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OPTIMISM VS. PESSIMISM.

(Oration by A. C. Millar, delivered before Arkansas Press Association at Mt. Sequoyah, June 20, 1924.)

In King Solomon's day there were those who argued that the olden times were better than the new. We find the royal philosopher remarking, "Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these," and he rebukes the defamer of his age, saying, "Thou does not enquire wisely concerning this."

In every nation, in every generation, there have been pessimists, men who remembered the glorious past and by comparison could see nothing good in the present. Then there have been the optimists who challenged the croakers of evil omen and reported evidences of progress and moral growth.

Today we have these two schools of prophets, the pessimists who seek to prove that all virtue was in the fathers, and the optimists who see in the actors of this age worthy sons of worthy sires and who honestly believe that it will be still better further on. These two types of prophet will doubtless persist to the end of time, and, if the pessimist at last wakes up in torment, he can say that the former days were better than these, and the optimist, if found in Paradise, can successfully maintain that his day is the best of all days.

Before the World War the optimist was the popular prophet. Today the pessimists are numerous and noisy, and with their much and mighty speaking drown the voice of the optimist.

It is easy and natural to idealize the past. In every nation and tribe there is a species of ancestor worship. We have been taught to pass lovingly and lightly over the faults of the dead and to magnify their virtues, to forget the evil and remember the good. It pleases us to consider that we are descended from saints and heroes. It ministers to pride to look out upon the struggling world and pronounce it degenerate, because the pessimistic critic never includes himself in the degeneracy, but flatters himself that he exemplifies the virtues of the fathers in the midst of a wicked and perverse generation. He feels as did Elijah when he exclaimed: "The children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down their altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away." And like Elijah, he needs the rebuke: "Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees of which have not bowed unto Bael."

Anyone can see the evil, because it is on the surface, while the good is often covered by a cloak of modesty. Badness is blatant and blaring. Goodness is shrinking and quiet. Wickedness desires quick returns and must advertise its wares. Righteousness hides good seed in the earth and patiently waits to be advertised by its fruits. Evil boasts only of its beginnings. Good is vindicated in its outcome. The former must hasten lest its nature be discovered. The latter can afford to defer to the revelations of time.

Thus it is that the pessimist finds his facts on the surface, while the optimist must dig deep. Any fool can enumerate the evils of his age; only the philosopher discovers the good. The pessimist jumps at conclusions; the optimist takes the larger view. The pessimist has no faith in his fellows and sees in God only a destroyer and an avenger. The optimist trusts his neighbor, and knows God as a builder and a rewarder.

Today pessimism prevails. The pulpit and the platform shout it. The reviewer and the pamphleteer maintain it. What are the evidences? They are potent. In the first place,

They are patent. The wayfaring man can see them, as, half blinded, he wends his weary way along life's path. He recalls the World War with the slaughter of millions of men and the waste of billions of wealth. He recounts the dastardly deeds of German, Turk, Russian, and Greek. He sees huge debts piled on weak shoulders. He reads of the bacchanalian revels of the profiteering rich and the betrayal of official trusts. Looking nearer home, he discovers monumental mismanagement of public affairs, growing debts, private extravagance, mob violence, bootlegging, robbery, murder, divorce, pleasure-seeking by millions, vulgar pictures, sensual dances, petting parties, parental weakness, youthful folly, and general lack of high ideals. Everybody is seeking some new diversion, some unusual way to spend money and time. Our legislative bodies, from municipal council to Con-

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gress, are dazed and seem incapable of resisting the tendency toward enormous expenditures. Our farmers berate our railroads for the high charges, and the railroads appeal to the commissions and boards for rates that will repel the receivership. Labor demands higher wages; farmers beg for the privilege of living; salaried people fear the poorhouse; and legitimate industries tremble lest sudden interruptions may bring ruin. Race and religious animosities rage, and every man suspects and fears his neighbor. The orthodox assail the heretics, and the heretics ridicule the ultra-orthodox.

Assembled and presented in mass, these evils are impressive and menacing. To the literalist they suggest the end of the world. To the pessimist they presage dissolution and revolution, the destruction of the existing order. Everything looks black or red to him, and his energies are paralyzed. As the end must be near new enterprises and undertakings are useless. It is necessary only to figure on the possible salvage from the wreckage.

To the optimist the scene is altogether different. He sees these evils, possibly even more clearly than does the pessimist, because he is more alert and his outlook is larger. He conceals nothing connected with the World War, but he remembers a "Seven Years' War," a "Thirty Years' War," and a "Hundred Years' War," a time when every nation expected war whenever another nation could hope to gain an advantage. He remembers when all the conquered were slain or enslaved, and all women outraged and carried to the tent of the victor, when the bloody page was scarcely relieved by a single kindly deed; and then he enumerates the missions of mercy in the late war—the Red Cross, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Salvation Army, and the scores of other ministries for good. This war was not the worst in history, but in many of its incidents the best; it was a war in which hosts were gathered from the ends of the earth and were fighting, not from hate, but for an ideal. The bigness of the war was not an evidence of badness, but of the power of organization and the use of all the elements of industry and invention. War is always horrible; but its horrors have not always been advertised. This war was so fully presented to all the world during its progress that all men, as never before, knew its incidents and its progress; and there is now a sentiment and an aroused public opinion against aggressive war such as never before existed. A hundred years ago human slavery was legal in every civilized country. Today it is outlawed by every nation. A century ago prisons were dens of horror. Now, for the most part, they are comfortable and sanitary. At the beginning of the Nineteenth Century intoxicants were made and sold almost everywhere. Drunkenness was so common that it was scarcely noticed. Even ministers of the gospel drank at weddings and funerals. Today, in our land, intoxicants are made and used only furtively and in small quantities, drunkards are rare, drunkenness almost unknown, and the actual number of violators of liquor laws less than when liquor was legally sold. Babson and Lloyd George attribute much of our prosperity to the saving of wages formerly squandered on drink. There are many crimes; but when their nature is considered, and the ratio to population is estimated there is no real increase. Many violations are of new laws the necessity of which will become more apparent and they will be better observed. There are many divorces; but we read of every domestic scandal and take no account of the millions of happy homes that are not advertised in the daily press. We are tremendously extravagant, but we give more to schools and churches, to Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. and Salvation Army, and to Homes for the Aged and Infirm and to Orphanages in one year than an equal number of people ever gave to all good causes in any former century. Councils and Congress are spending money lavishly, but we are

getting public buildings, streets, roads, water and lighting and sewer systems, and parks and playgrounds for the people. Labor is not yet satisfied, but we have eight-hour days instead of twelve, protection for women and children, sanitary surroundings, and by far the best pay in the history of mankind. Farmers are hard put to make expenses, but they ride in cars and have telephones and roads to market, and in many places good schools. Gambling is not fully stopped, but we no longer have the New Orleans Lottery and book-making on races is legal in few states. Our great corporations have not all reformed; but there is less dishonesty and unfairness among them than among individuals. Public men are occasionally caught. Speculating, but the bribed legislator and the corrupt official do not flourish as they did a generation ago. Politicians are not perfect, but they do not now buy votes as once they did. Pitiless publicity causes many an evil to hide its head in fear. There are clandestine meetings and petting parties, but no "red-light districts." The "white slave traffic" is not dead, but it does not flourish as aforetime. Vile books and pictures are still sold, but there is a disposition to censor them. Our schools do not fully educate, but our educators are diligently seeking better methods. Old-fashioned prayer-meetings are waning, but more Christians are engaged in actual service in Sunday School, Woman's Missionary Societies, Young Peoples Societies, Laymen's Associations, and various other forms of Christian and philanthropic effort than ever before. There is less insistence on man-made creeds, but more emphasis on Christ-like deeds. Young people are bolder and more adventurous, but wiser, braver, and more self-reliant. Business men still race for dollars, but are more honorable and honest in their relations with each other and the public. City pastors preach to growing and overflowing congregations. "Billy" Sunday and scores of other evangelists have great revivals. Church membership is increasing faster than population. Millions are being invested in church buildings with a view to improving relations to all classes. A hundred years ago hardly a student in the denominational colleges was an avowed Christian. Today 75 per cent to 90 per cent in our church schools are active Christians, and more than 50 per cent in our state institutions. Indeed, the least religious college today far surpasses the most religious college of a century ago. The sale of the Bible is enormous and many secular papers are printing portions of Scripture regularly. Denominational comity is growing and many bodies of like-minded Christians are uniting. There is still evil in the world, and it ever takes on new forms and makes flank attacks; but the optimist finds increasing good and hopeful tendencies on every hand.

Among the secular agencies for uplift is the newspaper. It would be easy to find fault, but it is easier to praise. The undue publicity given to crime, causes the unwary reader and the superficial thinker to conclude that the world is growing worse. Hence there are multitudes of pessimists among the readers. However, the discriminating reader finds that, with the exception of a certain type of city daily, and that rarely found in the South, the editorial pages of the dailies maintain a high standard. They constantly decry or satirize the evils and foibles of the day, and encourage reform movements and higher ideals. Even in politics the partisan papers are fairer toward the opposing party and more exacting with their own party. When the smaller papers, the local or country papers, are examined they will be found, with the fewest possible exceptions, standing for education, morality and good government, and giving increasing publicity to civic improvements and reforms and to church activities.

Our newspaper men are, almost to a man, optimists. They record history as it is made, and see rather more good than evil in their neighbors. They are always advocating improvement and progress, and are looking for better days. When his struggle to collect from subscribers and his difficulties with labor and machinery and the depressing effect of his monthly bills, are considered, it must be conceded that the country editor deserves much credit for being optimistic. Indeed, one is almost driven to the conclusion that only irrepressible optimists become country editors, or that the pessimists among them die young. It is an illustration of the theory of natural selection

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

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S. S. Training School, Mt. Sequoyah, June 25-July 9.
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Conf. on Evangelism, Mt. Sequoyah, July 27-Aug. 3.
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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

This country needs more conservation and less conversation.—Cleveland Times.

On his way to Columbia University Rev. J. Wilson Crichlow stopped to see the General Conference in action.

If we could for a time resist the temptation to know so much and take stock of our ignorance, it might help some.—Candid Opinion.

A dainty card announces the birth of a son, Robert Anderson Malone, in the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. T. A. Malone at St. Francis on June 26.

Tuesday of last week Rev. J. W. Rogers, our pastor at Lake Village, passed through our city on his way to Oklahoma to see his father who was critically ill.

In Key West and Tampa there are churches, clinics, settlements, and day schools (Centenary) which offer a full and efficient ministry to our friends from the Pearl of the Antilles.

Returning from General Conference Monday Mr. J. E. Hickman, delegate from Central Texas Conference, and Mrs. Hickman, of Dublin, Texas, called. They spent several hours seeing our city.

Dr. P. C. Fletcher, D. D., pastor of First Church, took a vacation last week by going to Chattanooga and looking in on the General Conference. After adjournment he joined Mrs. Fletcher at Rome, Georgia.

Rev. A. L. Means, a Centenary pastor to Weed, New Mexico, found but five Methodists when he reached that place. Now he has organized a church, a Sunday School, an Epworth League, and other activities.

The Republicans have two men who have demonstrated that they cannot be trusted in politics. They are Borah and Coolidge. They are likely to begin talking sense without a moment's warning.—Candid Opinion.

As some of the Arkansas delegates were passing through Decatur, Ala., Dr. Sam A. Steel boarded the train, going to Chattanooga to tell the General Conference to defeat Unification. His mission was fruitless.

Rev. W. A. Williams, pastor of our church at Bronaugh, Mo., renewing his subscription, writes that he enjoys reading the paper and is interested in knowing how the preachers are getting along. He is serving a good people and having a successful year

The great Mexican Community Center, built by the Centenary, in the heart of El Paso's extensive Mexican district, ministers to the physical, spiritual, intellectual, and social needs of men, women, and children alike.

Three years ago the Centenary sent Rev. S. G. Ceravolo to the Italian section of Ensley, Ala. He did not have a member or a building. Now he has a church worth \$15,000 and an enthusiastic membership of nearly 100.

The new St. Mark's Hall, at New Orleans, La., erected by the Centenary at a cost of \$148,000, was originally a dilapidated French house, but is now one of the most complete religious and social service centers of the country.

The sympathy of the whole nation goes out to President and Mrs. Coolidge on account of the death of their sturdy son. The Democratic National Convention adjourned out of respect for the President when the sad news came. Thus does one touch of nature make us all akin.

Among the Italians of Florida, Alabama, Louisiana, Missouri, and Texas, the Centenary is aiding in the development of flourishing well organized churches and is regularly supporting pastors and evangelists to preach to the people in their native tongue.

In the absence of the pastor, Rev. P. C. Fletcher, D. D., the pulpit of First Church was occupied last Sunday morning by Mr. H. T. Harrison, who delivered an address on "Adventures in a Methodist Parsonage," and at night by Rev. J. C. Glenn, assistant editor of this paper.

Returning from Chattanooga, Tenn., last Saturday, Rev. H. L. Wade of Fayetteville and Rev. Paul Q. Rorie of El Dorado called at this office. They were deeply interested in the epochal General Conference and enjoyed their visit to the picturesque city of East Tennessee.

Rev. J. M. Cox, who has been president of Philander Smith College for negroes for twenty-seven years, has resigned. This institution, located in our city, belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church and is doing a good work. President Cox deserves credit for his able management.

Rev. W. M. Hayes, D. D., of Des Arc, our one-armed Confederate veteran, went over to Chattanooga last week to let his friends in General Conference know that he was heartily in favor of the Unification of Methodism. One of the daily papers published his picture and a sketch of his life. He greatly enjoyed the visit.

Under the auspices of the Bureau of Evangelism of our Church a Bible and Evangelistic Conference will be held at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, July 27-August 3. Some of the distinguished speakers are Bishops W. A. Candler, W. F. McMurry, and Sam R. Hay, and Rev. H. W. Bromley, D. D., and Rev. Clovis G. Chappell, D. D. This is to be a great program. You should make your plans to attend. For information and reservation of room address Supt. J. L. Bond, Fayetteville, Ark.

A young medical man, Dr. Lloyd D. Felton, of Harvard University, has succeeded in isolating from serum obtained by inoculating horses with the pneumonia germ a crystalline powder that seems to be a protective substance capable of preventing or even of curing pneumonia. The highly qualified physicians who have observed Dr. Felton's experiments think that the discovery will reduce the death rate from pneumonia by almost if not quite one-half, which means saving thirty or forty thousand lives a year in this country alone.—Youth's Companion.

AN EPOCHAL GENERAL CONFERENCE.

The General Conference of our Church, which met in Chattanooga, Tenn., on July 2 and adjourned at 6:30 p. m., July 4, was epochal; because it was the first and only special session of a General Conference ever held; because our Bishops were divided on the question of its legality; because it had but one question before it; and because, after unlimited debate, the "Plan of Unification" was adopted by a vote of 297 to 75, practically four to one.

After the necessary preliminaries of opening and organization, resolutions and memorials for and against Unification, which had been adopted by various churches, conferences, and other bodies, were read by caption, and then the battle over the legality of the called session began. By common consent Dr. T. D. Ellis of South Georgia Conference was accepted as the leader of the Unificationists and Dr. A. J. Lamar of Alabama Conference was accepted as the leader of the Anti-Unificationists.

Dr. Lamar offered a resolution proposing to submit to the Annual Conferences the question of calling a special session in 1925. This assumed that the sitting Conference was illegally called and would have required the approval of every Annual Conference under the provision of 1808. Arguments were

made for the legality of the Conference by Judge J. S. Candler, of Georgia, Judge H. H. White of Louisiana, and against it by Judge Rader of Missouri and Judge Dean of Texas; but the arguments of Judges Candler and White were much clearer and more cogent. Dr. Lamar argued against the legality and Dr. Ellis for legality, the latter including in his speech the argument prepared by the majority of the Bishops. There were several other speeches, but these were the most important. It was a tremendous legal battle, decided in favor of the legality of the Conference by a big majority.

If the Lamar resolution had prevailed and the smallest Conference in the Church had refused its approval the General Conference could not have been held in 1925, and this would have prevented the Northern Conferences from acting, and thus would have defeated Unification. This was clearly perceived by the Unificationists. The arguments for legality seemed overwhelming. As these arguments have appeared in these columns it is unnecessary to repeat them.

After the question of legality had been settled the report of the Unification Commission was read by Bishop Moore, one of the Commission. Then Bishop Denny was permitted to read a report of the minority (four) of the Commission. The Bishops had agreed among themselves to take no part in the debate; but Bishop Denny's report, which required two and a half hours to read, was not a Plan but an elaborate discussion of the history of the relations between the two Churches, and as the Bishop used vehement gesture and emphasis, and often stopped and added to the written matter, he clearly violated his agreement while he was arraigning the Northern Church for bad faith.

When Bishop Denny had finished, about the middle of the afternoon session of July 3, a motion was made to substitute the minority report for the majority report. Then followed a debate which has not been surpassed in any Congress or Parliament. Judge Candler, in unequivocal language exposed the unfairness and the fallacies of the Bishop's report, and was followed by Dr. Geo. R. Stuart in one of his inimitable speeches.

