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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Centenary giving signifies obedience and unselfishness.

To pledge and then withhold from the Centenary is dangerous to moral integrity.

The Centenary means to take Christ at his word and follow him with our money, and thus demonstrate our love.

Is a Methodist member's pledge to the Centenary to be regarded as of less worth than his note at the bank?

Some Methodists interpret the Master's command to preach the Gospel to others as if it were a joke. Would it be a joke or a tragedy if no one had preached Christ to you?

When our Church organized for the Centenary, God stopped the terrible tide of war. He saw that our people were pledging themselves to sacrifice for his cause. What must He think of us now when we have ceased to sacrifice and have become self-indulgent?

The thoroughly honorable man will surrender all of his property rather than fail to meet his honest debts. Is not the Centenary pledge the most sacred of all our financial obligations?

It may require great sacrifice for you to pay your Centenary pledge. But sacrifice for Him who died for you should be the occasion of gratitude and joy. Let us give as He gave.

A FALSE ALARM.

The hue and cry raised over the supposed weakness of the American battle-fleet is a discreditable attempt to fool the American people, according to the Scientific American for February.

Critics of the navy assert that the 5-5-3 ratio established by the Washington Treaty has not been maintained and that in fact the American battle-fleet is inferior to the British fleet, and little superior in strength to that of Japan. However, a comparison of our first ten battleships with Great Britain's first ten battleships shows our ships to be newer, more modern, of greater displacement, and carrying more heavy guns. As to the fact made much of by the other critics—that the guns of our eight battleships are inferior in range to the guns of corresponding British ships, the naval engagements of the late war show that the battle fire, to be effective, must be carried on at comparatively close ranges, thus putting our guns on a parity with the longer range guns of the British.

The source of these unwarranted attacks on the American fleet is within the navy itself, according to the Scientific American, which contends that the American battle-fleet of today is more powerful than any other fleet afloat.

OUR CROWN AND JOY.

By the action of the Conference of One-Hundred Laymen at Memphis in March of 1918 our Centenary Movement was launched at the darkest period of the World War. In May, when our General Conference at Atlanta formally committed the whole Church officially to the Movement, the war outlook was slightly improved, but the end seemed far away.

To undertake the greatest forward movement in our history in such a dark period, was a sublime adventure of faith. It was a challenge to God to intervene and stop the destruction so that the heroism and sacrifice required for war might be devoted to a holier cause. God accepted our challenge and made it possible for us to carry out our purpose in securing even more in pledges than we had dared to expect.

Never before in the history of any Church was there such effective organization and such teamwork. The "Great Commission" was proclaimed until it reached the remotest rural church. There was concert of Bible-reading and prayer and volunteering of our choicest youth for holiest service. Then followed the magnificent evangelistic campaign and the revival in every church which drew hundreds of thousands to our altars and swept them into our membership.

God trusted us and wonderfully blessed us before we had time to redeem our pledges. He met us more than half way, and signified his approval of our plans and efforts. He gave us new fields. He opened the way to larger things. He turned the eyes of the heathen towards us and prepared their hearts for our messengers of salvation. He crowned us with honor and filled our hearts with joy. And then—?

When a little financial embarrassment came, in

I THANK MY GOD UPON EVERY REMEMBRANCE OF YOU, ALWAYS IN EVERY PRAYER OF MINE FOR YOU ALL MAKING REQUEST WITH JOY, FOR YOUR FELLOWSHIP IN THE GOSPEL FROM THE FIRST DAY UNTIL NOW; BEING CONFIDENT OF THIS VERY THING, THAT HE WHICH HATH BEGUN A GOOD WORK IN YOU WILL PERFORM IT UNTIL THE DAY OF JESUS CHRIST.—Phil. 1:3-6.

a panic we lost faith and courage. To save our paltry possessions, to guarantee continued luxury, we began to forget our pledges and our blessings. We promised, and refused to pay. We started a great work, and concluded not to finish it. We could not trust our God who had so signally blessed us. We withheld from his use the treasure that we had consecrated to his service.

We are now on trial. If we fail to meet God's expectation, He may withdraw his favor. Can we afford to fail? It is time for each one of us to examine himself to see whether we have kept faith, lest we lose our crown and joy.

OPINIONS OF EMINENT MEN.

Count Montelambert: "There is no religion without morality, and there is no morality without Sunday."

Sir Walter Scott: "Give the world one-half of Sunday and you will soon find that religion has no strong hold on the other half."

Hon. W. E. Gladstone: "From a moral, social and physical point of view the observance of Sunday is a duty of absolute consequence."

De Tocqueville: "France must have her Sabbath or she is ruined."

John Stuart Mill: "Operatives are perfectly right in thinking that if there were no Sunday rest, seven days' work would have to be given for six days' pay."

Lord Beaconsfield: "I hold it to be the most valuable blessing ever conceded to man. It is the corner-stone of civilization."

George Washington: "National morality cannot prevail if religious principles be excluded."

Abraham Lincoln: "As we keep or break the Sabbath day, we nobly save or meanly lose the best hope by which man rises."

Theodore Roosevelt: "Experience shows that the day of rest is essential to mankind; that it is demanded by civilization, as well as by Christianity."

Daniel Webster: "The longer I live the more highly do I esteem the proper observance of the Christian Sabbath and the more grateful do I feel toward those who impress its importance upon the community."

Governor Folk: "We hear a good deal about what is commonly called the 'lid.' When they talk about taking off the 'lid' on Sunday, what do they mean? They mean to let the law be broken with impunity. If we take the 'lid' off on the Sunday law, can we not with equal propriety take the 'lid' off the larceny statute and the murder statute? Then we would have anarchy and no government at all."

Governor J. D. Long: "No doubt the better moral sentiment of the day is that Sunday as a day of rest should include reasonable recreation and that to a more liberal extent than in the early New England days. But not that it should extend to public games and public sports, the free exercise of which would make Sunday like any other day in the week and tend to deprive it of the rest which it now gives from labor and secular pursuits."

