the opinion that if the pulpits and churches of Methodism had a little of the "spasmodic" injected into them, we would have converts who would not go to the theater, show, and dance, as soon as the meeting is over.

Paul and the jailer both had "spasms." One said, "What must I do to be saved?" The other said, "Lord, who art thou?" Do we hear of such inquiries today?—Jas. F. Jernigan.

ARKANSAS MEN AND THINGS IN THE LONG AGO.

By Jno. W. Boswell.

Dear Brother Millar: You have been in Arkansas almost long enough to become acclimated; besides, you are editor of the Arkansas paper, and I will address you first, and will say in the beginning without apology that I read the Arkansas Methodist regularly and with much interest for several reasons, first of which is, it is the mouth-piece of Arkansas Methodists with whom I was long identified, beginning my life with them in 1872 at Jacksonport.

I went up White River on the good steamer Mary Boyd in low water. The boat did not "kick up any dust" as Thad Kinsman said his boat did on one trip, but it scraped the bottom several times. We were about half a day in sight of Augusta and trying all the time to get by. We reached Jacksonport about midnight, and were met by the Board of Stewards and found ourselves—wife and three children, in the hands of as good friends as ever bade a Methodist preacher welcome. This was refreshing to a stranger in a strange land. The people were all clever and good, none were really rich except in good looks, and in these they abounded. They cared for the comfort of the preacher and arranged for it in advance of his coming. There was a neat and comfortable parsonage adjoining the Church, but they were not satisfied with it, and went to the expense of renting a new house that had never been occupied and fixed it up. There I spent the year.

There were many religious persons in the church, spiritually minded, God-loving Christians, so many I cannot begin to name them. Four of our best members moved to the country just a few weeks before I reached Jacksonport. These were Brother Jas. T. Henderson and wife and his brother-in-law, R. M. Laid and wife. As far as I know only three of these older members I found in the place still live, these are Sister J. W. Stayton, and Brother and Sister W. E. Bevins, all of whom now live in Newport.

Because of much sickness I prepared to return to Mississippi at the close of the year, packed my household goods and put them in a warehouse ready to be shipped at the close of the White River Conference. But my plan was upset. Bishop Pierce, who held the Conference, would not let me go. I made no resistance, nor any demands, asked only, that if I had to stay, that I be placed where I would have reasonable assurance of health. I was appointed to the Jacksonport District. My family lived at Searcy, which at that time because of famous springs in the town, and close by, was "a health resort." The District was large and hard to travel. One half of the territory was in the White and Black River swamps. The other and bigger half was in the rocky hills of White and Independence counties. I have not decided to this day which I would choose "for keeps." The work reached from across the river at Batesville to Argenta across the river from Little Rock, and from the Western border of White county across Woodruff into the adjoining county the name of which I do not recall. I had been a traveling preacher fourteen years, and thought I had seen some service, but all my travels up to that time were but joy-

rides compared to the long and arduous trips on that District. I got all "the honey in the gourd" of the presiding eldership, and scraped the bottom. Like all young preachers I had aspired to the office of presiding elder, but I got more than my ambition called for, and I have never since craved or coveted the office.

I had glorious times on the District. I met many noble men and women who loved the Church and who worked and prayed for its success. I will be pardoned for naming a few. Away out in the hills where the people were poor, and with little education I found "princes in Israel." Among these were Reuben Gilbert, a small dignified old gentleman, as near an original Wesleyan as could be found. He had read some Methodist books, but reading without a teacher or reference books, he meant no harm by mis-calling names. A man familiarly known as "Bill Holland," and his wife, were Bro. Gilbert's near neighbor. Brother Holland was a country blacksmith, and as good as ever hammered iron, as far as he went. He was also a genius in his line, and he would sometimes let it be known, even in his love-feast talks. For example: In giving his experience on one occasion, he said: "Brother, I want to do just what God wants me to do, and to be just what he wants me to be. You all know that I am a blacksmith, and I have often thought that if the Lord wouldn't make anything else out of me, I'd be willing for him to make of me a common punch, an iron punch such as blacksmiths have to use, so that I could punch a hole in the devil's boat and sink the whole thing and be done with it."