Next morning the debate was resumed and Dr. Lamar and his colleagues made reply. No limit had been put on speeches, but it was voted that the final vote should be taken at 5 p. m., July 4. Dr. H. N. Snyder of South Carolina made an appeal that has not been outranked on any forum for logic, conciliatory appeal, and high sentiment. When he referred to General R. E. Lee, the Conference arose in spontaneous tribute, but Bishop Denny failed to rise, although representatives of the Northern Church joined in the tribute. When it lacked forty-five minutes of time to vote Rev. "Bob" Shuler of Los Angeles got the floor and held it until three minutes of the end. He spoke against the Plan of Unification. His speech was so vehement and incoherent that little could be heard, and in the midst of it he pulled off his collar and coat. Even his friends were disgusted at the spectacle. Bishop Denny shuddered and dropped his head in his hands.

Then came the vote, first on the minority report, which was overwhelmingly defeated, and then on the adoption of the Plan, which was approved on a recorded vote by 297 against 75.

Resolutions were adopted providing for the submission of the Plan to the Annual Conferences in 1925 and requesting that the vote be taken by ballot.

The temper of the Conference was fine. There was little to criticize in the conduct of the members. Privately members of the minority claimed that they were "steam-rollered," but when it is remembered that debate was unlimited and in proportion to their numbers the minority took more time than the majority, the charge is not justified. Certainly the minority utilized every parliamentary privilege, and the majority tried to be patient and fair. In the chair all of the Bishops seemed to be impartial, and, when the final vote was to be taken Bishop Candler, as the senior Bishop, was called to the chair and received an ovation from both sides although he was known to be against Unification.

In South Carolina at the Conferences last fall Bishop Denny had discussed Unification and without hearing both sides had taken a vote, consequently the South Carolina delegates felt that they were instructed to vote against the Plan, although it is believed that some of them are personally in favor of it. The conditions may be understood when it is known that of the votes west of the Mississippi River only five were opposed, and of the votes from the Border Conferences only five were opposed. The opposition is almost exclusively from those Conferences where the Churches have little contact. It is believed that when these Conferences study the question in the light of the facts, their opposition will vanish. Arkansas delegates were all present and were unanimous and enthusiastic for Unification.

The sessions were held in the beautiful and commodious Soldiers' and Sailors' Memorial Auditorium. This is easily the best auditorium that has ever been used by our General Conference. There was ample room for both delegates and vis-

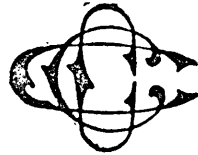


The Call of the Conference Claimants

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At Least \$500,000 Should be Collected From Special Effort Pledges Due July 1st.

Yes, the first payments on Special Effort Pledges were due July 1. Did you make the collections? If you have not done so, will you attend to the matter at once? Please remember that subscribers do not generally pay their subscriptions to anything until they are notified that the time has come to pay.

When any worthy movement fails, it is due to neglect by those who have it in hand. Most any reasonable goal can be reached on time, if the price of success is paid in hard work. Special Effort dollars will be paid when a special effort is made to collect them. I have never seen a dollar on legs running to urge me to take it. Dollars are shy and have a tendency to stay put until they are persuaded to change hands.

Right now is the time to persuade the dollars pledged to Superannuate Endowment to enter service for the benefit of the Forgotten Man. Many of them will be easy to convince and they will readily fall into your hands. But you will have to argue the case with some of them. Whatever is necessary to win them, do it. The case is urgent and you are fully justified in putting forth your best effort in order to succeed with the task.

Lost Motion Means Lost Income.

When you collect the Special Effort dollars which were due July 1, don't let them loaf around in your bank doing nothing for the cause which they represent. Send them post haste to the Board of Finance, St. Louis, Mo., so they can be put to work earning other dollars for the support of the Forgotten Man. Endowment dollars uninvested are dollars without a punch.

There ought to be a large sum of money paid to Special Effort Treasurers during the first two weeks of July. This will undoubtedly be true, if the Special Effort Committees function as they should. Thousands of people have given solemn pledges to pay at this time, and I am sure they will keep their vows. The pastor of every Charge should urge his Committee forward on this important

matter. Nothing ever just happens—everything worth while takes place in the world's work-a-day because it is caused to take place. Now is the time to make something happen in the movement for Superannuate Endowment.

The July collections on Special Effort quotas should amount to a total of at least \$500,000. That is a lot of money, but the people have pledged it to a sacred cause and I believe they will make good their promises. It all depends upon the spirit that the Special Effort Committees put into the work of making collections. Such a sum collected and sent to the Board for investment, would yield \$30,000 annually for the old veteran preachers.

There's a Package on the Way to You.

A few people like to give something, but all people like to get something. Well, cheer up—for you are about to get it. The Sixth Annual Bulletin will be in the mails going to all the pastors of the Church, before these lines are published. When your copy arrives don't throw it into the wastebasket. It has a message for you. Some people are long on criticism of the General Boards, but short on reading the records of what these Boards are doing. Read the Sixth Bulletin of your Board of Finance.

And, by the way, you will find an interesting insert in the package which brings your Bulletin. If you will not take the time to read the booklet, by all means read the insert. It has a message that should appeal to preachers, for it deals with a subject that is a serious problem in every preacher's life. If you were famishing in a desert, you would not throw away a jug of water that somebody brought you. Some day you will be hungry in Forgotten Man's Land—don't throw away the Sixth Bulletin or the insert it carries.

Avoid This Terrible Blunder.

My secretary asked me recently why I published the same thing several times. I told her it was necessary because many people were so constituted that they refused to be-

lieve a statement until it was choked down them. You may think this foolish dribble, but it is positively true. You have to tell some folks a fact ten times before they will believe it once. It is comforting to realize that what is about to be told again, has already been stated nine times on this page.

Here it is: Please do not make the mistake of paying Special Effort money to somebody outside the Board of Finance. All payments on quotas must come to the Board, Security Building, St. Louis, Mo. Checks can be made to The Board of Finance, or to any officer of the Board. And remitters should be sure that they have the money in the bank before they draw a check on the bank. You would be amazed to see how many checks are not collectable on account of "insufficient funds."

The Annual Conferences will soon be holding their meetings. Don't carry Special Effort money with you to Conference; send it to the Board of Finance, Security Building, St. Louis, Mo., before you go to Conference. And send it soon enough for you to receive the receipt to carry with you to Conference. All you will need at Conference, so far as the Special Effort is concerned, will be the receipts for payments made to the Board on your quota. Then you can fill out report blank No. 4, and hand it to the Statistical Secretaries. You will have your receipts to prove that you have made the payments which you list in your report.

The Board of Finance will send an official statistical report for each District to the Annual Conference Secretary, immediately upon the adjournment of the body. This report will reveal exactly what payments on quotas every Charge of the District has made during the Conference year, and it will be published in the Annual Conference Minutes as Statistical Report number 4.

A Jolly Crowd at Annual Conference.

When your Conference meets this Fall, you will see a happy group of preachers chatting merrily under the big tree on the church lawn. They

will be the men whose Charges have paid one-fifth or more on quotas for Superannuate Endowment. Don't you want to be in that crowd and enjoy the fun? Then get busy right now, and see that your Charge remits the fifth or more before your Conference meets.

There will be another group of preachers whose faces are about to break into smiles. They will have some fun too, but not the rollicking kind of the first group. They will be those whose Charges did not remit to the Board as much as one-fifth of their quotas, but did pay something. Their feast of merriment will be such as they can enjoy from a part-loaf, but it will be much better than no laugh at all.

Yet a third group will assemble on the lawn of the church in the rain—and they won't have even umbrellas, or nothin'! They will be the men whose Charges paid absolutely nothing on quotas during the first year of the great movement in behalf of the Church's veterans. They will spend their time telling each other of their respective alibis—the excuse making crowd. O, men of the ministry, don't be in that group if there is any way on earth to keep out of it!

In addition to those Charges which have paid one-fifth or more on their total quotas, as previously published on this page, the following Charges are now listed as having done this good thing:

University (Austin), West Texas—Austin, Rev. K. P. Barton, pastor. Total assumed quota, \$5,000; amount remitted, \$1,176.20.

Kingsville, West Texas—Beeville, Rev. S. L. Batchelor, pastor. Total assumed quota, \$3,350; amount remitted, \$947.

Bishop, West Texas—Beeville, Rev. A. W. Wilson, pastor. Total assumed quota, \$2,694; amount remitted, \$871.50.

St. Johns (Goldsboro), North Carolina—New Bern, Rev. R. E. Atkinson, pastor. Total assumed quota, \$1,280; amount remitted, \$256.

Shacklefords, Virginia—Rappahannock, Rev. J. E. Brooks, pastor. Total assumed quota, \$1,762; amount remitted, \$475.

Pinker and Pinker Every Week.

And now come certain other presiding elders having their respective Districts 100 per cent on the Pink Leaf Report. We enter their names on the honor roll, numbered in order as they achieved this distinction:

221. Louisiana—Baton Rouge, Rev. H. N. Brown, P. E.

222. Little Rock—Pine Bluff, Rev. R. W. McKay, P. E.

223. Northwest Texas—Lubbock, Rev. E. E. Robinson, P. E.

224. Northwest Texas—Plainview, Rev. G. S. Hardy, P. E.

225. Texas—Galveston, Rev. R. W. Adams, P. E.

itors, and the light, ventilation, and acoustics are perfect. The entertainment committee had made all necessary arrangements and nothing was lacking to make the occasion a complete success. Even the weather seemed to have been prepared for the Conference. It was neither too hot nor too cold, and it did not rain. As the hotels are within easy reach of the Auditorium, no time was lost. Many of the delegates between sessions made sight-seeing trips among the picturesque and historic places in and around Chattanooga.

Before the session began it was thought it might continue for a week, but by concentrating on one thing and quitting when that had been achieved, only three days were required. It was remarkable that, without limiting speeches, practically all who desired were able to speak.

A VACATION TRIP.

If any of our readers are planning to take a vacation trip outside of the United States, we suggest that a trip through Western Canada would be very pleasant and profitable.

We would advise going to Winnipeg, a large modern city, thence west through Saskatoon, Edmonton, and Jasper Park, and on to Prince Rupert where an ocean voyage may be made to Stewart, B. C., and Hyder, Alaska, and back, and then down to Vancouver and return through Banff, Calgary, and Regina. The northern half of the railroad trip would be over the Canadian National Railway and the southern half over the Canadian Pacific Railway. The ocean trip is on steamships

owned by the Canadian National.

Such a trip will give opportunity to see the wonderful farming country and the principal western cities, visiting the most beautiful places in the Canadian Rockies, and enjoy a restful sea voyage with little danger and interesting company. One who travels through Canada will return convinced that it is a truly great country and that it is being developed by a magnificent people who are more in sympathy with us than are any other people in the world.

The railroads and hotels offer excellent service and the expenses are reasonable. When I made the trip last August the weather was delightful, neither too warm nor too cool. The trip is recreational and educational.

I shall be pleased to advise any of my friends, and suggest that they write for information to General Passenger Agents of C. N. Ry. or C. P. Ry., Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada, mentioning the fact that the suggestion was made by the *Arkansas Methodist*.—A. C. M.

OPTIMISM VS. PESSIMISM.

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or the survival of the fittest.

This survey has been brief and often conclusions are merely stated and not demonstrated; but I believe with all my heart that the world of our day is better than the world of former days, and that optimism is justified and will prevail. Pessimism represents doubt and fear and hopelessness. Optimism stands for faith and hope and courage.

Let us as editors, without ignoring the evils, endeavor to create the sentiment that will enable good to triumph. To the pessimist the Golden Age is past. Let us be optimists and believe, with St. Simon, that "the Golden Age is not behind, but before us." And let us sing with Tennyson:

"O yet we trust that somehow good

"Will be the final goal of ill."

Let us also be heartened by the words of St. Paul, as he exhorts: "Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not."

Faith, which is Christian optimism, is the victory that overcomes the world.

Since I have prepared this paper, I have read with pleasure and profit Atwood's "The Country Newspaper," published by A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago, price \$1. I would recommend it to you all as good reading.

From a table in this book, giving the number of weekly and daily newspapers in Continental United States, I gleaned the following interesting facts: Arkansas is the 21st State in the number of dailies published, and the fourth in the South; Arkansas is the fifth State in the number of dailies published in towns of less than 5,000 population and the first in the South; Arkansas is the twentieth State in the number of weeklies published, and the fourth in the South. The Southern States that rank ahead of Arkansas, as might be expected, are Texas, Oklahoma, and North Carolina in number of dailies, and Texas, Oklahoma, and Georgia in number of weeklies.

CONTRIBUTIONS

EXCERPT FROM RECORD OF 6TH SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS IN REGARD TO THE RELOCATION OF SCARRITT.

M. T. Plyler presented the report of the special committee, to which was referred protest from the Alabama Conference and the Vernon District of the Northwest Texas Conference concerning the relocation of Scarritt Bible and Training School. The report was adopted.

To the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Your Committee, to which were referred two papers, one from the District Conference, Vernon District, Northwest Texas Conference, and another from the Alabama Conference, protesting against the action of the Board in relocating Scarritt Bible and Training School, beg to report as follows:

We respectfully recommend the passage by the Board of the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, the Board at its session duly called, and held on September 12, 1923, fixed the location for the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Nashville, Tennessee, and

WHEREAS, following such action of the Board, the School was duly incorporated under the name Scarritt College for Christian Workers, and a site for the buildings purchased at Nashville, all as set out in the report to this Board of the Joint Committee, through its Chairman, Bishop E. D. Mouzon, which report is as follows:

"To the Board of Missions, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, In session in Nashville, Tenn., May 6, 1924:

"At the meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council a year ago, action was taken definitely declaring that 'Scarritt Bible and Training School be moved to a more central location and so reorganized as to form the basis for a great institution,' and 'that the Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School, together with the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, be directed to determine the location and organization of the proposed institution and to secure a suitable charter for the same.' The Board of Missions at its annual meeting a few weeks later concurred in the action of the Woman's Missionary Council, and empowered its Executive Committee to act in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, and empowered its Executive Committee to act in conjunction with the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council and the Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School in locating and organizing the proposed institution, in keeping with the provisions adopted by the Council, 'provided that these Committees report their plans for relocation, both as to place and relations to other institutions of learning, to the Board of Missions at its next session for final action.'

"Thus empowered and directed, the

Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions, and the Board of Managers of Scarritt Bible and Training School held a joint meeting on May 5th, the day following the action of the Board of Missions. Organization of the Joint Committee was effected with Bishop E. D. Mouzon, Chairman, Miss Marie L. Gibson, Secretary, and Mrs. Fitzgerald S. Parker, Assistant Secretary. Thorough study was given to the paper adopted by the Woman's Council and by the Board of Missions in keeping with the provisions of which the Committee had been directed to make its recommendations. The type of school suggested in the paper adopted was carefully defined, a communication was addressed to the communities thought to be interested in inviting them to make such propositions as they might wish to present. Opportunity was given for personal representation and representatives from Atlanta, Nashville, Birmingham Southern College, and Southern Methodist University appeared before the Committee with their propositions. The several propositions were given careful consideration in the light of the provisions of the paper adopted by the Woman's Council and the Board of Missions, and in light of the type of institution thus determined. In keeping with the sentiment of the Board of Missions, as that was understood, the Committee instructed its Chairman, as soon as the Committee should be ready to make its report, to request the proper authorities to call a meeting of the Board of Missions to consider and act upon the report of the Committee.

"The special meeting of the Board was called for September 12th. The Joint Committee made its report embodying the essential provisions of the program of training adopted by the Board at its regular meeting in May, the questionnaire used in securing the information as to the locations suggested, a digest of the information as to the several proposed locations, a statement defining the type of school proposed, and also the following definite recommendations:

'In the light of all the facts assembled, the Joint Committee recommends to the Board of Missions:

(1) That the proposition from the citizens of Nashville be accepted and that the Scarritt Bible and Training School be located in Nashville, Tenn.

(2) That the institution may be affiliated with the George Peabody College for Teachers with the understanding that it shall have its own separate identity, free from any organic alliance with or control by any other institution. Affiliation shall mean only the privilege of securing at a minimum cost such educational advantages as may be approved by the general sentiment of the Church.'

"After thorough discussion, lasting throughout the day, the Board by a vote of thirty-seven, to eighteen, adopted the recommendations of the Committee.

"Following the action of the Board of Missions, the Joint Committee took steps to secure a suitable site for the new institution. In order that the Committee might have the benefit of the wisest counsel in the matter, a large number of prominent Methodist men of Nashville and surrounding territory were asked to cooperate in the selection of the site. Options were secured on all the available property close enough to Peabody College to make affiliation with that institution practicable. After most thorough consideration, the Committee unanimously selected a very desirable site on 19th Avenue about five minutes walk from Peabody College. The property contains about eight acres of ground with nine residences, which will be used for school purposes while the new buildings are being erected. Most of the residences will doubtless be of service for a number of years.

"Great care was taken to secure a proper charter for the proposed institution. A special committee, composed of three able attorneys, Mr. P.