Federation of Catholic Societies: "Resolved, That this Federation earnestly appeals to all Catholics and to all our fellow-citizens without distinction, not only to take no part in any movement tending toward the relaxation of the observance of the Sunday, but to use their influence and power in civic, social and private life to prevent the disregard and the desecration and to uphold and maintain the observance and the sanctity of the Lord's day."

Dr. Arthur Little: "The Lord's Day was originally designed as a day of rest and worship. Ball games are notoriously noisy, boisterous and cer-

tain to drive all serious thoughts from the minds of all who participate in them. Few sports so completely change a holy day into a diverting holiday. Ball games give an immense impulse to the secularization of the Lord's Day, the great peril of our time. There is nothing that our young men so much need as a quiet hour, a little time to think."

President W. H. Faunce: "Quite apart from religious reasons for the observance of Sunday—which in my opinion are very strong—there are most cogent economic and moral reasons for preserving that day to the people of America. The same jealousy which our citizens show in protecting their public parks from the encroachments of business and of amusements, they should show in preserving Sunday as a space for genuine rest and refreshment of mind and body."

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY.

According to the daily press, it seems that our State has an opportunity to get some 2,000 acres of land at Camp Pike if it is needed for our charitable institutions. For some strange reason the Legislature takes no interest in the proposition.

Now, we do not know whether there is any reason to suspect anyone of ulterior motives, but on its face the proposition is worthy of careful consideration.

It is well known that practically all of the buildings of the Hospital for Nervous Diseases, the Deaf Mute School, and the School for the Blind are old and of such construction that they are likely to burn down. In a few years all should have modern fire-proof buildings and be much enlarged. The several tracts of land on which they now stand are highly valuable and could be sold for a good price. It will be difficult to enlarge and improve the institutions on their present sites because the work would have to be done while they were occupied.

If plans were made to utilize the 2,000 acres for these three institutions, plans could be prepared for a harmonious and comprehensive scheme, and work could be begun at the new location while the institutions were still operating undisturbed on their present sites. Then the land in the city could be sold for enough to pay a considerable part of the cost of the new buildings.

If these institutions were located in the same neighborhood many economies in management could be practiced. At the new site there would be grounds for gardens and orchards and dairies. The supplies of water, fuel and light could be better handled.

Of course, each institution would have its own grounds, and proper safeguards would be provided to prevent any interference of the inmates of one with others.

With a group of modern fire-proof buildings harmoniously planned and a co-operative management, these institutions could be made far more satisfactory, and the needs of the future anticipated. Surely it would be the part of wisdom for the Legislature to authorize the Governor to appoint an honorary commission to survey the situation, secure propositions, and submit their findings and recommendations to the next Legislature. There is too much involved to be settled in the few remaining days of the session; and the opportunity to do a fine piece of constructive work for the State, is too good to be thrown away.

This is written wholly with the future interests of these institutions in view and without any reference to local interests. If any readers approve, let them write to the Governor and to the members of the Legislature about it.

WHY NOT GIVE GOD A CHANCE?

God made us in his own moral image. He made us for companionship with himself. He made it possible for us to "think his thoughts after him." He put us into a wonderful world full of marvelous raw material which He purposed that we should develop and use. He gave us law for our governance. He intended that in the use of the things of this world under his law we should grow more and more into his likeness and be prepared for a blissful eternity with himself. He gave us wills by which we might choose the ends of life, and the power even to resist his will.

In our wilfulness we have chosen a way that leads from him. We have stubbornly taken the plan of our lives out of his hands and have at-

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Have you paid your Centenary pledge? The honor of your Church is at stake. Will you do your part to save it?

Presiding Elder F. N. Brewer announces his District Conference for May 12-14 with the first day devoted to Sunday Schools.

The value of scientific forestry is seen in the fact that now lumber grown in cultivated Baltic forests is being shipped to America.

The first issue of Hunter Memorial News has reached our desk. It is edited by the pastor, Rev. S. T. Baugh, and is a model church bulletin.

Presiding Elder Jefferson Sherman announces that Searcy District Conference will meet at Pangburn, A. R. T., at night, and will continue for two days.

Dr. A. N. Evans, First Church, Fort Smith, announces the wedding of Miss Bess Littlefield and Mr. Jesse G. Puttman, Jr., and that of Miss Beulah Smith and Mr. F. A. McCartney.

Has your church adopted the Club Plan for the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist? If not, why? Did not the Annual Conference urge its adoption? Has the voice of your Conference no significance?

Bishop Sam R. Hay has called a meeting of the presiding elders of the two Conferences in Arkansas at 1st Church, Little Rock, March 12. He will also be in the Little Rock Standard Training School for the day.

Don't get so busy that you never have time to read. You do yourself a distinct injustice. Don't form the habit of reading one thing so much that you think there is only one kind of literature.—Candid Opinion.

Rev. S. R. Twitty continues to edit one of the "newsiest" Church Bulletins that comes to our desk. Rev. Paul E. Kemper, Supt. of the Anti-Saloon League, spoke at First Church, DeWitt, Sunday morning, February 15.

In Springfield, Mo., the question of Sunday movies was submitted to popular vote three times, and Sabbath observance won each time. The defense was made by the Protestant Christian Council, a body of 800 men guided by the ministers.

Last week, while visiting his son in Hendrix College, Rev. F. M. Tolleson, presiding elder of Ft. Smith District, spent a day in the city and paid his respects at this office. He is in fine spirits and reports conditions on his District better than he has ever known them.

Foreseeing our present problems, Lincoln said to Major James B. Merwin, a few hours before his assassination: "The next great movement will be the overthrow of the legalized liquor traffic and you know my heart and my hand, my purse and my life will be given to that great movement. I prophesied twenty-five years ago that the day would come when there would be neither a slave or a drunkard in the land. I have seen the first part come true."

The kind of man to like is the kind man to mankind.

Books will be the keys that will open the gates of the kingdoms of Time and Eternity; books will keep the soul of the world alive; books will lift life to higher heights. Give God a chance in your life by keeping company with the great souls of earth through books—W. L. Stidger.

President J. M. Workman of Henderson-Brown College called Monday while attending a Y. M. C. A. dinner in the city, and reported many books being sent in to complete the library requirements. Friends of the college should remember the need and send books or money to purchase them.