In Searcy I found one of the saintliest and most heavenly-minded men I ever knew, Brother Thos. King, father of Hon. T. B. King of Memphis, and close by him were Father Yarnell, and Brother Stephen Perry. West of Searcy there lived noble souls: Uncle Joe Fortner whose emotions were easily stirred. He would often shout and shake hands with the brethren. Sometimes he would go around and shake hands without shouting, but never with tearless eyes. I had moved from Searcy, and was living near Old Smyrna, Uncle Joe's church. During the annual protracted meeting one year I attended nearly every service with my little children. Wife was sick and could not attend, but she was kept informed of what went on. The little girls reported. Several days passed before anything occurred except preaching. But Uncle Joe got happy and went through the congregation shaking hands. This was something new to the children. In reporting the service, one of the little girls said: "Mamma, they just keep calling, and calling for mourners, and nobody comes, but I think Uncle Joe Fortner will go tomorrow. He is getting ready." Another noble soul lived near Smyrna, Brother Harrison Blevens, the Recording Steward of Searcy Circuit. He had the biggest record book I ever saw. He always went to Quarterly meeting and carried that big book with him—the book in one end of his saddle bag, and a big rock to balance it in the other. At Beebe I found an old Mississippi prince, Brother H. V. Crozier, a Methodist, and a lover of good men. He was a Methodist after the pattern of his father, the friend and comrade of my father in the early days. He is now old and living in Little Rock, and still my friend.

My association with the preachers on the District were pleasant and agreeable with the exception of one man. He did not like me. I was a transfer—too new a man to be the presiding elder. More than once I have had occasion to feel that it is not best to appoint a transfer to a District. If he escapes thrusts under the fifth rib he is fortunate. One man in the District left and went to Texas, because, as he said, "transfers were ruling the Conference." He was a good man, but he carried nobody with him. Lots of good men were left after he was gone: J. H. Dye, J. M. Talkington, H. T. Gregory, Z. T.

Bennett, J. F. Jernigan, Geo. M. Hill, M. B. Umsted, Edgar Orgain (who afterwards went to the Episcopal Church), S. P. Saffold, Ed. T. Jones, D. J. Hare (who died young), J. B. McKaney, Uncle Tom Vincent, as guileless as Nathaniel. These were all in the Jacksonport district one year or another during my stay. And there were others—good men and true scattered throughout the Conference: J. M. Steel, G. A. Dannelly, B. F. Hall, G. A. Shaeffer, M. B. Pearson, J. L. Denton and many others. I had trouble with but one man, a mighty good one, but he went wrong on spiritualism. But after a few conversations with a committee of investigation he made acknowledgements, promised to drop it, resumed his place, and remained faithful to the end of his life.

I would like to say more, and extend my notes so as to take in some of my experiences in the Arkansas Conference where half my time in the State was spent, but I cannot now. I may write again if spared. But I cannot close this chapter without paying tribute to my friend and brother, John H. Dye, now among the oldest as well as the truest of Arkansas preachers.

Brother Dye was born in Independence county, Arkansas, sometime in the early forties. He joined the old Arkansas Conference in 1867, and fell into the White River Conference at its organization in 1870. When quite a youth he entered the Confederate Army as a private and came out a Captain, and he is "Captain Dye" to this day to all his living comrades. A braver or a more popular officer never fought under the flag of service. When I reached Jacksonport Brother Dye was leaving, having closed a four year's pastorate in that delightful town. He carried with him the good will of every man, woman and child in the place. From Jacksonport he went to Augusta, and the next year to the Batesville District, the hardest work in the Conference. Here he labored as cheerfully as if he were serving the richest and easiest charge in the Church, and he labored with success.

In his prime Brother Dye was an ideal man and preacher. He was good-looking—a fine specimen of manhood—almost equal to Bishop Pierce who was perfection. In the pulpit he presented a fine appearance, and his sermons were always acceptable; and when fully under the influence of the Spirit they were overwhelming. Few men equalled him in revival preaching, and great revivals blessed his ministry. In fact, he was as useful as a preacher as he was popular, and I do not go beyond the truth when I say that he was the most-popular man in all respects I ever knew. The people and the preachers thought there was nothing like him.



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ing too good for Brother Dye. Anything they could give was at his command, from Governor or Congressman. The Church honored him and trusted him. He was several times delegate to the General Conference, filled the best Charges, and at one time was Pres. of Galloway College. But while he took great interest in public affairs, it was not for his own profit or advancement, but for the common good. He never aspired to public office. He was an ambassador for Christ, and he esteemed his position far above any earthly honor, and for sixty years he has been faithful to his heavenly calling. He has been as true to the Master's colors as he was to the flag of his country.

I have known Brother Dye for fifty-two years have been intimately associated with him in the regular work, he as pastor and I as presiding elder. I never found him out of humor, never heard him use an ugly word, or found him other than the true Christian man that he is. He is as neat and cleanminded a gentleman as lives. May his last days be his happiest, and may his sun go down behind a cloudless sky!