D. Maddin of Nashville, Mr. G. T. Fitzhugh of Memphis, and Mr. Lavens Thomas of Chattanooga, was appointed and requested to prepare a charter that would absolutely guarantee the ownership and control of the institution to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The charter recommended by the attorneys under a Tennessee statute of 1923 definitely specifies that the institution is 'to be owned and controlled by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through its General Conference, and such agencies as said General Conference shall thereunto appoint.' The charter further provides that the first Board of Trustees shall hold office until such time as their successors, or the successors of any of them, may be chosen by the said General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by which said institution is controlled, or through such agency or agencies as the said General Conference of said Church may designate. The persons constituting the first Board of Trustees are as follows:

"Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon, Bishop W. B. Beauchamp and Bishop H. M. DuBose; Mrs. F. F. Stephens, Miss Esther Case, Miss Mabel Howell, Mrs. J. W. Downs, Mrs. J. H. McCoy, Mrs. Luke G. Johnson, Miss Marie L. Gibson, Mrs. Harry S. Owen, Mrs. L. P. Smith, Mrs. H. R. Steele, Mrs. Carrie G. Cox, Mrs. Lee Britt, Mrs. W. A. Newell, Mrs. R. L. Kirkwood, Mrs. J. N. McEachern, Mrs. R. H. Lacey, Mrs. H. P. Murrey, Mrs. C. F. Elza, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Miss Daisy Davies, Mrs. Nat G. Rollins, E. H. Rawlings, W. W. Pinson, R. L. Russell, J. W. Perry, J. L. Cunningham, P. D. Maddin, Charles W. Scarritt, John R. Pepper, T. S. Southgate, Walter Keith, and C. A. Craig.

"We are pleased to report that the Chamber of Commerce and the Methodists of the City of Nashville have in good subscriptions fulfilled their agreement to raise a bonus of \$50,000, \$25,000 from the Chamber of Commerce and \$25,000 from the Methodists of the city; and in addition to this, the Methodists have added \$15,000.

Respectfully submitted,

Edwin D. Mouzon, Chairman of the Joint Committee. And WHEREAS the school is now under process of being moved from Kansas City, Missouri, to its new location at Nashville, where its sessions will be opened in October of this year; Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That this information be transmitted, (1) to the District Conference, Vernon District, Northwest Texas Conference, and the Alabama Conference, and (2) through the Church papers to our membership at large.

Respectfully submitted,

M. T. Plyler, Mrs. J. W. Mills, Mrs. R. L. Hobdy, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Lavens M. Thomas, Committee.

INTER-BOARD LIFE SERVICE COOPERATION.

For four years various members of several of the Boards have been interested in having but one program for Life Service presented in our church. The failure to be united was not because the Boards differed, nor because of unwillingness to cooperate. But during the two recent Church-wide Movements every connectional man was occupied to the limit of his ability with particularly assigned work. In the second place General Conference has previously made no provisions by which the Boards have felt inclined to thus cooperate. In the third place where no provision is made for cooperation there is a tendency for every man to pursue his work according to his own inclination within the limits of the constitution and General Conference provisions.

The last General Conference authorized an Inter-Board Committee of Cooperation whose duty is to suggest to the several Boards matters in which greater efficiency may be secured by cooperative work. One of these things has been the matter of

Life Service Promotion. At the present time there is an Inter-Board Life Service Committee composed of two members from each Board. Every member is interested in the direction of Life Service Promotion for the whole Church inasmuch as all four Boards namely, Epworth League Board, Sunday School Board, Board of Education, and Board of Missions are concerned in the organizations in the local Churches.

There are some who will think that another Board has been created. If so, they do not understand the meaning of co-operation. The four Boards are contributing to the united budget of \$8,000 yearly, which will provide for the salary of the superintendent and necessary office expenses. This will cost considerably less than the present expenditures which are met by the Boards independently. It will not take the place of the candidate work required as in the Board of Missions, neither does it prohibit any Board from its original jurisdiction in such promotion as is required by the peculiar work of any given Board. But it does insure a united presentation of Life Service to the local Church. It further avoids overlapping in the cultivation of volunteers, and it will guarantee greater accuracy to the cultivation of all volunteers rather than to any particular group that any one Board might be inclined to cultivate.

At the present time, with the consent of all four Boards, the Epworth League Board has been undertaking the cultivation of volunteers. This work will be taken over by the Inter-Board Committee, as quickly as all the details are wrought out. This is perhaps the first act of Inter-Board Cooperation on such a scale that has been accomplished during this quadrennium. For those who think that Inter-Board Cooperation is impossible consider this very successful undertaking.—Garfield Evans.

HOSPITAL CAUSE.

At their recent meeting the Bishops urged the support of the hospital movement in the following language:

"The College of Bishops is greatly gratified at the interest in hospitals which our Methodist people are manifesting. The report made to the Bishops by the trustees of the Barnes Hospital shows that that great institution is rendering inestimable service in St. Louis and in that section of the country. The Wesley Memorial Hospital in Atlanta, erected at a cost of \$1,500,000 and more, has been brought into vital relations to Emory University and is now in full and successful operation. The projected institutions in Dallas, Houston, Fort Worth, Memphis, Hattiesburg, and Montgomery are in process of construction or coming into condition for use. Our people are to be commended for the investments which

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they have already made in these hospitals and encouraged to continue their help until these and many others greatly needed on other sections have been completed and put in operation.

The College of Bishops would respectfully urge that the support of the hospital movement should not be spasmodic but systematic and continuous. Hospitals must not only be built but maintained. A constant source of substantial support must be found. The Bishops believe that in the Golden Cross Enrollment the Church has the possibility of just such a source. The Bishops would hereby emphasize the importance of the Golden Cross Enrollment and urge that our pastors observe diligently and faithfully the annual enrollment period from Thanksgiving Day until Christmas, which has been set by the General Hospital Board."—C. C. Jarrell, General Secretary.

OUR MINISTRY OF TOMORROW.

In answer to numerous requests in our Church, I have culled out the following items from my year's work, believing that their publication will answer many inquiries and I trust will be of benefit to the Church. There should be material in these figures and statements for the annual sermon on the claims of the Christian ministry required by the Discipline in every pulpit and other exhortations along similar lines. They are sent forth with the earnest hope and prayer that they may prove to be seed for an increased harvest.

A good deal of the year has been given to the general platform work of Christian Education and especially of our Christian Education Movement, the rounds of the Annual Conferences, the visitation of our schools and colleges and young people's assemblies have followed. I have traveled the usual fifty-thousand miles and over and have presented the Life Service call to scores of thousands of our young people in public speech and private conversation. The administration of the several loan funds, the publication and circulation of literature among our volunteers, the office correspondence and cultivation of a large number of these young people have been prominent features of the schedule. Other items of the year's work of the department have been the Correspondence Schools and the Preachers' Summer Institutes, in both of which agencies of the Church efficient work has been done. Time has been found also to hold revival meetings in three of our colleges, in which meetings we have been graciously blessed.

The Volunteers.

We reported last year a total enrollment of 6,472 volunteers. During the present year we have received a total of 538 new names for Christian Life Service, making a grand total of 7,010 volunteers now on our rolls. Of the new names received this year, 343 are offering for the Christian ministry, 107 for Foreign Missions, 59 for Home Missions, and 29 for other work or undecided on their field.

Of the 280 presiding elders in our home Conferences, 205 as required by the Discipline, have sent in the lists of ministerial licentiates and candidates. Of our 87 school and college presidents, 49 have sent us in the lists of volunteers in their student body. In the schools heard from we have 596 students for the ministry, and 572 volunteers for other forms of Christian service, a total of 1,168 volunteers for all forms of Christian service reported in our schools. Adding the schools not heard from, the figures would probably be considerably larger.

Methodist Students in Other Schools Than Our Own.

In addition to the visitation of our own schools, I have during the year visited most of the State Universities in the East and have arranged my plans to visit those in the West. The cordial welcome extended by the University authorities has been gratifying. In nearly every instance they have given me the entire student body to address, and sometimes have changed the hours of recitations in

order to give me more time. This is mentioned, not as any personal compliment to the writer, but in order to note the great advance in sentiment on this point in the last few years. Our fellow Christians in the State school faculties realize their responsibility for the moral welfare of their pupils and welcome the help of the Church. Thousands of our own children in the State colleges need our help. We cannot neglect them. The various Boards of our Church are now devising means of meeting this responsibility of caring for the religious life of Methodist students in other schools than our own. This must be done, as we trust it will be done, without neglecting our own institutions whose building and maintenance have been achieved at the price of such great sacrificial toil and self-denial.

Student Aid Funds.

There has been loaned during the year to our students for the ministry and other forms of Christian Life Service from the different loan funds, a total of \$10,462. Ninety-two students have been helped. A much larger amount could be worthily applied if it were available. Brother Leisurely, please pay up your Christian Education pledge, and help our young leaders of tomorrow to get a better preparation for their life work.

The Office Work.

The summary of the office work for the year is as follows: 2,620 letters, cards, etc. have been received, 12,048 letters have been written; 6,043 of these have been individual letters; 23,950 pamphlets have been sent out; 49,000 pamphlets have been printed.

Large Increase in new Preachers.

The number of preachers admitted on trial shows a large increase over last year. In 1922 we admitted on trial 262. In 1923 the number rose to 340. Some notably large classes for admission have been received this year. I give those receiving ten or more: North Alabama heads the list with 28; North Mississippi and Virginia each received 20, then follow Kentucky, 16, Baltimore, Central Texas and Holston each 15, North Texas 14, North Arkansas 13, Florida and Upper South Carolina each 12, West Texas and Tennessee each 11, and Louisiana, St. Louis and West Virginia each 10. We still need a larger number of preachers. Our Church is now using \$69 supplies to fill her pulpits. This is a large decrease of supplies within the last several years. We used nearly 1,200 supplies some years ago.

But Sagging Still Further on Two-Thirds Rule.

There is, however, no improvement in the proportion of those admitted under the two-thirds rule on account of insufficient preparations, but rather a further sagging. Last year we admitted 22 out of 262 under this rule, about one in twelve. This year we admitted 37 out of 340 under this easy-going regulation, or about one in every nine. It would certainly seem that only in rare cases widely recognized as unusual where the personal merit is great and where further scholastic preparation is impossible, should this rule be used. I have, however, seen this year young men admitted by Annual Conferences under the two-thirds rule, young men whose only reason for not pursuing their studies further seemed a disinclination to do so. With our aid funds in hand for students, this excuse is removed. Ought not Annual Conferences, therefore, to make it a matter of principle to require practically all applicants for admission to come up to the very modest standard set by our Church, viz., the equivalent of a high school course. We give the names of the Annual Conferences which have invoked the aid of the two-thirds rule this year, and the figures in each case. Surely these figures speak loudly of an abuse of this regulation. Baltimore admitted 7 under the two-thirds rule; North Alabama 6; North Arkansas 4; North Mississippi 4; Louisiana 3; Central Texas 2; Louisville 2; North Texas 2; Tennessee 2; Texas 2; Little Rock 1; Northwest Texas 1; West Texas 1.

More Preachers Mastering Their Studies.

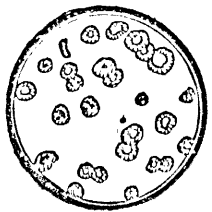
Attention was called last year by the writer to a strange state of affairs that has grown up among us of late years, viz., the failure of so many of our undergraduate preachers to stand, or to pass, the examinations on their studies. And some earnest and pointed but affectionate animadversions were made in the press by the writer to this reprehensible practice. We are gratified to report a decided improvement in this sorry business. Last year out of 1,310 undergraduates, 407 failed to pass their examinations. This year out of 1,591 undergraduates 335 failed. Without claiming all the credit for this improvement, we feel that we have not lived entirely in vain. We thank God and take courage and hope for a further improvement. There is, however, much land yet to be possessed. The following statistics show the record of the Annual Conference on this matter:

Continued in Class of:						
Conference	No. Admitted on trial	No. of these Admitted under 2-3 rule	1st Yr.	2nd Yr.	3rd Yr.	4th Yr.
Alabama	2	0	2	0	2	0
Baltimore	15	7	4	2	4	0
Central Texas	15	2	0	4	1	0
Denver	1	0	0	0	0	0
East Oklahoma	2	0	1	4	0	0
Florida	12	0	6	3	3	2
Holston	15	0	5	7	2	3
Illinois	3	0	8	1	1	0
Kentucky	16	0	7	2	4	0
Louisiana	10	3	5	2	1	1
Little Rock	4	1	3	1	5	0
Louisville	7	2	3	1	3	0
Memphis	2	0	2	1	1	0
Mississippi	4	0	1	3	2	1
Missouri	6	0	7	1	4	3
New Mexico	3	0	3	1	2	0
North Alabama	28	6	14	5	7	6
North Arkansas	13	4	6	2	5	1
North Carolina	7	0	4	0	1	0
North Georgia	9	0	5	3	0	2
North Mississippi	20	4	2	0	3	1
North Texas	14	2	1	2	4	2
Northwest	5	0	3	1	3	0
Northwest Texas	7	1	5	3	3	2
Pacific	5	0	0	0	1	0
St. Louis	10	0	2	2	0	0
South Carolina	7	0	0	0	1	1
South Georgia	9	0	3	0	2	1
Southwest Missouri	5	0	11	0	1	1
Tennessee	11	2	3	2	2	0
Texas	8	2	3	5	2	0
Upper South Carolina	12	0	2	4	2	0
Virginia	20	0	9	3	3	1
West Oklahoma	6	0	3	1	0	0
West Texas	11	1	3	0	2	2
West North Carolina	6	0	2	4	5	1
Western Virginia	10	0	6	2	4	2
	340	37	144	72	86	33
Total admitted on trial (in 1923) 340. Total failing in their studies 335.						

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THE MOVIES AND VICIOUS BOOKS

One of the most serious developments in the moving picture situation is the filming of vicious and obscene books. There is at present a wave of such films going over the country.

It should be noted that even when, as sometimes happens, the films do not contain all of the evil elements in the book, they advertise most effectively these same books and figures show that a tremendous increase in their circulation follows.

Some of the films reproduce with accuracy the villainy of the books and present therefore in pictured form all of the details of free love and other expressions of degeneracy.

Attention is called to a statement made in "The Civic Forum," May, 1924:

"Mr. Will H. Hays has publicly announced that he was opposed to the filming of obscene books which vastly increases the sale of these books, even though the film itself be harmless. Yet the continued increase of such films demonstrates that Mr. Hays has no control over the producers who dominate the industry."

Mrs. Chas. E. Merriam, National Congress of Mothers and Parent Teachers Associations, at the National Convention of the above organization, held May, 1924, made the following statements:

"The most significant phase of the motion picture problem during the past year has been the persistent filming of the most salacious books ever written. We have protested again and again, but in vain; and even today the industry is filming two more of these vile books—books that the average boy and girl would otherwise never have heard about. One of these books is about to be released next week. The author of this book said he only wrote it to see how much the American public would stand! Samuel Goldwyn, the producer of this film, announces that this very week, which we are devoting to child welfare, is to be nationally advertised by them as 'Love Week,' to be natural forerunner for his film production. So while we are pondering on the problems which confront motherhood and our children, back in our home towns they are working night and day, with their huge force of paid workers, to put our children in the proper state of mind to absorb and relish this new production; to bring the boys and girls down to the level of the moral standard of this film and to prepare their emotional forces for this latest money making scheme.

"The industry tells us that we should not mention these bad films—that we should spend our time advertising and praising their good films. You might as well say that the community should pay no heed to its criminals, and spend its time praising the good citizens. You might as well say that we should overlook the fact that a man is a thief and should not punish him, when he may have many good qualities which we could praise. You might as well say that when a man commits a murder, we should overlook that crime and talk only about his good deeds, for there is supposed to be good in all of us.

"The producers answer our protests by saying that they must film these bad books or go out of business—that the good picture does not pay in box-office receipts. Their own figures prove the falsity of this statement, for they issued figures from

Hollywood last summer to show that the films that paid them best during July were the most wholesome pictures ever made, and of the ten which were the worst failures from the box-office standpoint, none deserved patronage. So their own figures discredit their statement, and we wonder why they persist in their policy."

All parents need to give startled attention to this other statement made by Mrs. Merriam in Educational Screen:

"We wish to call attention to the very few films which can be endorsed for the family. When you bear in mind that, at the start of our reviewing three years ago, we could endorse about one-half of the output, and that now the per cent is so low that it approaches zero—we must surely realize that there is a great community problem confronting us, a crisis if you will."—H. E. Wheeler.

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS.

A few days ago four men were sentenced to die in the electric chair as convicted murderers. One of them was 21 years old, two of them 23, and one was 28. Two of these young men are brothers.

The judge after sentencing them said that 12 years' experience on the bench has shown him that 80 per cent of criminals were less than 25 years of age. How can such things be in a country where conditions are so favorable as ours?

In no other country are children so well cared for. The homes in which they are brought up, even among the comparatively poor, have comforts and luxuries unknown to the children of many other lands. They are well clothed and well fed, while millions are spent on their schooling. Parents generally throughout the country withhold no good things within their reach, sometimes even at great personal sacrifice.

What is needful to correct conditions apparently so favorable, and yet so defective as to produce a criminal class, 80 per cent of which are hardly out of their teens? Various solutions have been proposed by those interested in improving our citizenship, none of which seems more hopeful of good results than Bible reading. When the Bible was more generally read in the homes in the early days of our country, the conditions we now deplore did not exist, even though the children had not so many other advantages.