The trustees and faculty of Southern Methodist University are wrestling with the problem of attendance of students at church on Sunday. It is required by order of the trustees. Surely the kind of students who attend a Christian college should not object to going to church once on Sunday.

Mrs. J. A. Donaldson, Stampley, Louisiana, in a letter requesting change in address of the Arkansas Methodist, has this to say: "Please hurry and send me the Arkansas Methodist, which is a mighty good friend of mine. I have been reading it since I was a little girl and I—well, I'm not a little girl now."

"Wanted: Ten Million American Young People for the Biggest Job in America," is an inspirational message that our boys and girls should have. Get it and put it into their hands and you will not regret it. The price is only 25 cents a copy. Order of Frank H. Cheley, 601 Steele St., Denver, Colorado.

The Wesleyan Christian Advocate of Feb. 6 was a special issue devoted almost exclusively to the South Georgia Woman's Missionary Conference. It is worthy of all commendation and reflects credit both on the splendid women of that Conference and the able editors. These special numbers have great value.

The Forest Service announces that the name Forest Protection Week has been changed to American Forestry Week, and it is to be observed during the week April 27-May 3. President Coolidge is to issue a proclamation concerning the observance. Former Governor F. O. Lowden is chairman of the organization to carry out the program.

Rev. John B. Andrews, general evangelist, of Siloam Springs, writes that he has open dates on the last of March and the first part of April, and would be glad to help any pastor who needs him. His daughter, who has been associated with Rev. Bob Jones as soloist and worker among women, will be with her father temporarily because Mr. Jones is resting. The women of the Missionary Society at Siloam Springs are making the canvass for the Arkansas Methodist and expect to report their church 100 per cent.

Presiding Elder J. W. Harrell of Camden District writes that with Bishop Hay's consent Rev. J. W. Nethercutt has been released from his charge, Taylor Circuit, on account of the health of his family. It will be necessary for them to go West and to a dry climate. Bro. Nethercutt has had many afflictions and misfortunes in recent years, and has borne them with Christian fortitude. Now he really needs financial aid, and his many friends have an opportunity to show their appreciation by sending remittances to Rev. J. W. Harrell, at Camden, who will forward them to Bro. Nethercutt.

The Methodist Quarterly Review for January is an unusually rich number. "Writing the Epitaph of the Church," by Dr. Henry N. Snyder of Wofford College, is a refutation of the charge that the Church is dying. "Negro Migration," by John W. Barton, one of our Publishing Agents, is a clear and discriminating discussion of the Negro Problem which should have a wider reading. Dr. W. P. King's "A Mediating Ministry," helps to clarify the situation on Biblical Criticism. All of the articles are good. It is edited by Dr. G. T. Rowe, and published by Lamar and Barton, Agents, Nashville, Tenn., price for a single copy 50 cents, per annum \$2.

Recently, on motion of a son of a Federal soldier, the lower House of Congress adopted a resolution authorizing the restoration of the Robert E. Lee mansion in Arlington Cemetery. The speaker is reported to have said that he believed that he was truly representing the sentiment of the North and the restoration would signify the passing of the bitterness of other days. A few days ago in the Arkansas Legislature Abraham Lincoln's birthday was remembered by resolution and by brief tributes and a minute of silence. This was the tribute of the South to the memory of a great man. If politicians can thus honor those of the opposite side, why should not the Church forget the bitterness and adjust differences? Are politicians better than Christians?

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tempted, blindly, senselessly, to find our own way. We have stumbled and fallen. We have marred our lives. We have shut God out. We have withdrawn our hands from his hand. We have refused to read the signs that he has written to prevent our wandering from the safe path. We have eaten husks when we might have had bread. We have drunk dregs when we could have had refreshing water. We have groped in dark valleys when we might have dwelt in the light on the mountain tops. Our lives have been spoiled, and failure is foredoomed.

Foredoomed? Not of necessity. It is our own choice. God is good. He is truth, light, power, and love. He lives to love, and loves us that we may live. By the gift of his beloved Son He has provided a way of escape. He calls us. He knocks at the door of our hearts and would come in. He woos us. Through Christ He pleads with us. Although now, because of our disobedience, we are aliens, He would have us as sons. His laws are better than our laws. His ways are better than our ways. His plans for us are better than our plans for ourselves. Then why not give God a chance to co-operate in the making of our lives? Let him have his way with us.

SUNDAY AT ENGLAND.

Last Sunday was wet and I was at England. That is not the first time England and bad weather have been associated in my experience. The first Sunday I ever spent there, Sept. 30, 1906, was wet. The first that I spent there as presiding elder, Dec. 16, 1906, was damp. Then after several other moist occasions, I was at England on March 4, 1917, when it rained and snowed and froze. Consequently the weather last Sunday "ran true to form." I do not charge this up to England, but the "weather man." Next time I want to go to England, I shall not decide until I start and possibly I can outwit the "weather man," and slip up on a fair day.

On account of a slight confusion of dates, when Bro. Hoover was arranging, it was the day for Rev. Paul E. Kemper, Anti-Saloon League superintendent; but that gave me the privilege of hearing him in a strong and sane appeal for co-operation in suppressing the illicit liquor traffic. He is doing fine work, and deserves full support of the church people. I attended Sunday School of which Bro. Carl Lee is the faithful superintendent, and had the privilege of talking on "Good Citizenship" to combined Sunday School classes. At night I preached to a congregation which was fair when the condition of the weather was considered. Rev. J. F. Simmons, Centenary secretary, who was visiting his father, was in the audience. Bro. D. H. Colquette, the "man with the Bible," dropped in during the afternoon, as he was returning after an attempt to reach the State Farm in which he was prevented by the muddiness of the road. Thus, without collusion or pre-arrangements, but through an accidental juxtaposition of events, several congenial spirits met on that wet Sunday. I had planned to preach at two of Bro. Manuel Scott's country churches in the afternoon, but he was not able to reach me on account of weather conditions. In spite of all the interference with my plans, I had a delightful day with these brethren and Bro. and Sister Hoover, who are charming hosts.