JEFF WAS CARED FOR.

Recently "Jeff" the old family horse of the Clements family died.

For many years he had been unable to do much work, but the Clements had taken good care of him in his old age—they had not turned him out on the commons to shift for himself, neither had he been sold to some one else, in whose keeping he might eke out a precarious existence.

They liked "Old Jeff" for that reason and because he had done his work well in bygone years, they were kind to him in his declining days and they are better off for it.

In the care of the old horse they were more exemplary than are some pretentious institutions that we know of and from this incident we may draw a lesson.

The Methodist Church is now undertaking to raise a fund with which she too may take care of her old "war horses" in their declining years—in this she and all other churches have been cruelly derelict.

We have little patience with the man who will work a horse till he is old then turn him loose to make his own way—a man who does that lowers himself in the estimation of his acquaintances.

Is a church that does likewise entitled to any more respect?

The horse in his docility worked as his master directed without choice or option—we opine that many times he would like to have come in out of the summer sun and winter wind, but it was his to do and die, not to reason why.

The experience of the horse is not unlike the minister of the church we mentioned.

When he joins the Methodist ministry, he foregoes his right of choice to the selection of his place of labor—he gets in the harness and he must work for his church, just as the horse works for his owner—he must travel the road through sunshine and through stormy weather.

He must go down into the valleys and up the hills without ever turning aside, year in and year out till he can't go any longer.

Then what happens? Does the church membership which has been the spiritual, moral and financial beneficiary of his labors, treat him as did this family treat "Old Jeff."

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It is a disgrace that an affirmative answer cannot be given.

We have seen an old weather-beaten fellow at Conference plead to be assigned to a charge where the load was light and the trip short, and then we have seen the Conference in the name of efficiency, take the harness off, lead him to the door, kick him in the side, turn him out on the commons to nibble for himself and not even say "thank you" as the old fellow once more sniffs the air of freedom.

But the conscience of the Methodist Church has been aroused; her heart has been touched, and she is saying that the men of her ministry shall be provided for even till they pass the last milestone this side the "Great Divide," and that when a man joins her itinerant band, she will go with him all the way "even unto the end."

They are proposing to raise \$10,000,000.00 to be used in caring for her old preachers, their widows and orphans.

This money will come almost spontaneously, if her membership can be induced to make an honest appraisal of the value of the preachers, to just the monetary interest of the world, independent of the spiritual blessing, of which the most Godly are incapable of fully appreciating.

What they do ought to be done quickly to the end that the record of the Forgotten Man may be closed, to be consigned to the crypt of time with the other relics of a crude, incomplete, but advancing civilization. —Lonoke County News.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

At the winter session (1923) the legislature submitted three amendments, all the constitution allows at one time, to be voted on in 1924. The first allows the legislature to increase the number of supreme court judges to seven and to provide for the court sitting in two divisions. In all cases where the construction of the constitution is involved, they must sit en banc. In case any judge sitting in a division dissents from the decision, the case shall, upon the request of the chief justice, or of the dissenting judge, be transferred to the court en banc. The amendment, if adopted, will increase the salaries from \$4,000 to \$7,500. Substantially the same amendment has already been submitted twice, but failed of adoption because it did not receive a majority of the total vote cast.

The second amendment requires that the fiscal affairs of cities and counties be "conducted on a sound financial basis," and forbids fiscal agents to make any contracts or issue warrants in excess of the revenue. Any officer found guilty of violating this provision shall be subject to a fine of not less than \$500 or more than \$10,000 and shall be removed from office. In order to secure funds to pay debts outstanding at the time of the adoption of this amendment, cities and counties may issue bonds and for their redemption may levy a tax in addition to that now allowed (five mills) of not over three mills until such indebtedness is paid.

On the overthrow of the carpet-bag government (1874) cities and counties were allowed to issue bonds to take up outstanding debts, but were forbidden to issue any more. However, they were not forbidden to exceed the revenue, and many now have large floating debts in consequence of which the "scrip" is at a discount. The amendment is designed to cure that evil, but it will not allow cities to issue bonds for improvements. For that they will have to depend on the improvement district system. A proposition to allow cities to issue bonds has failed of adoption twice.

The third amendment forbids the passage of any local bill whatever by the legislature and allows the municipalities and counties to take care of this by the initiative and referendum. This is to be regulated by a general law passed by the legislature subject to the following safeguards: the number of signatures necessary to initiate a local bill is fifteen per cent of the vote cast at the previous election for

mayor in cities and circuit clerk in counties. The time allowed for filing an initiative petition shall not be less than sixty nor more than ninety days; for a referendum petition, not less than thirty or more than ninety days after the passage of the measure by a municipal council.