It is well to recall at this time the wise words of President John Quincy Adams, who said: "So great is my veneration for the Bible that the earlier my children begin to read it the more confident will be my hope that they will prove useful citizens of their country and respectable members of society."

A better type of citizens will exist in the next decade if the Bible is restored to the children of today. For obvious reasons, the public schools cannot be expected to undertake adequate Bible instruction. The Sunday Schools of the country are already doing much excellent work, but more can hardly be expected from the one hour a week they have at their disposal. As long as we provide the child, with 25 hours a week of instruction that fits him to make a living and give him but a part of one hour a week of instruction that fits him to make a life, better results cannot be hoped for.

There is but one other place where the child may and should be taught to know the Bible, that is, the home. Faced by the ugly facts that are revealed in the columns of the daily press, it is clearly the duty of the Christian parents of America to begin at once (Today is not too early) to restore the Bible to its rightful place in the home.

Each member of the family, young and old, should have a Bible of his own just as they have other personal belongings which are not shared by others. A definite time each day should be devoted to Bible reading. Perhaps some children will not like this, but they do not like to go to school sometimes and yet we insist

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A Charge to keep I have,
A God to glorify;
A never dying soul to save,
And fit it for the sky;
To serve the present age,
My calling to fulfill,
O may it all my powers engage,
To do my Master's will!

—Charles Wesley.

Now that the General Conference, in called session at Chattanooga, has accepted the report of the Commission on Unification of the two great Methodisms it may be that we of the W. M. S. may best serve the "present age" by furthering the great cause in our Conferences. Unification of the M. E. Church South, and the M. E. Church may be a long step towards universal peace. When religious organizations do full justice to one another shall not the nations of earth learn the beauty of holiness and dwell together in unity.—V. C. P.

We are delighted to have from Mrs. C. F. Elza notes from the first days of the Conference which our readers will greatly enjoy.

NOTES FROM GENERAL CONFERENCE AT CHATTANOOGA.

Mrs. C. F. Elza.

The lobby of the Patten Hotel presents an interesting Methodist panorama of Bishops, connectional officers, secretaries and hundreds of delegates, clerical and lay. Here much of fellowship, association and discussion of the issues of this great session takes place and in the early mornings many guests looked down from the mezzanine railing upon this interesting moving mass of Methodists.

But the center of high interest and action is the beautiful city assembly hall known as the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium. Certainly a more perfectly appointed meeting place could scarcely be devised. The seating arrangement is all that can be desired, the delegates being seated in three tiers of tables in an enclosed parquet, while visitors are seated in adequate surrounding galleries. The local committee have anticipated every wish of the visitors even to the furnishing of automobile service over the city at all hours.

The sessions of the first day resolved themselves into a debate for and against a resolution introduced by Dr. Lamar of Nashville which practically called for adjournment of the present session. The question of legality was waged throughout Wednesday and was continued Thursday morning and concluded by a ringing speech by Dr. Ellis, secretary of the Board of Church Extension, in a plea to defeat the resolution. The vote of

on their doing so for their own good. Some day the child who may read the Bible somewhat unwillingly will thank the one who insisted that it be done.

As nothing works so effectively as a good example, it is essential also that the child see his parents devoting a part of each day to the reading of the Bible. What we have suggested is something that all have it in their power to do. Christian parents certainly cannot wish to evade their responsibilities nor delegate to others a task so vitally important and so essentially connected with the home.

Wherever the good old custom of family Bible reading has been discontinued, we suggest that it be revived. If there are not enough Bibles in the home so that each may have one of his own, let suitable provision be made. There are such a multitude of styles available today that there is one to suit every age and every requirement.—Ex.

acclamation was overwhelmingly against the adoption, and the way was cleared for the hearing of the report of the Commission on Unification, which was delivered by Bishop Moore. When the Conference adjourned for noon recess Thursday, it was in the midst of the reading of the minority report by Bishop Denny. The spirit of the Conference is decidedly in favor of unification, but there seems to be a willingness on the part of the Conference to let both sides present their claims fully. It is evident however, to the observer that the unificationists have a goodly majority. The Conference has been free from strife and bitterness. Early morning prayer meetings, brotherly kindness and a desire to know the will of the Master seem evident.

The first evening session was given over to a welcome from the local committees with eloquent response by Bishop DuBose. It seems probable that there will be no adjournment before Friday, although the Conference has limited itself to the one question of unification. Both Little Rock and North Arkansas delegations are solidly in favor of this forward step. Dr. A. C. Millar in representing the Conference said that he knew of three opponents to unification in his Conference. This clever statement of the strength of the cause in Little Rock Conference produced a ripple of merriment and a burst of applause from the floor. The Little Rock delegation comprises Dr. E. R. Steel, chairman, Dr. James Thomas, Dr. A. C. Millar and Dr. Stonewall Anderson, clerical; Messrs. Taylor, Boney, Hollis and the writer.

OUR W. M. S. BUILDING AT MT. SEQUOYAH.

Mrs. C. F. Elza, convener, calls a meeting for July 17 of the Board of Control of the Woman's Building to be erected at Mt. Sequoyah. The members of this Board are: Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President Missionary Council; Mrs. J. W. Downs, Sec. Western and Central Divisions; the Presidents and Corresponding Secretaries of the W. M. Conferences of Arkansas, Missouri, Oklahoma and Texas. A beautiful site has been donated us by the Western Assembly of M. E. Church, South and our plan is to begin the work as soon as possible. We intend to erect a building that will not only be convenient and useful for missionary activities, but will be an ornament to Mt. Sequoyah which is truly a beautiful and great Assembly ground. As Mrs. Elza says, the date July 17 will enable members of this Board who are also members of the Regional Conference to conserve time, and she asks them "to come prepared to offer constructive ideas on building and financing." Our many friends are expected to help these women raise the money—and Arkansas will do her part. Who'll make the first contribution?—V. C. P.

TILLAR AUXILIARY.

We are now studying and enjoying "Builders of a Kingdom." Our older ladies know some of these pioneers and lovingly remember some who have passed away, so this book is of great interest. Mrs. S. V. Clayton is the teacher, and she believes in the members studying history.

Our report from the Annual meeting was very much in detail and thoroughly enjoyed. Our delegate was Mrs. J. T. Cheairs, Jr.

We carried out the suggestion of the Sunshine Bags and sent little remembrances to five dear older ladies who are "shut ins."—Mrs. J. W. Mann, Supt. Pub.

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TILLAR JUNIORS.

Our "Big Juniors" gave a "Track Meet" in June, inviting the "Little Juniors" and mothers of all.

The meeting was in the lovely shady grove by the church and the games were called at 4:30 p. m.

Mrs. J. W. Mann, the Superintendent, called the races. Each was a burlesque on real track-meet stunts and everybody had lots of fun.

Four big girls, Nellie Ruth Henry, Catherine Prewitt, Nina Ballard, and Ruth Bircle were captains and chose members for their teams. We had yells and each team was a near-by town.

Jobe Hyde, our biggest boy, was clerk, another big boy, Virgil Peacock, was one of the judges.

We honored Lillian Cheairs with a parting gift, as she was to leave us next day.

Our former superintendent, Mrs. B. G. Paschal, was a visitor whom we all delighted to honor.

A loving cup was given the town who won most points. It was a large engraved, bright tin coffee can, presented with much ceremony.

Our mite box offering was presented by a little tot visitor.

Our next biggest girls served punch and wafers when the contest closed.

—Mrs. J. W. Mann, Supt. Juniors.

FOREIGN MISSIONS AT HOME.

The Western and Central Division consists of the eleven States west of the Mississippi River in which our Church has organized work and all of the States of Tennessee and Kentucky that is not included in the Holston Conference. The land area of the eleven States in the Western Section of this Division is 1,442 square miles, the population is 20, 029,532, or thirteen and eight-tenths persons per square mile. Eight of these Western States, in which are five of our Annual Conferences, have a population of 8,062,290. Less than one-seventh of these eight million people belong to the Protestant Church. This is with one possible exception the most cosmopolitan section of our great country. The Central Section, which is the major part of the States of Tennessee and Kentucky, has but a small land area, as compared with the Western Section, but is more

densely populated. The population is almost three times as great per square mile in these two States as that of the West. The needs are quite apparent in this Central Section, especially in the highlands or mountain districts.

Our report covers not only those fields to which we appropriate money, but all the work done by City Boards, financed by the Woman's Missionary Societies.

The Oriental Work on the Pacific Coast is work with the Japanese and Koreans in that section. The Chinese are not included for two reasons: first, because of the many dialects spoken; second, because this field is adequately occupied by other Boards. The official State report on Orientals in California gives 120,000 as the number of Japanese in the State; the Koreans number approximately two thousand. The Church Boards working with Orientals have a plan of comity which designates certain sections of the State as the field of each Board. Our work with the Japanese is centrally located, including Alameda, Oakland, Dinuba, and adjoining counties; the Korean work is in San Francisco, Reedley, Sacramento, and adjoining counties. The superintendents in the fields seem anxious to observe these regulations and thereby avoid competition and overlapping. The laws of California make conditions of employment for the Orientals uncertain and unsatisfactory, causing many to return to Japan and others to seek their livelihood elsewhere. The records show that a good number become Christians. Many of these return to Japan, while others go to different parts of the country, leaving us practically the same number of Church members each year. No appropriations we make is more far-reaching in its results than the one made to the Orientals on the Pacific Coast as it counts twofold—in our country and in Japan.

A Fine Mission School.

The Sue Bennett Memorial School for mountain boys and girls of Eastern Kentucky has a beautiful twenty-five-acre campus, twelve buildings, a farm of thirty-five acres, with a total valuation of \$250,000. The faculty consists of twenty-three members; all teachers in the college department are

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S. S. DAY OFFERING LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Since our report last week the following Sunday School Day offerings have been received from the Little Rock Conference:

Rhodes Chapel, Arkadelphia District	\$ 5.25
Waverly, Arkadelphia Dist.	6.30
Mt. Pisgah, Arkadelphia Dist. ..	4.25
Forest Park Little Rock Dist.	9.00
Austin Ct. Add.) Little Rock District	25.00
Hickory Plains, Little Rock Dist.	4.33
Miller's Chapel, Monticello Dist.	5.50
Wilmoth, Monticello Dist.	19.50
Dumas, Monticello Dist.	35.00
Total for the week	\$114.13

—C. E. Hayes, Chm.
Standing by Districts, L. R. Conf.

The following table shows amount received for Sunday School Day offerings from each District in the Little Rock Conference up to Saturday at noon July 5.

Pine Bluff District	\$202.91
Monticello District	324.09
Camden District	365.52
Prescott District	569.93
Texarkana District	602.86
Arkadelphia District	639.49

required to have at least an A. B. degree. The enrollment for 1923-24 is four hundred and fifty-seven, with fifty-three in the business school, eighty-six in the normal department, and thirty in the junior college. There will be sixty graduates from the school this year, from the following departments: twenty-five from the high school, twenty-five from the normal, five from the business school, and five from the junior college. Eighty-five per cent of the rural school teachers of the four surrounding counties are trained at Sue Bennett.

In Nashville, Tenn.

The Bethlehem House, better known as Bethlehem Center, in Nashville, Tenn., is the mother institution of our settlement work with Negroes. We have a splendid plant made possible by Centenary money where classes for social service workers are carried on in affiliation with Fisk University. We have a baby clinic, boys' and girls' clubs, Girl Scouts, all conducted under religious influences and with the goal in view to help the Negro to help himself and a better relationship between the races. The plant consists of a new brick administration building, a stucco gymnasium, workers' cottage, and a well equipped playground. The Center covers a large part of a city block and is located in a community of twenty thousand Negroes.

Mission Home in Dallas.

Our Virginia Johnson Home and School for Delinquent Girls, located in Dallas, Tex., provides a home for seventy-five young women and their babies. We have a beautiful, well equipped three-story brick building and eighteen acres of land, valued at \$100,000. The faculty includes eight members, a superintendent, nurse, doctor, domestic science teacher, sewing teacher, literary instructor through the tenth grade; stenography instruction, and house keeping and laundry department. The Home and School give the girls a two-year course of training to better fit themselves for a place in the life to follow. All the training is carried on by Christian women, and the work of the Master is known to these young mothers as the light of eternal life.

—From Annual Report of Mrs. J. W. Downs Sec. Western and Central Divisions.

Little Rock District 986.78

Total for Conference\$3,691.58

Hurrah for the Arkadelphia District! Better watch Hundley and his force.—Clem Baker.

RECORD OF S. S. CERTIFICATES ISSUED TO LITTLE ROCK CONF. PREACHERS DURING PRESENT CONF. YEAR.

We give below by Districts the record of Teacher-Training certificates issued by the General Sunday School Board to preachers in the Little Rock Conference during the present Conference year. This includes the certificates issued at the Pastors' Summer School. If any preacher finds that his record is not correct, please let me know and we will seek to find our mistake. This is by far the best record we have ever made up to this time of the year, and we confidently expect practically every preacher in the conference to be in the graduating class at El Dorado. Bishop Sam R. Hay will award the certificates at conference this year.

Arkadelphia District.	
	Certif.
Rev. L. E. N. Hundley	1
Rev. J. L. Cannon	2
Rev. R. W. Groves	1
Rev. L. T. Rogers	1
Rev. F. C. Cannon	2
Rev. E. D. Hanna	1
Rev. R. C. Walsh	1
Camden District.	
Rev. R. P. James	3
Rev. W. T. Wilkinson	2
Rev. C. R. Andrews	1
Rev. S. L. Durham	1
Rev. C. E. Whitten	2
Rev. A. T. Clanton	1
Rev. J. B. Sims	2
Rev. J. M. Cannon	3
Rev. W. O. Tisdale	1
Rev. H. R. Nabors	1
Rev. Floyd McElyea	6
Little Rock District.	
Rev. E. R. Steel	1
Rev. C. M. Reves	1
Rev. J. W. Thomas	5
Rev. D. H. Colquette	3
Rev. S. T. Baugh	1
Rev. W. R. Jordan	1
Rev. W. M. Mears	1
Rev. W. T. Thompson	1
Rev. E. D. Galloway	3
Rev. A. J. Christie	2
Rev. R. M. Holland	4
Rev. John Hoover	2
Rev. F. G. Roebuck	1
Rev. J. T. Thompson	1
Rev. W. V. Walthal	2
Rev. J. C. Glenn	2
Rev. A. W. Hamilton	2
Rev. D. T. Rowe	2
Rev. C. L. Williams	1
Monticello District.	
Rev. J. A. Parker	1
Rev. S. F. Goddard	1
Rev. E. C. Rule	2
Rev. J. J. Mellard	5
Rev. J. L. Dedman	1
Rev. R. E. Fawcett	1
Rev. J. W. Rogers	1
Rev. G. C. Williams	1
Rev. J. W. Mann	1
Rev. A. B. Barry	1
Rev. J. R. Dickerson	1
Pine Bluff District.	
Rev. R. W. McKay	1
Rev. L. A. Smith	4
Rev. Rex B. Wilkes	3
Rev. W. P. Whaley	1
Rev. A. C. Rogers	4
Rev. B. F. Musser	1
Rev. W. W. Nelson	2
Rev. S. R. Twitty	1
Rev. C. D. Cade	1
Rev. M. K. Rogers	2
Prescott District.	
Rev. J. H. Cummins	2
Rev. W. C. Davidson	2

AFTER BABY ARRIVES

Many Mothers Weak, Nervous

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound Helps to Restore Health

A great many letters similar to the following recommend Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as a wonderful medicine for bringing the new mother back to normal health and strength.

It is an excellent restorative, contains no harmful drugs, and can be taken in safety by a nursing mother.

Thousands of mothers who have regained their strength by taking it are its best recommendation. Why not take it yourself?

Now Well Again

Milwaukee, Wisconsin.—"After I had my second child I felt sick and nervous and could not do much. Then after the other baby came I was worse than ever. I suffered this way for a long time and did not know what to do. I was looking over my cook books, and found one of your little books and I sat down and read every page. Then I bought a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and took four bottles of it before I stopped, and now I am well again. I always recommend the Vegetable Compound to my friends."

—Mrs. JOHN MITZKE, 773 8th Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.

Buffalo, N. Y.—"My health got worse after my little girl's birth, and my mother advised me to try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound as

it had done her so much good. I had headaches and tired feelings, with no ambition, also pains at times so it hurt me to walk. With the Vegetable Compound I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Blood Medicine and used Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash, and I have been greatly helped. I do hope you will use my letter as a testimonial as it will help other women."

—Mrs. GEORGE SHOEMAKER, 349 Emslie St., Buffalo, N. Y.

Followed Friend's Advice

Vienna, South Dakota.—"After my second child was born I was completely run-down and didn't care for anything. I had sharp pains in my sides and a white discharge and was nervous and weak. I didn't seem to care how I neglected my work. A friend told me about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I took it for two months the first time and one month the last time. It has helped me in a great many ways and the pains have left me entirely. I certainly wish you to know how much benefit I have received."

—Mrs. G. W. FREEMAN, Vienna, South Dakota.

Such letters and a successful record of fifty years should convince every ailing woman that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is the medicine she needs. For sale by druggists everywhere.