England, in the heart of a very fertile country, is a prosperous business town, and has made wonderful progress in the last ten years. Its old frame business houses have been displaced by modern bricks, and these carry immense stocks of merchandise attractively displayed. As crops had been good, financial conditions were greatly improved over former years. I had looked forward to seeing the rural development also. It is said to be remarkable. The only discouraging note was in the fact that the farmers have not raised much of their feed; hence scores of cars of corn and hay are being shipped in.

It was good to see the beautiful and commodious brick church that Rev. S. T. Baugh had just finished before he closed his quadrennium. The auditorium is a gem with its tasteful windows and finish and comfortable pews. The basement is large and the Sunday School division has a fine assortment of rooms for all kinds of work. It is an edifice worthy of Bro. Baugh and the good people of our England church. The parsonage, three blocks away, is a cozy and comfortable cottage with a big lot affording the pastor ample exercise on lawn and in garden.

The different departments of church activity are functioning normally. Bro. Baugh had done good work, and the present capable and genial pastor, Rev. J. L. Hoover, is carrying on the work in his own happy way. He is well pleased and the people reciprocate. This should be one of the best years in the history of England church, which is becoming one of our finest small charges. A good list of subscribers to the Conference Organ will shortly be secured, as our people do not wish to be outdone by other churches. It was a pleasure to renew old acquaintances of presiding elder days.—A. C. M.

A Miracle of Grace

It is well known that intellectual Europeans are by multiplied thousands turning away from the Roman Catholic Church. But they do not become Protestants, because most of them have no adequate idea of what Protestantism really is.

They call themselves "Atheists." But by this they mean that they have no religious creed; most of them are not atheists in the technical sense of the term.

To win this class in Europe is to win Europe. They are its best blood and brain.

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Methodism is winning them. In Belgium, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia we are winning many of the choicest spirits—capturing them by the pure Gospel, through which power they experience profound conversion and deep spiritual experiences.

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Recently one of the most distinguished lawyers of Brussels, an attorney of the Belgian government, was converted in our French church in the capital city. He was a noted and educated man, and his religious awakening was deep and genuine.

Our pastor—Brother Wilmot—coveted this influential man as a lay preacher to his people. He wrote urging him to become a local preacher in our Church.

The great attorney declined, for the time being, on unique grounds. Read these extracts from his letter:

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"I don't feel fit as yet for such an enterprise. I have not enough knowledge of God's truth. It is not enough to feel deeply; there must be another element; knowledge of texts, facts, history, even a little theology. And notwithstanding the certainty I dare hold of having had the beautiful experience of conversion, it is an abject failure when I try to express it in words.

"Christianity for you has always been something intimate. I have passed my life without knowing a word of it. I saw its interior in a most formalistic Catholic country.

"Christ for me has always been a very thin man nailed to a cross, or a picture with a bleeding heart where the stomach ought to be. Such a Christ is not at all attractive. Such a religion as the priests teach here is just good enough for fools.

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"That is the tragedy of being born in a Catholic, pagan country, as in Belgium. When you see crowds going to Oosbacher (a shrine), when you look at their stupid faces, hear the clatter of their "chaplets," with a bunch of medals, like horses with their chains in a cavalry regiment, and listen to

them repeating unceasingly the same words they call prayer—well, one feels more or less proud not to have such a religion.

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"These ideas I had for years and years, and I bear the scars on my soul.

"What saved me was the intellectual, logical necessity of believing in a supreme being. I saw that there are laws in nature and in morals, as if there must be somebody who devised it. If you see effect you must believe in a cause.

"Two years ago, having been ill for a few weeks, I read the history of philosophy, and being unable to make a choice between systems I threw the book to the other end of the room in despair.

"I tried the Unitarians, or Protestant Liberal Church, but it's only a philosophy. Then there was a dreadful period of darkness; I had lost even my belief in philosophy.

"I had tried once or twice to go to the Catholic Church, but it was useless. There was no God for me there.

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"Then I met you at the Rue du Champ de Mars (Methodist headquarters). Through you the Spirit at last spoke to me. I saw Christ in his real, actual, living sense. I felt bitterly how many years I had lost in vain struggle, in hopeless searching. But I knew I had at last come home, and there was now rest and a new life for me. Need I say how deeply thankful I am to you?

"I trust, and I am overpowered to know from your invitation, that the good seed is in me. But it must grow. If I am careful and willing to learn and think, it will perhaps, with God's help, bear fruit some day.

"My first idea was to accept and try. But it would have been presumptuous. The things I know are all of this world; they pertain not to Christ's kingdom. I am just a child. Owing to my intellectual bent, I should stammer awfully if I were not on solid ground, and in such matters, in such a presence, there must not be stammering.

"Wherefore it is, my dear Mr. Wilmot, that I am going to learn a bit more, follow your preaching, read the books you lend me so willingly—in short, grow up a little more."

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Such is the type of Christians being won and developed by our European Mission. No more wonderful story appears anywhere in missionary annals than that of our work in Europe. He would be unworthy the name of Methodist who would desire the discontinuance or halting of that activity.

It is all a product of the Centenary. It has never received a cent of support from any other source. Its continuance is wholly dependent upon Centenary funds. If these fail, this work fails.

This fact alone constitutes a responsibility which cannot be evaded by any Church or individual owing Centenary amounts. Pay these pledges today in full. Let not the censure of God fall upon us for a negligence which may disrupt the most important work we are doing.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

LET US INFORM THE PEOPLE

By A. C. Zumbrunnen.

The church-wide call to study of missions will doubtless find a ready response on the part of churches and individuals throughout the bounds of the Methodist Church, South. That it will receive the support of pastors, lay-leaders, and missionary treasurers should go without saying, for they know that their financial problems and difficulties are largely due to the fact that the people have not a sufficient knowledge of the affairs of the Kingdom.

Informed Christians are liberal and effective. The uninformed are likely to be parsimonious and slipshod. Take the case of the man who has no missionary conscience. Does he fully appreciate the fact that half the people of the world cannot read or write a word of any language? Does he know that if we had no more doctors in proportion to population than China not one city in the South would be entitled to the full time service of a physician? Does he realize that hundreds of millions of men and women never heard the name of Jesus Christ and are still worshipping idols and false gods?