In 1920, a new initiative and referendum proposed through the initiative, including the above provision for counties and municipalities, received a majority of the votes cast on the measure, but not a majority of the total vote, and was declared not adopted. In 1922 the same measure was overwhelmingly defeated. One objection seriously brought against this measure in 1922 was the provision giving the initiative and referendum to counties and municipalities.—D. Y. Thomas in Bulletin of Public Service.

CAN AMERICANS THINK?

In her inaugural address as president of Radcliffe College, a sort of adjunct to Harvard, Dr. Ada Louise Comstock made the following striking statement:

"The last decade has given the Western world, I suppose, an almost

paralyzing revelation of its own weakness. To the idea that the human heart was wicked it was not so unaccustomed; perhaps one of its major fallacies was the cool assumption of such a state. The most striking revelation has been less moral than intellectual—the revelation of the cloudiness, the incompetence, the ineptitude of the human mind. The actual fact of illiteracy here and in other countries, the sensational disclosures of mental tests have been only the minor details in the general exhibition of the incapacity of masses of people to think at all even in defense of their property and lives. Nor among those fitted by training and experience to be leaders has the exhibition of human capacity been much more gratifying."

This reminds us of Ruskin's arraignment: "For every thousand that can talk there is but one that can think; for every thousand that can think, there is but one that can see."

In the first place, we have not the materials with which to think. We have been too busy as a people to gather materials in any field of in-

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And brings us messages from the wisest of men.

Tells us of Jesus, and salvation free
"To whomsoever will," for you and for me.

The news it brings us, both foreign and home;
Of work in our churches from cellar to dome.

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quity. Only a few have them.

And one has only to read of the ebullitions of emotion and prejudice in the religious press to learn that not all of those who assume to think have the courage to think straight through life as a whole and live under the spell of a satisfying philosophy. There are a few great trunk line truths traversing the universe and the mastery of these will put us at home in almost any sphere of spiritual philosophy. Hence the importance of early training in the deeper reaching questions of the hour. Mr. Wells makes two of his characters, husband and wife, who have grown apart, leave their children with their grandmother and go away to the far frozen north for long months to think life through together. How utterly different many of our problems would be, if only we could have the courage to think life through.—Oklahoma Methodist.

AMERICA IS DRY AN THRIFTY.

That a new high record for thrift was established by the people of the United States in 1923 is revealed by the new business reports of 40 leading life insurance companies forwarded by the Association of Life Insurance Presidents to the Department of Commerce. This official report of new life insurance acquired and actually paid for by the American people in 1923 shows an increase of 22 per cent over the new business production of 1922, and nearly 17 per cent above 1920, which was the previous record year. It is regarded as significant that December, the closing month of the year, had a production of nearly 29 per cent over December of 1922.

On the basis of the new business of these 40 companies, which have in force 77 per cent of the legal reserve life insurance in the United States, the association estimates that the total of new insurance, including revivals, increases and dividend additions, produced by all companies in the United States, amounted in 1923 to \$11,954,000,000, an increase of \$2,179,000,000 over the new business production of 1922.

The report forwarded to Washington shows that the new life insurance actually paid for in the 40 companies contributing to the association's records, exclusive of revivals, increases and dividend additions, was \$7,828,000,000, as against \$6,402,000,000 in 1922, \$5,687,000,000 in 1921, and \$6,697,000,000 in 1920.

New ordinary life insurance business during 1923 totaled \$5,683,546,000 as against \$4,761,670,000 in 1922, a gain of \$921,876,000, or 19.4 per cent. New industrial business for 1923 amounted to \$1,719,570,000, as against

\$1,418,803,000 in 1922, a gain of \$300,767,000, or 12.2 per cent. New group business aggregated \$424,612,000, as against \$221,569,000 in 1922, a gain of \$203,043,000, or 91.6 per cent.—Bulletin.

A PRIZE WINNER.

Milton Shelby, aged seventeen years, Wilson, Ark., a student in the Vocational Agricultural Wilson High School, conducted four projects this year:

One five-acre field of corn, averaging eighty-five bushels per acre.

One Duroc Jersey sow, raising two litters. Records complete. Best hog project in Mississippi county. He won \$25 prize offered by Mississippi County Bankers' Association.