Rev. O. L. Walker	2
Rev. W. C. Yancey	1
Rev. G. L. Cagle	2
Rev. B. F. Scott	1
Rev. J. E. Cooper	1
Rev. Jesse Galloway	1
Rev. L. J. Ridling	1
Rev. C. D. Meux	1
Rev. E. M. Peters	1
Texarkana District	
Rev. J. F. Simmons	1
Rev. S. K. Burnett	4
Rev. R. H. Cannon	3
Rev. T. P. Clark	1
Rev. J. F. Taylor	2
Rev. V. A. Higgs	1
Rev. R. R. Moore	1
Rev. L. A. Alkire	1
Rev. John Simpson	1
Rev. T. O. Owen	2
Rev. J. H. Glass	2
Rev. B. F. Roebuck	2
Rev. W. C. Hilliard	1
Rev. J. A. Hall	1
Rev. T. L. Stinson	1
Rev. L. C. Gatlin	2
Rev. J. M. Hamilton	2
Rev. C. B. Powell	1
Record by Districts.	
Arkadelphia District—Seven Preachers receiving nine credits.	
Camden District—Eleven preachers receiving 23 credits.	
Little Rock District—Nineteen preachers receiving 36 credits.	
Monticello District—Eleven preachers receiving 16 credits.	
Pine Bluff District—Ten preachers receiving 21 credits.	
Prescott District—Eleven preachers receiving 15 credits.	
Texarkana District—Eighteen preachers receiving 29 credits.	
This makes a total for the Conference of 87 preachers receiving 149 credits up to date.—Clem Baker.	

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE HONOR ROLL.

We give below a list of 52 preachers in the Little Rock Conference whose charges have paid the Sunday School Day apportionments in full for this year and thus have already won a place on the beautiful Honor Roll to be displayed at El Dorado. Many of these have over-paid the apportionment. Many other charges are nearly out. Several have already taken the second offering in order to get out in full. We have never seen such loyalty and determination on the part of all the preachers as is being displayed this year. Watch us make it 100 per cent. Look out for another record-breaking offering. To all who are doing such fine work for the Sunday School cause we extend our sincere thanks and pledge that we will work a little harder than ever to justify the confidence thus placed in us.—Clem Baker.

HONOR ROLL BY DISTRICTS.

Arkadelphia District.

Rev. J. L. Cannon, Arkadelphia Sta.
Rev. Manuel Scott, Arkadelphia Ct.
Rev. E. D. Hanna, Holly Springs Ct.
Rev. J. J. Stowe, Central Ave., Hot S.
Rev. T. D. Spruce, Park Ave., Hot S.
Rev. F. P. Doak, Third St., Hot S.
Rev. L. T. Rogers, Hot Springs Ct.
Rev. J. A. Henedrson, Malvern Sta.
Rev. T. O. Rorie, Okolona Ct.
Rev. J. D. Rogers, Sprakman-Sardis.
Rev. R. C. Walsh, Traskwood Circuit.

Camden District.

Rev. F. F. Harrell, Camden Station.
Rev. W. R. Richardson, Fordyce Sta.
Rev. J. B. Sims, Thornton, Circuit.
Rev. R. P. James, Waldo Station.

Monticello District.

Rev. A. B. Barry, Wilnot Station.
Rev. E. C. Rule, Dermott Station.
Rev. J. B. Pickering, Snyder Circuit.
Rev. J. D. Baker, Warren Station.
Rev. J. R. Dickerson, Portland-Park.

dale.
Rev. R. E. Fawcett, Dumas Station.
Pine Bluff District.
NO ONE.
Little Rock District.
Rev. W. C. Scott, Asbury, L. R.
Rev. A. J. Christie, Bauxite Station.
Rev. J. T. Thompson, Capitol View, Little Rock.
Rev. W. M. Hays, Des Arc Station.
Rev. S. T. Baugh, England Station.
Rev. P. C. Fletcher, First Ch., L. R.
Rev. D. T. Rowe, Forest Park Ct.
Rev. J. P. Lowry Henderson Sta.
Rev. J. L. Hoover, Highland, L. R.
Rev. J. W. Thomas, Lonoke Sta.
Rev. F. G. Roebuck, Pulaski Hgts., Little Rock.
Rev. W. R. Harrison, 28th St., L. R.
Rev. C. M. Reves, Winfield, L. R.
Rev. C. L. Williams, Austin Circuit.
Prescott District.
Rev. H. A. F. Ault, Bingen Circuit.
Rev. B. F. Scott, Columbus Ct.
Rev. O. L. Walker, Gurdon Sta.
Rev. W. C. Yancey, Glenwood-Roseboro.
Rev. W. C. Davidson, Hope Station.
Rev. Z. D. Lindsey, Mineral Spgs. Sta.
Rev. J. A. Sage, Prescott Sta.
Rev. J. C. Johnson, Prescott Ct.
Rev. W. M. Crowson, Washington-Ozan.

Texarkana District.

Rev. J. M. Hamilton, Ashdown Sta.
Rev. S. K. Burnett, DeQueen Sta.
Rev. W. C. Hilliard, Horatio Sta.
Rev. T. O. Owen, Mena Station.
Rev. R. H. Cannon, Stamps, Station.
Rev. J. D. Hammons, First Church, Texarkana.
Rev. Alonzo Monk, Fairview, Texarkana.
Rev. T. L. Stinson, Umpire Circuit.

PROGRAM OF WORK FOR THE HELENA DISTRICT.

The Program of Sunday School work in the Helena District for this year has been carefully worked out, and is under supervision.

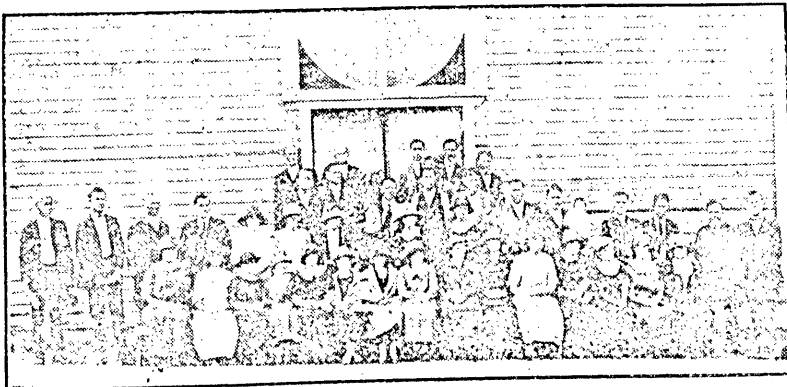
The staff officers are as follows: Chairman, Rev. William Sherman; Executive Secretary, Rev. W. V. Womack; Supt. Teacher Training, Rev. F. R. Hamilton; Supt. Organized Classes, Rev. W. L. Oliver; and Elementary Superintendent, to be supplied.

The District is organized into five groups, each with a leader, Rev. S. B. Wiggins, Rev. T. H. Wright, Mr. R. L. Hartley, Rev. H. E. Pfost, and Rev. C. W. Johnston serving in capacity of Group Leaders.

The enrollment goal for the District is 1,000, and emphasis is being laid on approved survey plans with follow up, and the General Board plan of Evangelism in the Sunday School.

The effort of the staff will be to clear all the Sunday Schools from the Centenary and carry on the program of missionary education and giving, in the interest of our Conference-wide Sunday School special.

The goal in organized classes is to report in the October Round-up at least 75 classes organized and in good standing.



THE CHARACTER BUILDERS WESLEY BIBLE CLASS, GLENWOOD.

We are proud to give this week a picture of the Character Builders Wesley Bible Class of Glenwood, Ark. In writing about this class Mr. W. A. McKeown, the superintendent, says: "One year ago this class had a membership of 15 and today it has an enrollment of 65. Mr. T. M. Coker is the efficient teacher of the class and makes it one of the big boosters for

the Sunday School. Mrs. J. E. Pitts is the president, Mrs. Alf Whitted is the Secretary." Rev. W. C. Yancey is the live young pastor in charge at Glenwood. Let us have more such pictures. The Wesley Bible Class movement is one of the best things for a modern Sunday School.—Clem Baker.

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FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE IN THE N. ARK. CONF. LEAGUE ASSEMBLY.

The North Arkansas Epworth League Assembly is this year four years old.

One of our instructors, Mr. Harry King, has been with us from the beginning. Each year we look forward to his Bible lectures. This year his lectures on the Apostles Creed made a wonderful climax to his four years of service. As long as Mr. King can give us such courses as he has been, we need not go farther than the Galloway Campus for an instructor in our Bible study.

AN APPEAL FROM THE EDITOR.

Leaguers, let us advertise what we are doing. This space in the Methodist has been given to us for our good, and let us make use of it.

Perhaps the problem you have just solved is the one confronting other Leagues. Your experience may be of great help to them. Why not tell them about it through the columns of the Methodist.

Just here I want to tell something about my own Intermediates. They have voted to take care of the Epworthian through the budget, and our Intermediate Magazine will be put in every family in the League.—Ida M. White.

LEAGUERS OF N. ARK. CONF.

You will notice that the reports given in this issue of the Methodist are not in full. Several Committees failed to hand the reports to the Secretary after they were adopted, and, as you can see, no record can be made of these reports until they are in the hands of the Secretary, so you will be conferring a favor upon me

The District is undertaking to qualify as a "C" standard District in Elementary work.

The District will conduct one Standard School in Helena, and at least one Junior School for every other charge.

We expect to enroll all the pastors and one-half of the superintendents in the 1000 Study Club.

The District expects to complete its placement of Wall Charts, and to give every assistance to all schools in reaching the highest possible rank this year.

The Budget for the year is \$900, one half of which will be refunded for District work, and of this we appropriate \$25 for Elementary Work, \$50 for expenses of District Secretary,

if you will mail your report out to me at Plumerville right away. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Noel S. Chaney, Conf. Sec.

REPORT OF BRONZE EMBLEM COMMITTEE.

We, the Bronze Emblem Committee, beg leave to submit the following report:

Having learned that the Bronze Emblem is to be awarded to the District securing the most Gold Seals in proportion to the number of Leaguers in the District, this Committee is compelled to award the Emblem to the Conway District since this District has secured six Gold Seals out of fourteen issued to the whole Conference.—Ralph Stuck, Chairman.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas, the General Conference of the Methodist Church, meeting in Springfield, Massachusetts, last month accepted the plan of unification submitted by the Joint Commission, and, Whereas, the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have issued a call for a General Conference to be held July 2nd in Chattanooga, Tennessee,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, the Leaguers, of the North Arkansas Conference, assembled in annual session at Galloway College, Searcy, Arkansas, respectfully request the delegates from the North Arkansas Annual Conference to the General Conference to vote for unification.—Noel S. Chaney, Chairman, Miss Joy Jones, Secretary, Miss Leona Gillam.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE.

We, the Committee on Resolutions,

and the balance to be used in promotion of Junior Training schools.

Two District Institutes were planned, one for West Helena and one for Parkin.

Areas selected for observance of Children's Week will be reported later, it being agreed that Children's Week should be promoted in at least 15 schools in the District.

The following persons were approved for teaching in Junior schools: Rev. William Sherman, Rev. W. V. Womack, Rev. F. R. Hamilton, Rev. W. L. Oliver, Rev. B. C. Few, Rev. G. W. Pyles, Rev. S. B. Wiggins, Rev. T. H. Wright, Rev. C. W. Johnston, Prof. R. E. Davis, Rev. W. C. Watson and Rev. H. E. Pfost.—H. E. Wheeler.

THE FIRST LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOL AT MT. SEQUOYAH.

The first of the Leadership Training Schools enterprised by the General Sunday School Board at Mt. Sequoyah is in session as we write with a splendid pupil constituency, and courses of appealing interest and value. Nearly all of the Conference superintendents in the territory west of the Mississippi River are present, and most of the Conferences identified with the Western Assembly represented.

We shall present a detailed statement of the School in our next issue, but the success of the school this year gives the finest promise of a program second to none in any part of the Southland.

Already plans are in the making for the erection of a great Sunday School plant, and the correlation of our program with the Summer Session of the Southern Methodist University on the grounds at Sequoyah.—H. E. Wheeler.

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beg leave to submit the following:

To President, and Mrs. Williams for their untiring efforts in their preparation for and interest in this Assembly, realizing that the Assembly coming immediately after the school has called for an unusual output of patience, energy and endurance, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

Secondly, that our thanks be given to Mr. Harwell who has worked throughout this year that we might have this week of splendid fellowship with the largest delegation of Epworth Leagues having met together in an Assembly, save only one.

That our genuine gratitude be given Mr. King who has taken care of the many details of the Assembly with such thoroughness and who has aided very substantially toward the success of the Assembly.

That our vote of appreciation go to the outgoing Secretary, Miss Ethel Craig, whose efficient work has been helpful to the members of this Conference and a blessing to all who know her.

That thanks be expressed for the service rendered by Rev. H. C. Hoy and Mrs. Byron Harwell who directed the recreation.

That our deepest appreciation be extended to all the other members of the faculty and cabinet.

That thanks be extended Miss Lucille Womack and Clarence Weems for publishing The Daily Epworthian.

That we give our sincere thanks to the director of music, Mr. Virgil Eady, who, with the cooperation of the quartette, orchestra and pianist, Miss Johnston, added much to our pleasure and enjoyment through the five days of the Assembly.

And to all those who have so diligently worked upon the committees and have in any other way contributed to the success of this our best Assembly—we give our heartfelt thanks.—Noel S. Chaney, Chairman, Miss Joy Jones, Secretary, Miss Leona Gillam.

REPORT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE.

Your Budget Committee begs leave to submit an estimated budget for the year 1924-25:

Registration Fees	\$ 300.00
Anniversary	150.00
Pledges	3,500.00
Conference Board	600.00

Total

Expenses.	
Assembly	400.00
Cabinet Meet	110.00
President	300.00
Secretary	25.00
Treasurer	100.00
Era Agent	25.00
Life Service	25.00
Int. Supt.	75.00
Jr. Supt.	75.00
Dis. Secys.	675.00
Anniversary	75.00
Africa Special	1,500.00
Home Mission	600.00
Mt. Sequoyah	500.00

Total

The Committee decides that three of its number shall make proper investigation and give report to entire Committee so that a decision may be made in regard to the Home Mission Special.—Howard Johnston, Chairman, Thelma Hines, Secretary, Harry Hoy, Harney Chaney, Althea Karnes.

ASSEMBLY AT HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE OPENED WITH BANQUET.

Although the first feature of the Assembly was not scheduled to be until Monday evening at 8 o'clock, delegates began arriving Sunday and by Monday evening Henderson-Brown College had, within her halls, the greatest gathering of Epworth Leagues ever assembled there before.

The banquet, which formally opened the Assembly, was "put over" with unbounded success. Dr. Workman was master of ceremonies and welcomed the Leaguers to Arkadelphia. His address was responded to in a very pleasing manner by our Conference President, Mr. Neill Hart. An orchestra composed of Arkadelphia Leaguers furnished music throughout

the evening, which, together with special musical numbers rendered at other meals has been acclaimed by all who attended past Assemblies to be one of the greatest additions to this year's Assembly. All special guests of the Assembly, the faculty and cabinet members were introduced to the Assembly. A count taken at the banquet indicated that we had 68 more present at the opening feature of the Assembly than was present last year.

LITTLE ROCK CONF. LEAGUERS FAVOR PLAN OF UNIFICATION.

On Wednesday at the business meeting, at the Assembly at Henderson-Brown College, a resolution was passed by the Assembly, favoring unification of the Methodist Churches. In this connection, a motion was made and carried that the Epworth Era, College of Bishops, Arkansas Methodist, and Christian Advocate be advised of the stand taken by this Assembly on this question.

TEXARKANA DIST. WINS FIRST PLACE "STUNT NIGHT."

The platform hour on Thursday night at the Assembly was turned over to the District Secretaries for the "Stunts." This brought to the front some of the greatest talent and ingenuity that is to be found anywhere. All the "Stunts" were declared to be most clever, but Texarkana District, with their baby contest, including the joke played on the Conference president, Neill Hart, won first place. Camden District came second with Prescott District third.

JIM WORKMAN HAS CHARGE OF BIBLE HOUR AT ARKADELPHIA ASSEMBLY.

Dr. George Sexton of Centenary College of Louisiana found it impossible to be with us on account of illness in his family. Dr. Sexton had been scheduled to have charge of the Bible Hour. When this bad news was received we found Rev. James Workman, a former Conference President, to be a real "Bible-Hour Man" and immediately drafted him into service. "Jim," as he is more frequently called, proved to be just the man to take Dr. Sexton's place and it was through his talks that all gained a much better knowledge of the Bible, and a more practical working theory of the Christian life.

At the platform service on Wednesday evening, after several stereoptican pictures were shown by Bro. Baugh, Rev. James Workman made a talk on "Race Relations." He very earnestly made his plea for an unprejudiced attitude toward the races of other colors. He pled for a universal feeling of brotherly love, that we as followers of Christ apply his teachings in our relations with the other races.

ASSEMBLY AT HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE CLOSED WITH CONSECRATION SERVICE.