If these things come home to his heart he will be alive with missionary zeal. If they come home to all our people what a glorious day it will be in our Church! Then why not undertake to inform all the people—not a select few—concerning the why, where, and what of Methodist missions in every land at home and abroad?

Perhaps no more striking illustration of what can be done through public education can be cited than the fight made on tuberculosis by the National Tuberculosis Association. In less than twenty years this scourge has been reduced from 200 to 97 for every hundred-thousand of population, and the public yearly subscribes four-million dollars to spread information about this disease.

Methodists are neither fools nor laggards. When they know about the work that the church has enterprised, the good it has done in every quarter of the globe and what remains yet to be done, they will not be so foolish as to relinquish a single gain that has come through one hundred years of patient effort. And they will not fail to keep their promises!

Believing this, the period from February 22 to March 1, has been set apart for Mission Study.

The purpose of the period is to acquaint our church membership with the facts about its whole missionary program. It is to get every member to give one week of study to Missions, to study the history, equipment, accomplishments and tasks in every home and foreign mission field.

It is not a period set aside by one organization for a few choice spirits especially interested. The major organizations of the Church, the Board of Missions, Woman's Missionary Council, Centenary Commission, Sunday School Board, Epworth League Board, and Board of Lay Activities are working together to promote during this week the study of our missionary situation.

No such united movement was ever projected before. A new book, "The Task Ahead," has been prepared for this study period. It covers the whole range of our mission work, both General and Woman's, at home and abroad. It has just the information our people need to make them intelligent regarding our missionary enterprises. It is a book that would ordinarily sell for two dollars in any book store, but as an educational proposition, it will be supplied at the low price of fifty cents.

Tuberculosis is a terrible and insidious disease and the public is right to give its hundreds of millions of dollars to spread information that will educate these who live under its cloud to emancipate themselves by observing proper rules of health and

diet. This is a campaign which anyone can understand. No less can the situation existing in our mission lands be saved by giving our people the truth about the work that has been done, the unfinished task and the yet broader fields that wait on human hands and hearts. The prophet of old said, "My people perish for lack of knowledge." They continue to perish. But we need not fear to face the truth. Let us inform ourselves concerning the origin, growth and present status of our own mission fields. Let us be intelligent and then let us be honest.

A STATEMENT TO THE CHURCH
By the Executive Committee of the Board of Missions.

From all parts of the Church come evidences of uneasiness concerning the financial condition of the Board of Missions. On the part of many this feeling is more intense than the facts warrant, but on the part of others there is a failure to realize the full gravity of the situation. While the worst forebodings are not justified, there is ample occasion, yes, demand in the unqualified facts that the Church become awakened to the need of prayer and sacrificial giving, if our vast missionary enterprises are to be carried on and even that our working bases—churches, schools and colleges and universities, settlements, hospitals and kindergartens—be saved.

Some recent history of the financial operations of the Board should be summarized.

1. Relying upon the good faith of the subscribers to the great Centenary fund of thirty-five million dollars for Home and Foreign Missions, the General and Woman's Work, War Work, Church Extension and a domicile for the Board of Missions, the administration proceeded with a magnificent program of missionary extension, realizing that when Centenary money should cease to come in, the regular income must be at least doubled in order to sustain the new work projected by means of Centenary money, but not sufficiently, considering the possibilities of failure to collect the pledges.

2. In the autumn of 1923, with one year remaining of the Centenary period, the Executive Committee of the Board, realizing that expectations of income upon the basis of which appropriations had been made for 1924, would not be realized, called the Secretaries into conference. The most cordial cooperation obtained and it was agreed that no new work should be projected and that building operations should be suspended until their resumption should appear to be prudent.

3. By the time of the meeting of the Board in May, 1924, the difference between the receipts and the expenditures had become so great that the Board was in debt for money borrowed to meet appropriations to the amount of \$960,803, against which could be placed only a rapidly diminishing cash balance of \$259,739, leaving a net indebtedness of \$701,064.

4. Nevertheless, in the face of this indebtedness, which your Executive Committee recognized as the limit of safe borrowing for the Board, such was the urgency of the call to carry on, that appropriations were made for 1925 to the amount of \$1,818,811 for Home and Foreign Missions, General Work. Against the appropriations for 1924 there was, as estimated by the Home Base Committee, an expectation of collections amounting to \$2,700,000 from assessments, specials and Centenary pledges. To vindicate this expectation the Centenary must have yielded \$2,100,000 for all purposes, as only fifty-one per cent of receipts goes to Missions, General Work. The Executive Committee expressed the opinion that this expectation was in excess of the prospects and that the appropriations were therefore too large to be safe.

5. By January first, 1925, there appeared to be a difference between the expected income as set forth in the

report of the Home Base Committee, and the actual income for the period of \$1,489,782. On December first, 1924, our actual indebtedness, not including certain ledger liabilities, such as annuity bonds, but for borrowed money and outstanding drafts, amounted to \$1,085,561. The figures are alarming; but the gravity of the situation is enhanced by the fact that for three years there has been a steady increase of our deficit—1922, \$471,103; 1923, \$579,149 and in 1924, \$1,085,561. Certain cash balances amounting to \$231,009.91 that were held in banks have been consumed by the appropriations, and the present indebtedness of the Board is \$1,406,628.90.

With this paralyzing debt, which is quite double the amount that your Executive Committee have deemed safe for the Board to carry, we face the year 1926 with appropriations to be paid in order to sustain our missionary enterprises in the Homeland and the foreign field, of \$1,667,233 (estimating eleven twelfths unpaid of a total of \$1,818,811.)

The estimates recommended by the Secretaries for appropriation were based upon the following expectations of income for Home and Foreign Missions, General Work:

From the Conferences on Assessment	\$ 615,000
From Specials	290,000
From the Centenary Commission	874,679
From Assessment for Negro Work	41,000
From War Work Fund	30,000
	\$1,850,679

The extent to which these expectations will be realized will be determined by the liberality of the Church. If fully realized, we shall be able to carry on, but the debt will remain as it is, but little reduced and increased by a large interest account; for it is to be noted that no provision whatsoever has been made in the appropriations for a sinking fund with which the debt is to be gradually liquidated.