A poultry project which won prize in the local district offered by local bank. Also he won \$5 prize at community fair for the best grown-out trio of poultry. He won second place in county club contest, which was \$15 offered by Mississippi County Bankers' Association. On the work he did in this project, the manufacturers of an incubator awarded him a seventy-egg machine for having made the most practical progress on poultry production. This is valued at \$25.

On a garden project of one-eighth of an acre he won the school prize of \$7.50, offered by the Bank of Wilson. This makes his total winnings \$77.50.

He says that he has learned from these four projects this year the following ten facts, which he deems of far greater value than the money which he won in prizes. The ten facts are:

1. Use of good seed properly tested.
2. Properly prepared soil.
3. Proper cultivation at proper time.
4. Control of insects affecting garden crops.
5. Closely watching an incubator and consistently candling the eggs.
6. Proper housing and feeding young chickens.
7. Proper feeding and pasture for hens.
8. Proper feeding and pasture for hogs.
9. Sanitation with hogs and chickens.
10. Value of properly and accurately kept records of home projects.

—Memphis Commercial Appeal.

CHURCH GOING.

The Christian Herald has been conducting an investigation to determine what percentage of the people in this country go to church, and what excuses are given for non-attendance. The results are interesting but not conclusive. According to the figures, there are 40,000,000 regular churchgoers, with about 20,000,000 more who go now and then. But this estimate is believed to be too high. There are 36 reasons given for non-attendance, none of them convincing. When men and women do not go to church, except in case of sickness or acute poverty, it is usually because they don't want to go; they "care for none of these things." The Herald's investigation shows that while there has been an increase in church membership the last year, there has been a marked falling off in church attendance. The radio, it is thought, accounts for this in part. Not so long ago it was blamed on the automobile. Why not lay the responsibility where it really belongs, on the individual himself? If professed Christians love the house of God, as David loved it, neither the radio, nor the automobile, nor "any other creature," will keep them away.

("I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1.) — Methodist Protestant.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Benton Sta., April 27, 11 a. m., Conf. Apr. 29, 7 p. m.
Oklawn (Lonsdale) April 27, Conf. 4 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.)
Umsted Memorial, April 16.
Newport, April 17.
Strangers' Home Ct., April 19-20.
Swifton-Alicia, 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.
—W. A. Lindsey, P. E.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
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.
Rainview, 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.
—B. L. Wilford, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
Camden Ct. at Buena Vista, Apr. 19-20.
Bearden, Apr. 20, 7:30 p. m.
Vesson, 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, May 20, at nine o'clock.—J. W. Harrell, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
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.)
Elm Springs at Thornsberry, 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 2:30 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.)
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.)
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.)
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 19.—W. C. House, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
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 Devalis Bluff, 11 a. m., May 18.
Forest Park, 7:30 p. m., May 18.
Winfield, 11 a. m., May 25.
Ashbury, 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.)
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. Tabor, May 10-11.
Fountain Ct., at Ládelle, 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 Wilmott.—J. A. Parker, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

(Second Round.)
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 Mammoth 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.)
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.)
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.)
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.)
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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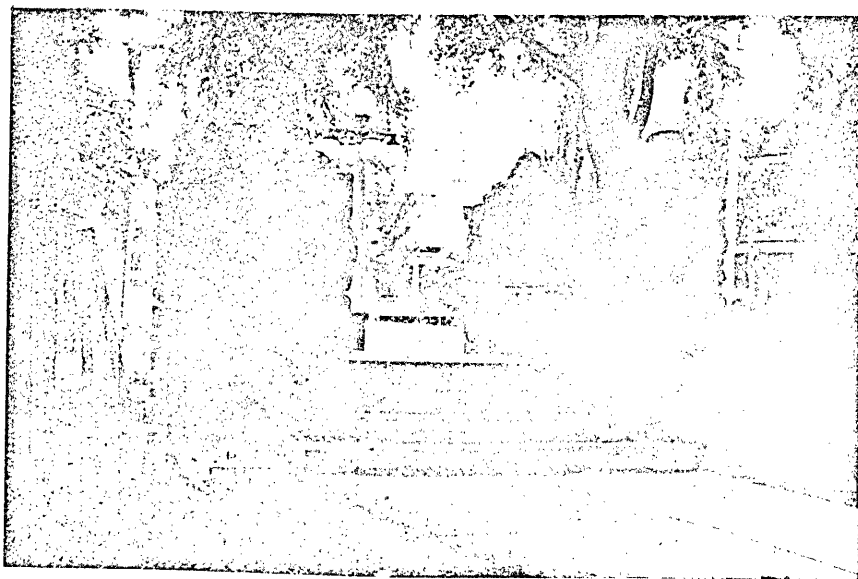
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