The Assembly was brought to a close on Friday Evening with the Consecration Service led by the new president. Bro. Roebuck's message inspired all to do greater things for Christ than we had ever done before. At the close of the service, nine new volunteers came forward and offered their lives for Christian service.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

- Arkadelphia District—Paul Gal-loway, Arkadelphia.
- Camden District—Mrs. H. P. Rice, Huttig.
- Little Rock District—Miss Lillian Peaslee, Little Rock.
- Monticello District—Miss Gertrude Gaddy, Dermott.
- Pine Bluff District—Miss Audrey Wharton, Pine Bluff.
- Prescott District—Miss Kello Stone, Prescott.
- Texarkana District—Miss Maurine Walker, Stamps.

500 ESTIMATED AT CITY LEAGUE UNION.

At the last Inter-City Union meeting which was held June 30 at Win-

field Church, it was estimated that 500 Leaguers and friends were present. Everyone said it was the best meeting in the history of the Union which dates back in the "ark ages." There was no particular attraction considering the other meetings that have been given during the year, but this was "stunt night" and also echo meeting of the Assemblies. Each Chapter represented yelled and sang in groups on the large roof garden of Winfield. If any prize were given to the "pepest" League it would surely go to North Little Rock without a doubt. The Stunts were so good the judges could not come to any decision as to which League had the best, but North Little Rock and Capitol View, and First Church, L. R., were among the best.

The standings of the Leagues were taken and Capitol View had the largest delegation with 110, Highland followed close behind with 103. This meeting ending the second quarter and the picture was given to Highland League who had the largest attendance for the past quarter. Capitol View was second. Neill Hart always said that the Little Rock District was a young Conference and we will agree with him on that point, but we say the City League Union of Little Rock and North Little Rock is a matured Conference.

Winfield's roof garden was an ideal place to have the meeting. The girls of that chapter who served were dressed in Japanese costumes. The next meeting will be held at Henderson, July 21.—H. T.

CONFERENCE PLEDGES TOWARD THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE EPWORTH LEAGUE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1924.

Arkadelphia District.	
Park Avenue, Hot Springs	\$ 55.00
Central Ave., Hot Springs	55.00
3rd Street, Hot Springs	35.00
New Salem	15.00
Oaklawn Srs., Hot Spgs.	25.00

Oaklawn Jrs., Hot Spgs.	5.00
3rd St., Jrs., Hot Spgs.	5.00
3rd St., Int., Hot Spgs.	5.00
Arkadelphia	125.00
Malvern	50.00

\$375.00

Camden District.

Camden, Srs.	100.00
Camden, Jrs.	15.00
El Dorado	125.00
Bearden, Srs.	50.00
Bearden, Jrs.	15.00
Huttig, Srs.	10.00
Huttig, Jrs.	5.00
Kingsland, Srs.	15.00
Kingsland, Jrs.	10.00

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Little Rock District.

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Hunter, Srs.	150.00
Hunter, Intermeds.	20.00
Hunter, Jrs.	30.00
Highland	75.00
Asbury	75.00
Capitol View	30.00
Henderson	20.00
Pulaski Heights	35.00
First Church	100.00
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Lonoke, Jrs.	5.00
Carlisle	12.50
Mablevale	25.00
Bryant, Srs.	20.00
Bryant, Jrs.	5.00
Bauxite, Srs.	25.00
Bauxite, Intermediates	15.00
England, Srs.	30.00
England, Intermeds.	20.00
Mt. Tabor	18.00
Hazen	15.00

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Monticello District.

Warren, Srs.	40.00
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CHILDREN'S PAGE

THE FAIRY BOOK.

When mother takes the fairy book
And we curl up to hear,
'Tis "All aboard for fairy-land!"
Which seems so very near.

For soon we reach the pleasant place
Of once upon a time,
Where birdies sing the hour of day
And flowers talk in rhyme.

Where Bobby is a velvet prince,
And where I am a queen;
Where one can talk with animals
And walk about unseen.

Where little people live in nuts
And ride on butterflies,
And wonders really come to pass
Before your very eyes.

Where candy grows on every bush,
And playthings on the trees,
And visitors pick basketfuls
As often as they please.

It is the nicest time of day—
Though bedtime is so near—
When mother takes the fairy book
And we curl up to hear.

—Exchange.

THE STORY MOTHER READ.

"Please read to me, mother," begged Herbert, as his mother settled herself in the hammock on the porch with a magazine open to a story she was reading.

"Why, no, Herbert, not now," said mother. "I read you a nice, long story just a few minutes ago. I want to read a grown-up story now."

"Oh, I don't care if it is a grown-up story," insisted Herbert. "I'll like it just the same; only please read out loud."

"But do you think, Herbert, that is quite fair?" asked mother. "It is hard work to read aloud. Mother is tired and wants to rest. By and by I'll have time, perhaps, to read a story out loud, but not now, dear. Run and play—that's a good boy."

But Herbert had no intention of being a good boy. He wanted his mother to read, and, like many naughty little boys, he kept teasing to have her do it.

Again and again mother said "No," but finally she grew tired of refusing to no purpose.

"Well, Herbert," she said, turning a page of her magazine, "if you must be read to, sit down and listen to this story."

Herbert, very much overjoyed, snuggled up to his mother in the hammock, eyes and ears wide open for the promised story. And this is what his mother read:

"What to do with naughty little boys who tease."

"A little boy who teases is a naughty little boy."

"Every little boy should know that when his mother says 'no' to him she means 'no,' and it will do no good to tease."

"A good plan for a mother to follow, when her little boy is a teasing little boy, is never to give him what he teases for."

"Sometimes it is necessary to send a little boy who teases to bed without his supper; or sometimes he should be made to sit in a chair in a room all by himself; or sometimes—"

But mother didn't have a chance to read any more. Herbert had been growing more and more restless as his mother read. His face began to burn with a feeling of shame. He wriggled out from under his mother's arm and started for the steps.

"I guess you don't need to read any more," he called to his mother as he started in the direction of his kiddie car. "I'm going to ride."

"All right," called mother, turning back to the page which she had been reading. "When you want to hear the rest of the story just come back and ask mother and she'll read it to you."

"All right," Herbert answered, rather slowly.

But, strange to say, Herbert never asked for mother to finish the story,

and, what is more, he never teased her again to read to him.

And he is still wondering how it happened that his mother's magazine contained a story written about him. —"Sunshine for Little People."

CUBBY BEAR'S ADVENTURE.

Cubby Bear was just a very mischievous little brown bear.

Mother Bear loved her baby very much, but she often had to scold him severely and even cuff him, when he played his little pranks.

All this would not have been so bad, had not Cubby Bear had a very bad habit of disobeying his mother. She could not trust him out of her sight.

One bright, beautiful morning in summer Mother Bear went to visit a sick neighbor. When she was ready to start she said, "Now, Cubby Bear, you stay right here, and keep out of mischief until I come home."

"All right, Mother," Cubby Bear answered.

For perhaps an hour after his mother left, Cubby Bear was well contented. He read a while, and then played with his toys a while. But at last he grew wearied of all this and wished he could go outside and play. The sun was so warm, and the birds were singing, and every thing looked very pleasant. How Cubby Bear wished he could play out under the trees and gather wild berries to eat. He knew where the nicest patch of big, juicy, sweet ones were. He wanted them so bad he could almost taste them.

Just at that moment he heard a shout outside, "Cubby Bear! Cubby Bear!" Cubby ran to the door, and there stood his friend, Frisky Fox.

"Come and play with me, Cubby Bear," Frisky Fox said. "We can have such fun, and we will gather berries too."

"I don't think I can go, my mother told me not to leave the house until she returned," Cubby Bear answered after a few minutes thought.

"But your mother won't know it, we will be back before she is," The cunning little fox argued and begged until Cubby Bear consented to go.

How they played and what a good time they did have! Cubby Bear showed Frisky Fox where the big berries grew, and they ate and ate, until they could eat no more.

They finally started home for they wanted to get there before Mother Bear did. They were going homeward. Cubby Bear was a little ahead of Frisky Fox, when all at once—Snap! went something and Cubby Bear screamed, danced, and cried all at once.

Frisky Fox ran up to find Cubby Bear's little toe caught in a steel trap. At first Frisky Fox was afraid to touch it for fear it would catch him too. You see he had never seen a steel trap before. But after a while he summoned up enough courage to examine the queer thing which was giving Cubby Bear such pain.

"Oh, why didn't I mind Mother Bear, and I never would have gotten into this mess?" Asked Cubby Bear tearfully. Frisky Fox too, wished that he had not tempted Cubby Bear to come and play with him, but it was too late now. The mischief was done, so he thought he would try to see if he couldn't help Cubby Bear out. After some thought and examining he found that he could open the trap.

Oh, how glad Cubby Bear was to be free from the terrible thing which held him so fast and hurt his toe so bad. Away they scampered home as fast as they could with Cubby Bear's toe hurting him so.

It was a very shame-faced little bear that came home to his mother. But Mother Bear did not scold. Perhaps she thought Cubby Bear had the

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

REVIVAL AT MONTICELLO.

On June 29, we closed a four-weeks' evangelistic meeting, conducted by the Cleveland Party. Mr. Turner, the singer, is a very fine choir director; Mr. Clark is a most excellent pianist, and Mr. Calloun of Prescott, the business manager, is a prince among Christian men. The congregations ranged from 1,500 to 3,000 throughout the meeting. The cooperation was beautiful by the resident pastors and their churches. Our presiding elder, Bro. J. A. Parker, Bro. Hopkins and Bro. Cason rendered valuable help in the way of personal work. The expense of the meeting was approximately \$1,690 and the freewill offering to the evangelist, we are told, was about \$800.00, though the matter was not reported to us and we do not know. We received a class of 40 into the church at the close of the meeting, 22 of whom were carried over from before the meeting as our Sunday School class. We have received a total of 20 into the church this year, 18 of the number as a result of the meeting. No applications for license to preach as a result of the meeting.—M. K. Irvin, Pastor.

SOLOMON REVERSED.

Solomon said, "There is nothing new under the sun." I don't like to disagree with him, but when I find a new fact, I must be honest and admit it—Solomon or no Solomon. I have run upon three definitely "new things under the sun." First, I am writing up a Baptist revival—a thing brand new to me. The Baptists closed a regular old-fashioned mourners' bench revival at Walnut Ridge last night. Oh, the mourners did not weep, cry aloud, and shout "a mile high" when they came through, but there was some weeping, old-fashioned crying, and shouting, by some, I for one. But they came to the mourners' bench—and were "talked to" as in olden times. The meeting gave the Baptists 91 members on profession of faith and by letter, a fine harvest. The Methodists and Presbyterians were hearty in their co-operation, and a goodly number of converts go to each of these churches, two to the "Campbellites" and one to "the Church of God," whatever that may be. We are all that—but not known by that name. The Baptists built a nice tabernacle, made it sun and rain proof, seated and lighted 100 per cent, a fine place to worship God. I might say here that all towns of 2, 3, 5 and 10 thousand ought to have one of these for revivals. Make them permanent. Let Methodists give ear and heed. Elder A. P. Blalock was the preacher, and Prof. Kirby song leader. They make a good team. Kirby can sing the gospel, and Blalock can preach it. He is the strongest, most brilliant man of his age (only 26) I have ever heard or seen, save one, Rev. J. C. Brown, once of our Conference, now deceased. He is an able man, a deep thinker, and a logical reasoner, and he spares no sin, high or low, rich or poor. He tells very few stories in the pulpit and not one in many to provoke

lesson she had been trying to teach him, any way she bathed the tears from the little bear's face, bandaged his toe, gave him a good supper and put him to bed to think over his adventure.

"Mother," said Cubby Bear, sleepily, "I think I have learned the fifth commandment."

Perhaps he had forgotten the exact words of the commandment, but however, the meaning is really the same. —Exchange.

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Third, he did not unchurch all other denominations "before he quit." His last sermon last night was a masterpiece on "The harvest is past and the summer is ended and we are not saved." He made no reference to any church, or order that I heard (though I did not hear all his sermons, being absent at my own post of duty.) except to the so-called Christian Science. He called them (or it) in strong terms. I am glad to record this as having come into my life. The Baptists are becoming more tolerant and brotherly—more of the spirit of Christ. "Let brotherly love continue." He and his singer go to Charleston next meeting.

I am getting "the tugs tightened" at Bono and Trinity and the condition is there for another historic meeting like the one held in 1893, with W. M. Watson and J. W. Watson. Two circuits united, and we had the memorable meeting of that section. Many meet me and say: "I am one of the old Cross Roads converts." We want to build a tabernacle and unite our forces and pray for the greatest work of grace ever had in this community. My reception was most cordial and brotherly. May I, by God's grace, make good—is my sincere prayer.—Jas. F. Jernigan.

A GREAT OCCASION ON MT. SEQUOYAH.

The five States represented on Mt. Sequoyah, near Fayetteville, recently observed "State Stunt Night" in which the members of the several States vied with each other in the effort to produce the most amusing or helpful "stunt."

Oklahoma came first on the program and gave an imitation of the Indian Green Corn Dance, a ceremonial in which they give thanks to the Great Spirit for the growing crops and ask his blessing on the fall harvest. The characters in this ceremonial hop around the fire, were all garbed in Indian costume and presented a very realistic picture typical of their great State.

Texas came next on the program and brought down the audience with their "Cow-boy exhibitions." A barrel was rolled across the stage to illustrate the rolling prairies. The "bucking bronco" was in evidence and the part was acted by Bro. Hall of Ranger. Dr. Paul Kern was the cow-boy and lassoed the wild steer (Rev. E. A. Hunter). The children in the audience were startled when the "gun-play" began, but when they discovered it was only torpedoes they became more quiet.

Arkansas came next on the program and gave a pretty little pageant in which old Chief Sequoyah, represented by Presiding Elder Womack in real Indian dress came on the stage and met "The Spirit of Arkansas Methodism," represented by Mrs. Byron Harwell in Grecian gown. The old chief told of how the Red Man would never be able to utilize this mountain for the good of humanity as would the pale face, so he and his tribe had decided to make a gift of the land to Methodism where the young people of the coming generations could be taught of the Great Spirit.

Behind the chief walked his squaw, Mrs. Guy Murphey in costume, and as the scroll or deed was handed to "Methodism" the Indians gave their characteristic grunt.

Superintendent Bond told the story of old Sequoyah and his great accomplishment in a successful effort to devise a written language for his people.

The spirit of Arkansas Methodism in a few well chosen words accepted the gift from Sequoyah and his people; and pledged that his name should be honored during the coming generations who would be on the mountain year after year to learn the

best plans of work for the Indian's Great Spirit.

Believing this wonderful gift was too good to possess alone, "Arkansas Methodism" called the Conferences represented in the Great Southwest, and gave to them an equal share in the possession, bidding them to always feel welcome among us and use the joint possession as they desired.

The Spirit of John Wesley, in characteristic costume and with an open Bible in his hand sat on a pedestal overlooking the transaction, as he wore a smile of satisfaction on account of such a wonderful work to be done for Methodism.

Two beautiful songs, "Arkansas" and "Sequoyah" were sung by about one hundred persons on the stage. The latter song was written by Rev. Byron Harwell and during the chorus the people on the stage showered the audience with big red apples. Much dodging was an amusing result of the shower which was graciously received.

Missouri came next on the program and gave a characteristic play in which the "mule" played the chief part. The scenes kept the audience in a constant roar of laughter till the close of this State's exhibition.

Louisiana came last on the program and rendered a pretty little pageant in which that State told of what was being done for the children and youth of their land. Miss Minta Bond, as the "Spirit of Louisiana," robed in a gauzy, white gown, told of the great need of her people who for ages had been under the Roman yoke. Many little children and larger ones were used in demonstrating what was being done for this class in the Sunday school work.

The temperature has been below seventy all the time for ten days.

The attendance on the mountain is large and everybody is busy studying for "credits." We look for another band of workers next week, but will be sorry to see these leave.—Mrs. A. M. Robertson.

METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

During the month of June, the following contributions (cash) were received for the Orphanage.

W. M. S. First Church, Little Rock, \$63.00, for thirty-six cots.

Mrs. Mattie Rippey, Sheridan, \$7.20.

Susanna Wesley Bible Class, First Church, Texarkana, \$5.00.

The Matron has received at the Orphanage the following articles:

Mrs. J. V. Cloud, one chautauqua blackboard and other gifts.

Mrs. J. J. Galloway, Arkadelphia, clothing.

Mrs. Sam Sanders, City, garments and shoes.

Dr. Jacob King and wife, Hot Springs, fruit.

Ladies of Highland Church, complimentary tickets to play.

Mrs. J. E. Pitts, Glenwood, clothing.

W. M. S., Eudora, 28 pairs of pajamas for boys.

W. M. S., 1st Ch., Little Rock, Circle No. 9, picnic at White City.

W. W. Shepherd, A. O. U. W. Building, City, very graciously extended to the picnicers the use of the swimming pool, all rides and the Fun-House.

Kempner's Shoe Store, shoes.

Snodgrass & Bracy, City, case of toilet soap.

Mrs. C. A. Kizzia, Delight, valuable box of clothing.

Mrs. H. T. Harrison, City, boys garments.

Little boys clothing by a friend in the city.

Mrs. Stephen A. Diehl, Eureka Springs, boy's coat and ties.

Mrs. S. J. Overcash, City, nice clothing for little girl.

Ruth Overcash, City, toys.

Arkansas Power Company, generous box of good eats.

Mrs. D. H. Swayze, Carlisle, hats.—James Thomas, Supt.