The debt does not represent amounts set apart to secure money invested with the Board, such as trust funds, but it must be said again, and again, was incurred in the payment of appropriations made from year to year for carrying on our vast missionary enterprises. Our present problem is, first, to provide for the continuance of our missionary enterprises; second, to pay the debt that was honestly contracted by the Board in conducting its operations in confidence that the Church would pay the Centenary pledges that had been made in good faith. If there be any stigma in this debt it rests not upon the Board of Missions, but upon every person who made a Centenary pledge that still remains unpaid and that he is by any means able to pay; and of such unpaid pledges there are now on the original askings of \$25,000,000, \$8,000,000. If the Board of Missions has been imprudent, our error has been the imprudence of relying upon the genuine pledges of Christian believers, who by these pledges have authorized the expenditures that are now under judgment. If we are now faced by the alternatives of withdrawing our forces from the field and acknowledging defeat, or pressing forward to victory in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, the Church members whose Centenary pledges remain unpaid must, in a large measure, decide which way we shall choose. If your Board Secretaries contemplate with breaking hearts the possibility of being compelled to call home our heroic missionaries, denying them the opportunities of service to which they have dedicated their lives, it is because almost half of the Centenary pledges are unpaid. The responsibility rests with those who, could they feel the heart-break, would prevent it.

It cannot be too plainly stated or too often repeated that the essentials of the situation may be resolved into the alternatives of the pay-

ment of the Centenary pledges or the recall of half our missionaries, evangelists, teachers, settlement workers, physicians, nurses—and the closing of churches, schools, kindergartens, hospitals, settlements and the home in which the Christian ideal of the family is being demonstrated in city slums and pagan lands. Already building enterprises have been arrested, and their unfinished walls reproach us. It is a harsh alternative. It may give occasion for scorn on the part of those in whose breasts hope had been begotten through our teaching of the love of God and through our ministries of mercy.

It should be stated that the Secretaries and Acting Treasurer of the Board have heartily co-operated in effecting economies in administration. In this way a few thousands of dollars will be saved, but this will afford but little relief. The large and early payment of Centenary pledges is our only financial salvation.

Doubtless there are earnest souls upon whom the burden of our missionary obligations is resting heavily. Let their burdens move them to prayer. In our task of world evangelism the Church is obeying the clear command of the Master. Let us pray specifically for the means with which to do His will in this supreme duty. Thus good will inure to the Church through the very difficulties that confront us, because thereby we shall have been brought into "the fellowship of his sufferings" who died for us that "we should not henceforth live unto ourselves but unto Him who died for us and rose again."

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THE WOMEN ARE MOBILIZING

The women of the Church are mobilizing every where to assist in the collection of Centenary pledges. By official action of the Executive Committee of the Woman's Missionary Council, our Methodist women were pledged to cooperate in the Centenary Cultivation Period in the following ways:

1. By the distribution of Centenary literature through the publicity channels of Conferences and auxiliaries.

2. By the attendance as far as possible of Conference, District, and auxiliary representatives upon the "Set-Up" meetings during the first period as provision is made for them by the Centenary Commission.

3. By the cooperation of the Missionary Societies with the other organized agencies of the local Churches in the period of intensive study of the book, "The Task Ahead."

The Conference missionary secretary is depending upon the missionary women for the distribution of much of the Centenary literature during the present Carrying-On Campaign. Women everywhere are organizing for an intensive study of, "The Task Ahead." All women studying this book will be given due credit on their standard courses of study.

THE ADVANCE WORLD PROGRAM
OF METHODISM

By Robert H. Ruff.

No people have been more loyal and energetic in carrying out the great commission than the people called Methodists. From a modest beginning the missionary program has expanded until today the sun never sets on Methodist missionary efforts. Methodism has literally belted the globe in her efforts to carry out the command of the Master—to go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. Faithful missionaries supported by gifts and prayers of those who remained at home, have made possible these marvelous achievements.

Today the Church faces the ques-

tion of either maintaining and strengthening this great missionary program, or serious retrenchment and at least a partial withdrawal of forces. Never in her history has the Church taken a backward step in her missionary activities. It is inconceivable that we will now do so, when the opportunities for saving America for Christ and healing the heathen nations are unparalleled in our entire history.

Yet, of necessity, there must be severe retrenchment and a recalling of forces immediately unless funds are available to maintain the work which is now so well under way. Unpaid pledges will not suffice, unredeemed promises will not feed and clothe our missionaries. Prompt payment of Centenary pledges, and prompt payment alone will suffice.

God has wonderfully blessed our people in a material way. Our storehouses are full, but we have withheld God's part of our prosperity, and the result causes His suffering. May our loyalty to God and His church cause every delinquent Methodist to make every effort humanly possible to pay his overdue pledge.

After completing the program, as outlined in the Centenary plans—which is most imperative—the work must be maintained. The average Southern Methodist is paying through the general assessments for missions an average of only twenty-seven cents for world redemption. Certainly we can never save the world when our average contribution is scarcely more than five nickels per member. The annual income from the general assessment for missions is approximately \$600,000 while the present annual budget of the Board of Missions is \$1,800,000. This means, of course, that \$1,200,000 of new money must be raised each year, over and above the assessment. The Advance World Program provides an adequate plan for taking care of this amount. The plan is simple: Each church is asked to take a share of this \$1,200,000. A beautifully designed share is issued to each congregation that cares to participate, in denominations of \$100, \$500, and \$1,000 and upwards. Books of smaller shares are issued to the congregations to be placed in the hands of the individual members. There is no conflict between the collection of unpaid Centenary pledges and providing new money for the Advance World Program. This program—the maintenance program—is planned to offer to three groups of people in our Church an opportunity to take part in the great world missionary program of the Church.

1. The nearly 400,000 new members who have come into the Church on profession of faith since the Centenary was instituted. These members have no missionary objective other than the General Conference assessment for Missions.

2. Approximately 1,000,000 members who made no Centenary pledge; for only 900,000 members contributed to the Centenary Campaign.