REV. EDWARD FORREST AND GARDNER MEMORIAL.

I readily accepted the kind invitation of the universally loved pastor of Gardner Memorial Methodist Church, North Little Rock, to speak to his

loyal congregation one Sunday during the Pastors' Summer School. No pastor in the North Arkansas Conference has wrought more wisely and heroically than has Brother Edward Forrest. He has had at all times the united support of his faithful membership. This has made it possible for him to maintain a live organization even in the midst of seemingly insurmountable circumstances. I refer to the strike of the railway shopmen. Despite the fact that a great majority of his people were affected by this industrial upheaval he has steadily grown, and has kept the church in splendid shape in every way. Much credit is due both the untiring pastor and his loyal members for the excellent way in which they have carried on the work of the Kingdom during this crisis.

Every department of church activity is functioning effectively. The Sunday school is largely attended. Good work is being done by the officers and teachers. At the recent Epworth League Assembly the Senior league was awarded a gold seal. Gardner Memorial has a group of fine boys and talented girls who are "carrying on" for the Master.

At the close of the morning service, several subscriptions were secured, and others have been sent in since that time. This is another evidence of the four-square loyalty of Brother Forrest and his church and every agency connected with her.—J. C. G.

REVIVAL AT CHARLESTON.

One of the best revivals that has been in Charleston for many years was closed last Sunday night.

Rev. C. F. Hively did the preaching, and Fred Poulter led the song service. Brother Hively did some fine preaching, and Poulter is a live wire in every respect. The greatest victory was in the church. We have about 100 who will lead in prayer, most of the little wrinkles were ironed out and everything running smooth.

There were about 75 conversions and reclamations and most of them, who were not already members, joined the church. There were 46 new members who joined our Church. I baptized 32 adults and 2 babies. The meeting closed with an old-fashioned hand-shake and shout. Many said that it was the greatest service ever held in Charleston.

Last Saturday the Sunday schools put on a parade which was another new feature. There were car loads and truck loads and horse-backers, and all kinds of flashy colors and tacky clothes. There were the old maid's car, the wild musician's car, the vagabond's car, the colored washerwoman's car, and the flower trimmed cars, and musical instruments from a wash tub to cow-bells and horns to a large dinner bell fastened to the side of a car and was kept ringing throughout the parade. The parade must have been a mile long and the entire country was out to see it. The streets were crowded as if a circus had come to town. The parade was advertising the "Go To Sunday School Day."

Bro. Tolleson, our Presiding Elder (God bless him) was here and held our third Quarterly Meeting and he was highly pleased and elated over the work. Some of the best people in the world are here. Some of the best men who will stand back of the work and under the load until God calls them home.—Chas. L. Franks, Pastor.

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tall cost. These taxes will not be increased and passed on to someone else, because there is no one else to pass them to.

It was forcibly demonstrated in the railroad freight rate increases that the net amount of the increase in freight on a given commodity was considerably increased by the time the commodity was finally consumed. Income taxes have the same effect. Sur-taxes are particularly vicious in this regard.

It works like this: The manufacturer of a given article knows that it costs him \$100 to produce that article, without a tax. He knows that his income will be taxed, dependent on how much he makes. If he does a big business and his profits are high, sur-taxes get to him and take much of the profit. In order to play safe, and be sure his customers pay his taxes for him, he adds to the cost of production of his article an amount sufficient to cover what his tax may be. If he guesses low, he is the loser. If he guesses high, he's

that much ahead. So the natural tendency is to guess high.

As this article of his comes on down the line, through the hands of wholesalers, jobbers and retailers, each in his turn adds his bit to it, to cover taxes, real or anticipated. The final consumer pays the bill. The trouble is he pays not only the amount of the tax, but also the over-estimates of each one of the handlers of this commodity, and he pays a profit on top of each of these taxes.

A tax at the source of an article is pyramided before it reaches the ultimate consumer.

The cigarette and cigar tax is applied to the consumer. The cigarette smoker knows in advance that he is going to pay 4 cents a package more for his cigarettes. Probably the dealer will add another one cent for his trouble in collecting and remitting the tax and making reports, and make it an even nickel. That is the least loss the ultimate consumer can hope for.

The cigarette tax is virtually a

sales tax, applied to the consumer frankly and without any attempt to conceal the fact. Most other taxes are consumers' taxes, but are camouflaged as manufacturers' taxes and wholesalers' taxes and pyramided by every man through whose hands the taxed article must pass.

Two important considerations in any tax measure are: Is it certain and fixed so that the taxpayer may know definitely what it is going to be, and is it applied where it cannot be passed on with additions. The cigarette bill answers both of these questions, squarely and satisfactorily. —Southwest Times-Record.

BUTLER'S WET CONNECTIONS.

The following editorial from the New Jersey edition of the American Issue, edited by Samuel Wilson, of the New Jersey Anti-Slavery League, relative to the position of Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, will be of interest, and may possibly throw some light upon the position taken by Dr. Butler, the only prominent educator of this country who stands for wine and beer. The editorial, in part, is:

"St. Paul has said, 'Be that is married careth for the things of the world, how he may please his wife.' Dr. Butler was born of a Protestant, and, as he says, and a somewhat Puritanical home in Ireland, but on March 5, 1907, he was married in the home of the bride's sister by the Rev. Father Neill, D.D., of the church of St. Paul in New York City. Kate La Montagne, a member of the family of the leading vice merchants of New York City, with big French vineyard and winemaking connections. For seven or eight years he has lived, moved, and had his being in the atmosphere of the liquor traffic, and may thus have absorbed its ethical and law-breaking standards. When prohibition came, the La Montagnes became bootleggers, and four members of the family—Jonathan, Rene M., William A., and Morgan La Montagne—pleaded guilty and served jail sentences in the Essex County (New Jersey) prison. They were children of the smart set, who supplied their smuggled liquors to bootleggers. Of course I would not impute that the president of Columbia University knew the criminal conduct of his kindred; but I have never known him to denounce such law-breaking, as he now denounces the fundamental law of the United States, and the mighty army of Protestants who wrote prohibition into that law.

"The moral of this situation is that persons who live in places houses must never throw stones." Etc.

THE CALL TO PREACH.

That men are divinely called to preach the gospel is a truth of comfort and strength to the Church. Man-made preachers or man-called preachers would greatly disturb our Zion. We rest in the confidence that God selects and impresses his messengers. Frequently some are led to doubt that all in the ministry have been divinely called to the ministry. Of course this is disturbing, since it necessarily casts a shadow on all. Who is to decide as to the called and the mistaken?

That the young men are to be left to conscience and God in this matter is, it seems to me, a serious mistake. One had as well argue that sinners should thus be left to conscience and God about repentance. Of course the Church is not to "call" men, but she should not fail to put the issue squarely up to young men, just as she puts the issue of repentance up to them. Agitation is a part of the process of doing with their lives. It is not only legitimate, but a duty. Possibly the Church is not to be put up to the standard in this respect. The days ahead should show a new regime in the Methodist party, what men are to do with their lives.

There is the possibility of discarding a man who is called to preach for that certain definite and clear in experience, and who is not to be made the "victim" of the Church, we often hear of men who are called, they know from the Holy Spirit, and they

to preach, if they were ever converted. That may have been true in their cases—no doubt was true—but it does not follow that every man called of God must know it from childhood. The writer had no such experience. Let no man make his experience a standard by which every other man must be governed. It might lead unto burdens not necessary to be borne.

Ministers of the gospel are needed. Young men should give the matter of their life-work serious consideration, and allow an opportunity for the Spirit to speak to their spirits.—Methodist Advocate.

FIRST.

The great Teacher said: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." (Matt. vi. 33). The Teacher knew what he was talking about. He sees into the eternities. He understands human nature. He knows the relative value of all things. He realizes the danger of postponements. His kingdom comes first in importance. No pursuit in life is comparable in weight to the kingdom of his grace. No occupation can be half so important as to get into grace, and to get grace into the heart.

But the world shows little appreciation of the divine Teacher's admonition. Money seems to many the paramount issue. Business first, and religion last! If, after secular responsibilities are adjusted, there is any time left for thought on soul matters, that modicum of time may be given to soul consideration. Usually there is no time left. Business has taken it all up. Even pleasure and needed recreation have been pushed into the discard to attend to business. Boxes and bundles and calculations and hurrying here and rushing there and profits and losses and also take all the hours and leave the weary body and mind flattened out. Seeking the kingdom of God then would be a practical impossibility.

By and by even business men come to face situations where boxes and bundles and figures and gain and loss seem pitifully poor in the sight of eternal issues. Then they remember what the Teacher from heaven told them a long time ago about the kingdom of God. They are poorly prepared to seek it. The resources of the intellect and the soul have been exhausted in seeking other things. They are spiritually stranded, when they need spiritual assurance more than anything else in the world. In last gasping breaths they sometimes try to do what they should have done many years before when body and brain and heart were fit for such doing. Remember now and seek first the kingdom of God.—Methodist Advocate.

REFUSING THE EPISCOPACY.

An unusual spectacle has been enacted at the General Conference at Springfield, when five men marched to the platform and asked that they be not voted for as bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Three of them were pastors of our largest churches, one a District Superintendent in the foreign field, and one a Secretary of one of the Boards. It was a definite refusal of the Episcopacy. That prized and honorable office, which with few exceptions in the history of the Church has been the goal of landable ambitions in the hearts of all ministers, seems to have lost its charm.

Great questionings have arisen in the minds of all, bishops, ministers and laymen alike, as to its significance. Some lay the fact to the meretricious, and one might say, cruel and unjust aspersions upon the bishops. It is a notable fact that some of the number of these leading pastors are chagrined and hurt by the truculence and unjustifiable criticisms leveled at them. There have been unadvised utterances, and action has been taken in accordance with certain movements to make the tenure less certain and confidence temporary. These facts may be partly to blame for the loss of attraction, which the office seems

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THE PURPOSE OF CHURCH PAPERS.

Do you understand the purpose of the Advocates? We believe you do not. Perhaps you have not given them any thought. You have read them. You have had no reason to do more. Let us call your attention to them as representing the journalism of the church. The spoken word and the printed page go together in the field of promotion. The pulpit and the press are related as the two halves of an orange. Separate them and you destroy the fruit. One cannot draw the vitality from the other without marring its own life. One cannot ignore the other. They together make a whole of attractive beauty and of luscious appeal.

The Advocate is the publicity organ of the church. It is the creature of the highest legislative body of the communion. It is established in the interests of that connectionalism which is the distinctive characteristic of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It is produced by the Methodist Book Concern by the order of the General Conference, and is not a creature of the Book Committee, which cannot destroy or modify its original conception. It is a creation of the church, which is promoted and supervised and produced by the Book Concern in the interests of the church as a body with national enterprises to support. The editor is elected by the General Conference, thus making him a representative of the larger life of the church. She sends him to a given section to represent her in the field of her journalism as she sends her bishop to represent her in a given area in the interests of administration. Both are set to represent the general life of the church and to afford contact for the local congregation, circuit, district, and Conference with the connectinal life of the denomination.

The bishop and the editor are sent men. They have committed to them co-operating and co-ordinating responsibilities. They have mutual obligations which cannot be ignored without doing violence to their relationship and the authority committed unto them. They work at different ends of the same task, namely: that of keeping the areas from being engulfed by local interests and to vitally relate them to the entire life and program of the church—one with the executive, and the other with the journalistic responsibilities. This affords some idea of the importance the church places upon her Advocate.

Another conception that deserves repeated emphasis is that of the Advocate as the publicity organ of the church. Its work is with the field of promotion, and its relation to the forms of journalism is found in that of adaptation. It uses journalism for propaganda and promotion purposes. It has produced in the conception of a church paper a distinctively modified form of religious journalism. It is not pure journalism, but journalism dominated or loaded with promotion elements.

The mass of the membership, and even many of the pastors, have not gotten hold of this conception. For this reason many problems concerning the character and work of the Advocate are not understood. Indeed, when the question of deficits is raised the fundamental elements of the situation do not appear.

Function of Advocate.

Many men fail to appreciate the publicity feature and function of the Advocate. It is the advertising medium of the church. Great corporations pay large sums of money to get business, or to place their commodity

on the market. They count on this as part of the business. They do not consider the cost of publicity as a loss, but rather as part of the cost of production. They do not think of the money expended for advertising and promotion purposes as a deficit. Not for one moment! They do not handle this department in a parsimonious manner. They know that when the advertising manager fails the business is lost.

A Great Corporation.

Now conceive of the Methodist Episcopal Church as a great corporation. We find that the fiscal operations of the denomination for a given year amount to something over \$105,000,000. This should be considered a large volume of business, and is discussed at length in the quadrennial report of the publishing agents.

What do the figures of a great secular organization reveal? How much is devoted to promotion and advertising? One corporation is mentioned with an annual business of \$150,000,000. It expends in advertising \$2,000,000, which is one and thirty-three hundredths of the annual volume of business.

Another firm has an annual business of \$7,000,000, and spends \$2,000,000 to obtain that amount. This is sound business method. It takes money to get money. Begrudge your advertising department and you reduce your volume of business.

Therefore, when the Methodist Episcopal Church seeks an annual financial income of \$105,000,000, she must, if acting wisely on a business basis, properly rate and encourage her means of publicity. At this point she has not failed, but rather has made an unprecedented record, at least as far as her Advocates are concerned. Through this means of promotion she has expended \$750,000, seven-tenths of one per cent. In rendering this assistance through the church paper there has been given advertising space valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars. For this the publishers did not receive a penny from the benevolent boards, educational institutions, hospitals, homes, orphanages, or any other organization.

Printer's ink and the man with promoting and journalistic instincts have been utilized. Their operations must not be looked upon as directly producing financial gains. The advertising department never produces deficits as long as the business as a whole is prospering.

The Centenary Period.

We have as a church just passed through the most tremendous financial period in the history of Christianity. The millions of the missionary Centenary have been raised. Millions of dollars have been added to the productive endowments of our great benevolent institutions. The church in all her activities and enterprises has prospered beyond the dreams of Croesus.

It costs money to get money. The publicity department of the church has operated under high pressure. The results vindicate the wisdom that lavished money in its support, and that fainted not when what has been called deficits arose to an alarming figure.

Was there justification for this? The members of the Book Committee think so. In their annual report they say:

"The fiscal loss should not be taken too seriously. This conclusion is based on the fact that the four-years' deficit on the Advocates, Methodist Review, Epworth Herald, and Christian Apologist for the quadrennium closing 1920 was \$169,137.51—\$42,284 for each year." It was suggested in that

report that this was not a large annual expense when the promotion of the educational, benevolent, and spiritual interests of the church of 4,000,000 members was concerned, since the journals were in a very literal sense "Advocates" of all such interests.

When, therefore, the missionary Centenary period comes with its marvelous expansion and incalculable results, and the financial demands upon the Advocates increased almost 500 per cent, there is no cause for alarm if the real merits of the case are presented in the light of business demands.

The Publishers Quoted.

Indeed, the publishers, after making a thorough investigation, express it as their conviction "that the great service rendered to the church in its many enterprises amply justifies this annual expenditure for publicity, especially during the Centenary period, when such unusual emphasis has been placed upon our benevolent interests."

They continue their discussion of this subject: "A careful analysis of the contents of the papers for four years shows that approximately one-fourth of their measured space has been devoted to promotional matter in behalf of the interests represented by the Council of Boards of Benevolence. For this space no charge has been made by the Methodist Book Concern, this extraordinary service being rendered entirely without compensation, although its value, considered as advertising, is manifestly worth more to the boards and agencies concerned than the same amount of space used and paid for as straight advertising."

What if the benevolent institutions and other organizations of the church would recompense the Advocates for the service rendered? They are the most outstanding means of reaching the great Methodist constituency.

During a certain period of the Centenary there was an interlocking agreement with the Advocates through which the most valuable section, known as the contributed section, was devoted each week to the presentation of the interests of that enterprise.

The significance of this can only appear to those familiar with the technique of journalism. Through this section of the paper speaks the voice of thinking men whom the editor seeks to support his policy and point of view. If he is deprived of this he must carry the strength of his paper through the editorial columns. This is a difficult task. It almost passes him into the class of the man with the withered hand. Furthermore, he is placed on guard to protect his journal from becoming too largely a promotion sheet. As it approaches this type of paper it loses its hold on the interest of its constituency. And yet this was the situation in which the editor was placed during the greater part of the past quadrennium. For all this space furnished by the Book Concern in the Advocate there was rendered scarcely more than good will and smiles. The boards gathered in the money and the Advocates carried a staggering deficit.

Why should the Methodist Book Concern be asked by the General Conference to publish the Advocates in the interests of the benevolent life of the denomination at an expenditure of its own money when the loss could be provided for by those receiving profits therefrom?

It is our hope that the General Conference will see this responsibility and face it squarely. A revaluation of the journalism of the church is imminent. It must be so, for the welfare of this department of the life of

the church is of no secondary importance. It ranks with that of the pulpit. In this day the printed page is indispensable in reaching the public mind. A church without an efficient journalism cannot long survive.—Western Christian Advocate.

SLOAN-HENDRIX ACADEMY. Historical Sketch.

In the spring of 1898, Rev. W. M. Wilson suggested to the people of Imboden, the possibility of securing one of the Hendrix Academies. After mature deliberation, plans were formed to secure grounds for the campus and to raise funds for building and

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equipment. Capt. W. C. Sloan generously donated the campus, and the town lots to be sold for the purpose of providing the funds. The citizens of Imboden and other friends of the movement bought the lots and became responsible for \$10,000.00 necessary to secure the Academy.

The first session began September 26, 1899. Of all the academies and district high schools established by the Methodist Church in Arkansas, this is the only survivor. In fact the Sloan-Hendrix Academy has come up through great tribulations. Many times during its young life it became so weak that its recovery was considered hopeless; but it would not die. Friends would rally to its support with private donations, and a new principal and a new faculty would put forth desperate efforts to save the institution from the impending fall. During the first eleven years eight different men were in charge as principal. Although the academy was recognized as a church school, yet for thirteen years we never received any help from the church or any organized board. In 1914, however the General Board of Education made an appropriation of \$1,000 on the expenses of that year and continued the appropriation each year until we got help from other sources. Beginning in 1915 the Annual Conference has at each session made an appropriation. About the same time the Paragould District appropriated \$200 per year for two years. In 1919 the Board of Missions set apart \$50,000.00 of Centenary Funds for endowment and equipment. This is payable in five annual installments. We have received the first, second and third. In 1921 the Educational Commission designated us as one of the beneficiaries of the Christian Education Movement, so that when the \$33,000,000 for which they are working is provided we are to get \$70,000.00. The Sunday Schools of Jonesboro and Leachville of the Jonesboro district, and Rev. H. L. Wade of Batesville district have given valuable aid to the ministerial students. During the last two years Bro. Wade and some of his co-laborers have furnished about \$800.00 to help young ministers to stay in school.

Through this timely aid, the hearty co-operation of the citizens and vicinity, the patronage of other parts of the country and the continued endorsement of the church and its members, we hope not only to place the Academy on a greater basis of efficiency now, but also to give to it a degree of permanency that will insure its going on in beneficent work through succeeding ages. The board realizing that we could never meet the growing demand upon the institution, without better facilities than we have in our present location, began two years ago to plan for a removal to a more favorable location. They purchased a tract of land just west of town, where they have 130 acres, nearly all in cultivation.

On this farm we have an elegant residence of 12 rooms suitable for a girls' dormitory. We have here also three barns and two small cottages.

The administration building now practically completed is a two-story 100 by 62 feet, with a full basement story almost entirely above the ground.

This building with its 18 rooms will be quite an improvement.

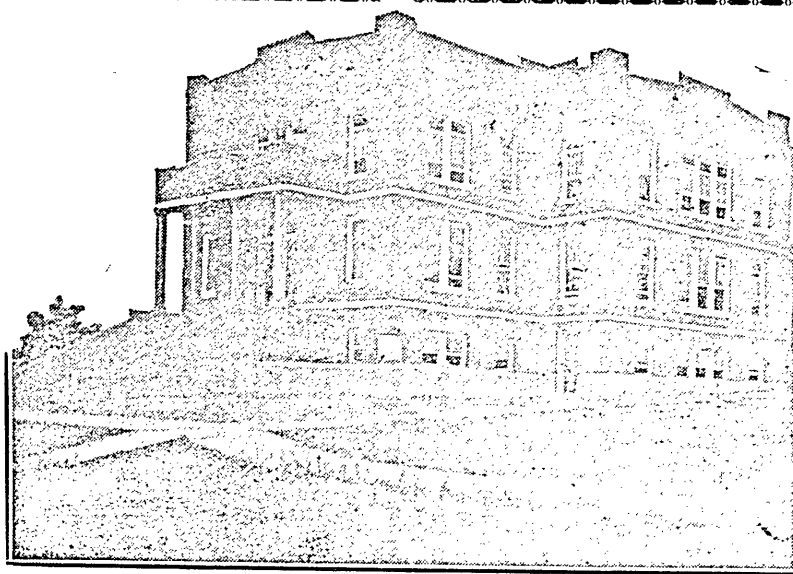
During the twenty-three years of varied history sixty-one young ladies and seventy-four young men have graduated. They, with many other young men and women who have gone out from the Academy are now honorably filling stations in almost every walk of life.—Reporter.

INSIDE INFORMATION.

By Prof. J. C. Eaton.

Regulations.

All students, whether they board in the dormitory or in private homes, will be under direct supervision of the Principal and other members of the faculty. They will be visited frequently by some member of the faculty.



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH, IMBODEN, ARK.

REV. J. F. GLOVER, Pastor

A. W. Lindsay, Sunday School Superintendent; M. W. Phillips, Lay Leader; Thos. Dubois, League President; Mrs. W. F. Blackwell, W. M. S. President; Mrs. R. S. Rainwater, Organist; Mrs. A. W. Lindsay, Choir Leader.

BOARD OF STEWARDS—Dr. A. G. Henderson, Chairman; R. S. Rainwater, Secretary.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—Dr. A. G. Henderson, J. L. Polk, M. F. Henderson, R. S. Rainwater, W. F. Blackwell.

Junior Missionary Society—Mrs. J. F. Glover, Superintendent.

7-10-24

All boarding students are required to attend Sunday School and church of their choice, Sunday morning.

Students who make themselves factors of disorder, who drink intoxicants, smoke cigarettes, or engage in gambling of any kind will not be allowed to remain in school.

Any student damaging the school property will be required to pay for same.

No smoking will be allowed in the campus or in the dormitory.

The purpose of all requirements made of students is to develop in them a sense of honor that may be made to control them in all their deportment, and to develop the habit of study and accurate thinking. We shall adopt, therefore, only those rules that are for the students' good, but we shall require strict obedience to them.

Boarders.

The rooms at the Dormitory are large, well lighted and ventilated, and each provided with a wardrobe. They are furnished with bedstead, springs, mattress, chairs, table, lamp, bowl, pitcher, mirror and stove. The student should bring bed covering, sheets, pillows and towels, and may bring other things according to his taste.

Board is seventeen to nineteen dollars per month, and is payable monthly in advance.

Parents are assured that their children will find here the best moral and religious influences. Since Imboden is a town of unusual prosperity and enterprise, people desiring to move to town for educational advantages will find it to their interest to come here.

Graduation.

The requirements for graduation are that the students conduct shall be such as will reflect credit upon themselves and the school, and that they shall complete in a satisfactory manner such part of the work as is required.

The requirement for the Regular Course is 16 units, and for the Teachers' Course 11 units.

No one can graduate in the Teachers' Course except a teacher, having six months' experience in teaching, holding a first grade license, and be-

ing a member of the Arkansas Teachers' Reading Circle.

A diploma will not be issued to any one of known immoral habits.

Correlation.

Sloan-Hendrix Academy is on the U. of A. list of accredited schools. This enables our graduates to enter the Freshman Class of the University without examination.

The Colleges of the State accept credits made with us for College entrance requirements.

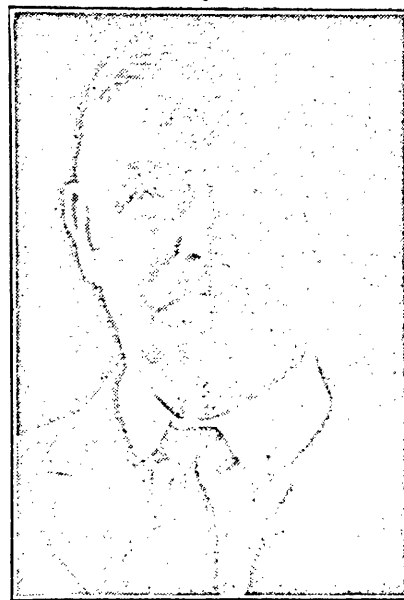
GLOVER, EATON AND IMBODEN.

After two years of hard work by the consecrated pastor, Rev. J. F. Glover, and loyal laymembers not a few, a fine house of worship was built at Imboden. To the indefatigable pastor must be given credit for the plan of the beautiful building in which the Methodists of this growing town now worship. The work on the church building never stopped for a day, except on account of inclement weather, from the time it was started until the task was completed. It is one of the most modernly equipped and handsome churches in the Paragould District. All honor to this untiring pastor and his splendid membership!

Brother Glover is one of the most successful of our preachers. He is well equipped educationally, has the "old-time" religion, is a good mixer, and is a good business man. His people at Imboden rally to him on every call, and greater things are being achieved by them as the years pass by. As a matter of fact, I know of no pastor that is more widely loved and more highly honored than is Brother Glover. To express it in the words of an outstanding citizen of his town, "They all believe in Glover." The very name Glover is inscribed on the hearts of the Imboden citizenry, and is ever re-traced by each beating pulse.

Another Remarkable Achievement.

In addition to the wonderful work that this faithful servant of God has done for the advancement of the Kingdom in Imboden, he has added a thousand stars to his earthly crown because of his remarkable achievements in connection with Sloan-Hendrix Academy. Without disparaging



PRINCIPAL J. C. EATON.

or minimizing the wonderful work of its founder, and without criticizing the wonderful pioneering of Prof. J. C. Eaton, I can truthfully say that Brother Glover contributed very largely to the success of the present "larger Sloan-Hendrix Academy movement." The old building was sold more than a year ago, and a large tract of land, some 130 acres, was purchased and a new administration building has been built in the mean time. This was in charge of the untiring pastor of Imboden church. The management of the Academy and the Board of Trustees feel that he is an indispensable asset to the school.

Occupies a Dual Position.

The Rev. J. F. Glover, unlike many pastors, can succeed gloriously at two jobs. He has proved this without question. During the past year he has served with great ability as pastor of Imboden and as business manager of Sloan-Hendrix Academy. The superintendent of the latter is unstinted in his praises concerning the great work that Brother Glover has accomplished. In fact, several prominent men officially connected with this institution freely said in the writer's presence, "We could not get along over here without Brother Glover."

In the Glover Home.

My all too brief stay in the Glover home was greatly enjoyed. In spite of the fact that Sister Glover had but recently returned from Conway where she, together with her husband, had attended the Pastors' Summer School for more than two weeks, she had plenty of fresh vegetables and fried chicken. I enjoyed the tempting dishes that she set before us.

Last, but Not Least.

The Methodist is now going into every Methodist family. Brother Glover told his loyal followers that it was the wise thing to do, and they responded beautifully to his suggestion. How many pastors in the North Arkansas Conference will match this record? Come on brethren; help us!

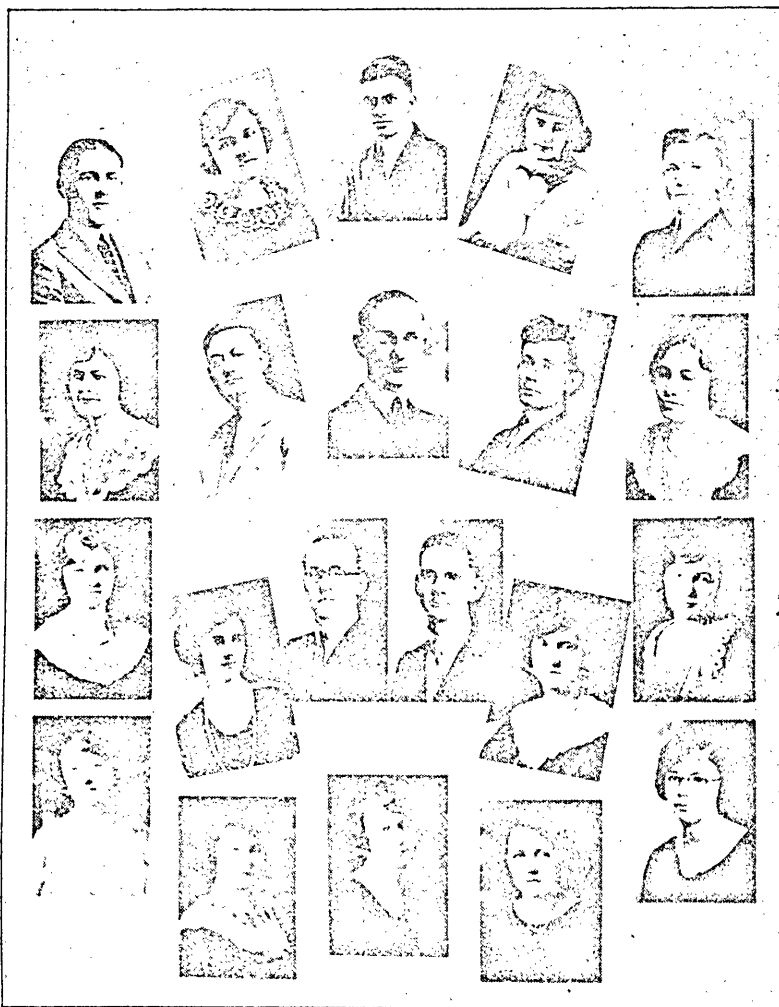
Prof. J. C. Eaton.

This write-up would be incomplete if I overlooked that pioneer teacher-layman, Prof. J. C. Eaton. No man in Imboden has wrought more faithfully and more heroically than has this great man of God. He is loved and honored by Imboden and the surrounding communities. Not only is he recognized as one of our very best men by his immediate neighbors, but throughout the State Prof. Eaton is favorably known. His work as superintendent of the Sloan-Hendrix Academy will ever stand as a monument to his faith in boys and men and to his devotion to a worthy cause. His sacrificial labors, his love for a cause, his consecration to a noble task have been instrumental in bringing on the new and large movement on behalf of Sloan-Hendrix Academy. He planted the seed, as it were. He did the cultural work; his vision and untiring efforts have made possible the great "new day" for this growing institution.

More power to this great and good man, is my prayer!—J. C. G.

Sloan-Hendrix Academy

IMBODEN, ARKANSAS



A HIGH GRADE PREPARATORY SCHOOL OFFERING
18 UNITS OF HIGH SCHOOL WORK

SLOAN-HENDRIX ACADEMY

Has a healthful location.

It has always stood for thorough work.

It had patronage from 11 counties last year. (1923).

It is in a good moral town and community.

Its graduates may enter the State Normal College, the University of Arkansas or any other College in Arkansas without examination.

It has a Teachers' Course preparing first-grade teachers for Professional License. Sixteen of its graduates now hold professional License in this State.

The citizens of Imboden propose to deal courteously and honestly with all who cast their lot among us.

We solicit the patronage of all who need the advantages of a good High School.

The Methodist Church has bought and paid for an \$18,500 farm adjacent Imboden.

LOCATION

Sloan-Hendrix Academy is located at Imboden, Lawrence County, Arkansas, on the Frisco railroad, 103 miles from Memphis, Tennessee. Imboden is a prosperous and enterprising town of about seven hundred inhabitants and is situated on the hills overlooking the famous Spring River. In its healthful location and picturesque scenery, Imboden is surpassed by no town in the State.

GRADUATES SLOAN-HENDRIX ACADEMY CLASS 1923

Left to right.

Top Row—

Frank Kell, Ruth Henderson, Rev. Roy M. Black, Mary E. Phillips, Arja Alcorn.

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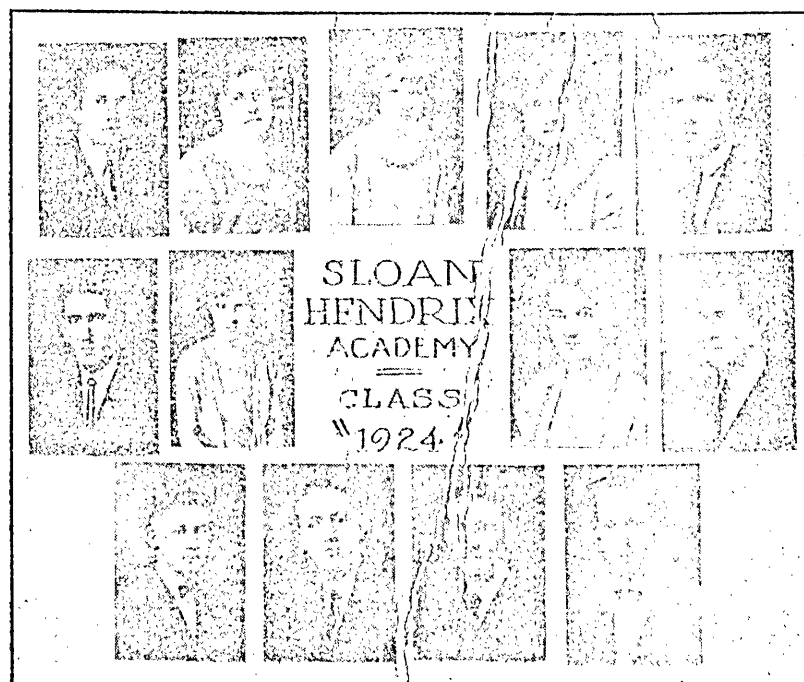
Vida Rainwater, C. W. Webb, Alvin C. Jones, I. F. Blackwell, Ida Rainwater.

Third Row—

Bettie Sue McKamey, Pearl Wells, James Gynyard, Osia Helm, Della Jarrett, Lillian Wilson.

Bottom Row—

Joyce Duvall, Addie Sullivan, Virginia Dent, Verna Franks, Helen Hill.



PROF. J. C. EATON, Principal, REV. J. F. GLOVER Business Manager,
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