3. Loyal groups in each congregation, and in many instances entire congregations, that have paid their Centenary pledges.

If individuals composing these three groups would contribute on an average of \$1.00 apiece the Church could continue to prosecute vigorously her missionary plans. This new money can be counted on the unpaid Centenary Pledges in the local church, caused by death, removal or otherwise, or it may be sent direct to the Board of Missions.

Although the Advance World Program is just now being presented to the Church, the response so far has been most encouraging. One presiding elder's District has taken shares amounting to \$20,000 and a congregation has taken \$10,000. Individuals have taken shares of \$100, \$500, and \$1,000. Every indication points to a generous response on the part of our membership.

This is not a new Centenary Campaign. The Church is simply asking for gifts on an annual basis to sup-

port the missionary needs, which have always been in excess of the assessment.

Before the Centenary one-third of the annual budget was raised in new money, apart from the assessment. Owing to the fact that the Centenary has doubled our missionary forces, and the assessment has not been raised for a period of more than twelve years, the figures are now reversed. Instead of asking for one-third of the budget in new money, it now becomes necessary to raise two-thirds of it as new money.

The hour is a critical one. Shall we carry on or shall we beat a retreat? The question will be answered by the two and a half million Southern Methodists within the next sixty days. Certainly the God of Hosts would have us go forward. There is only one path for the Church of the Living God and that is forward. Surely He speaks to us as he did to his people in ancient times: "Speak unto my people that they go forward."

MISSIONARY MATTERS.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark's new book, "The Task Ahead," which is to be used in the Church-wide study period, February 22 to March 1, is having an unprecedented circulation. Within four weeks after its publication more than 32,000 copies were distributed, and it is expected that the sales will total 50,000 by the last of February. This far surpasses any book ever published by our Church. The volume covers every Mission field at home and abroad and presents every item of work being done by our Church, and it is being promoted jointly by the Board of Missions, Centenary Commission, Woman's Missionary Council, Epworth League Board, Sunday School Board, and Board of Lay Activities. It is a volume of 256 pages, elegantly printed, fully illustrated, and bound in cloth. The price is only fifty cents per copy.

From all sections of the Church come reports that the Laymen are mobilizing as they have never done since the original Centenary Campaign. Under the direction of Mr. G. L. Morecock, General Secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, more than two hundred District Mass Meetings are being held. In these meetings the laymen carry out their own program and consider the five objectives of the Board of Lay Activities: namely, the full payment of all assessments, stewardship cultivation and the payments of all pledges, the use of lay speakers in vacant pulpits, the organization of Wesley Brotherhoods, and the promotion of lay evangelism. Missionary speakers have appeared at all of these district meetings and the laymen are solidly behind the movement to complete the payment of Centenary pledges.

Rev. Robt. H. Ruff, Home Cultivation Secretary of the Board of Missions, reports that much interest is being evinced everywhere in the Advance World Program. This program is the plan by which our Church expects to continue its missionary operations without retrenchment after the Centenary period has passed, and provides that Churches, organizations, and individuals may take shares in our missionary work. One Presiding Elder's District has already taken a \$25,000 share annually, and many individuals are likewise responding.

The Methodist Laymen, official organ of the Board of Lay Activities has changed its size and now comes out as one of the leading publications of our Church. Although but a few months old the paper already has more than 20,000 subscribers and the Board is attempting to secure 100,000 during 1925. The price of the paper is fifty cents per year.

The subject of Christian Stewardship seems to be very appealing to Churches everywhere. Pastors and

laymen are realizing that the cultivation of a conscience on Christian Stewardship is essential. The Board of Missions and the Centenary Commission have recently issued two Stewardship booklets which pastors may have free for distribution. These booklets are "Over Against the Treasury" and "Jesus Says So," and both are written by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, Publicity Secretary of the Centenary Commission. "Over Against the Treasury" has already proved exceedingly popular. Within two weeks after its publication two thousand pastors requested copies. More than 150,000 copies have already been distributed.

One of the hopeful signs of the times is the hearty cooperation of all the Connectional Boards in our missionary work. In the present Centenary Carrying-On Campaign, the object of which is to collect the Centenary pledge and launch the Advance World Program, the Board of Missions, Centenary Commission, Epworth League Board, Woman's Missionary Council, Sunday School Board, and Board of Lay Activities are all cooperating in the various phases.

Bishop W. B. Beauchamp has recently returned to America from his European field and is working night and day in the Centenary Campaign. He tells a wonderful story of the triumphs of the Gospel in Belgium, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia. Churches and gatherings everywhere are clamoring to hear Bishop Beauchamp's story.

The booklet, "Would You Take Sides with the Pope," by Dr. Elmer T. Clark, published by the Centenary Commission, has met with a hearty response in the Church. The demand has been so great that three editions have already been printed, and circulated, and requests for it have come from all parts of America. The booklet tells the story of the persecution of our Church in Poland by Roman Catholicism.

Dr. W. G. Cram, Directing Secretary of the Centenary Commission, has recently declared that the prospects for Centenary collections this year were brighter than they have been for the past several years. According to Dr. Cram the decrease in such collections last year involved the Board of Missions in an indebtedness of a million dollars, and this fact seems to have aroused the Church as nothing else could have done. Nearly three-hundred Presiding Elders have called their preachers together in District Meetings to consider ways and means of completing the Centenary collection and saving our Missionary work. The spirit is running high in many of the Conferences.

DROPIOWSKI—METHODIST PREACHER.

Wladyslaw Dropiowski was the director of a noted "Gymnasium" or boys' preparatory school in Lwow, Poland. He was one of the most distinguished educators in the country, a powerful orator, and a member of an aristocratic family.

All his life Director Dropiowski had been a faithful son of the Roman Catholic Church.

During the war this man casually read some pamphlets which American Protestant relief agencies had translated into the Polish language. One of these was Drummond's "The Greatest Thing in the World."

Though familiar with much literature, Director Dropiowski had never read such thoughts before. Conviction, repentance, regeneration, personal salvation—he had never heard of these ideas.

He could not have heard of them, for there are no words in the Polish tongue to express such conceptions.

These doctrines struck to the heart of Director Dropiowski, and he went to our Methodist missionary, arrived in Lwow, to obtain more light.

He received it. Before many days this noted man experienced "the peace that passeth understanding" and was wonderfully converted.

He went at once to the Roman Catholic archbishop and informed this prelate that he was leaving Rome forever. As usual in such cases, the priest threatened him with the flames of eternal damnation. "Your grace," replied Director Dropiowski, "I have been hearing you speak for more than twenty years and you gave me no personal touch with God. Last night a greater Voice spoke to my heart, and I shall obey it."

The Director hastened to Warsaw to receive baptism and instruction from Bishop Beauchamp, and to offer himself for service.

His coming was providential, for the whole Mission had been praying for a superintendent of the Methodist school and orphanage at Klarysew—though they scarcely hoped that a man so noted and experienced would appear. The bishop asked Director Dropiowski to accept the post at a salary of \$1,000 per year. He accepted on the spot, giving up a government position with a salary three times as great.

Today Director Dropiowski superintends Klarysew and conducts what Bishop Beauchamp calls "the most religious school I ever saw." Each Sabbath he preaches in the new chapel, with five-hundred people inside and as many pressing around the building outside. All the villages in a radius of a dozen miles are represented. Some of the rich and cultured—atheists and Catholics—motor each week from Warsaw to hear his burning words of eloquence.

He signs himself simply—"Dropiowski, Methodist preacher." And in his school is a large class of boys who will also be Methodist preachers.

Though no longer in its employ the Polish government continues to send his monthly pay-checks, in appreciation of his service. Dropiowski always returns them, to be used for the education of Polish boys.

Dropiowski's brother is the richest man in Poland—and he heartily approves the Director's course. This new preacher is electrifying his country. We may not know what triumphs God may achieve through this man.

This is but a sample incident in the advancing work of our Church in Poland and the other European fields which we have entered since the Centenary campaign. The Centenary has done everything that has been done in these lands. Our work there has never received a cent from any other source.

If it is to be continued, the Centenary must continue it. If the Centenary fails, this work will fail, and for the first time in history Methodism will be driven out of places wherein it has entrenched itself and is prospering. There are no persons in our Church who would openly argue that this work ought to be stopped. But there are thousands who act as if it ought to be stopped. And if others followed their examples it would be stopped. These are they who have not paid their Centenary pledges.

Are you in this list? Has your pledge been paid in full? Has your Church paid out?

Remember what is at stake! You must pay, or Methodism must retreat! Which shall it be?

EPWORTH LEAGUERS IN LINE

The Epworth Leaguers throughout our whole connection are rallying to the Centenary Carrying-On Campaign, especially to the Mission Study feature. All the Leaguers who study the new book, "The Task Ahead," during the intensive study period, from February 22 to March 1, will receive full credit on their standard study courses.

As an evidence of the hearty cooperation on the part of the Leaguers, the Conference Epworth League presidents and presidents of Conference Epworth League Boards recently held

at Dallas, Texas, created a special committee on the Advance World Program, and went the full length in extending the services of the Leaguers to the missionary cause. They even recommended that all other plans be laid aside for this period that the special program might have right of way. The resolutions were as follows:

"1. That we endorse the World Program of Missions and use our Conference organization to put over whatever plans may be agreed on by the Central Office and Board of Missions.

"2. That the Leaguers co-operate with the other groups in the local Church in the special week of study of the text book, "The Task Ahead."

"3. That wherever this special program conflicts with the alternative mission topics or other regular plans, that these be temporarily set aside in order that the special program may have right of way."

ARE YOU GOING TO VOTE?

A Question for Young Preachers in the Class of the Second Year

What young preachers in the class of the second year will vote on the PLAN OF UNIFICATION in the Annual Conferences this fall? You, who are members of the class of the second year, will have to answer this question. If you wish to vote on this most important issue when your Conference meets, you must be ready for Question 5, Paragraph 52, in the Discipline, "Who are admitted into full connection? Will you be ready?"

As a pastor you are very busy. You have a passion to win souls for Christ and to build souls up in the faith. You wish to meet all the connective obligations. The pressure from within and without makes it hard to find time for study. Because of these things, many fail each year to pass on the courses of study. It is gratifying to learn from Dr. Bennett's reports that the per cent of failures is being reduced each year. Study, persistent hard study, is absolutely necessary if one would be a successful minister.

There are many reasons why the Conference course of study should be taken. But there is a special reason why every preacher in our connection who is in the class of the second year should complete his course of study and be ready to be admitted into full connection when his Conference meets next fall. A vote will be taken on Unification. You, the men of this class, will have to live by the result of the vote on Unification longer than any other group who have the privilege of voting on the question. Therefore you have more at stake than any other group of voters. It is reasonable, then, to conclude that each one of you is most profoundly interested in Unification.

I need not tell you that the young people all over our great Church are profoundly interested in the question of Unification of American Methodism. What do these young people want? What will be to their best interest in the matter? It does not make so much difference to the older people in the Church whether Unification fails or whether it comes at this time. The big question is, what is best for the young people of today and for the generations yet to come?

The young people of the North and the young people of the South are entitled to an ecclesiastical heritage, from those in whose hands rest the affairs of the Church today, best suited to their religious needs and the continued progress of the Kingdom of God on earth. Surely none will fail to feel deeply the tremendous responsibility this puts on those of us who are on the stage of action at the present time. May the Lord God Almighty guide us!

Upon you, the members of the class of the second year, rests a part of this tremendous responsibility. And it is well for you to think of it as a rare privilege too, a rare privilege indeed! You have the opportunity to cast a vote according to your convictions, for or against Unification. And your vote may decide the issue, the most

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

THE CROSS WAS HIS OWN

They borrowed a bed to lay his head
When Christ the Lord came down;
They borrowed the ass in the mountain pass

For him to ride to town;
But the crown that he wore
And the cross that he bore
Were his own—
The cross was his own.

He borrowed the bread when the crowd he fed
On the grassy mountain side;

He borrowed the dish of broken fish
With which he satisfied;
But the crown that he wore
And the cross that he bore
Were his own—
The cross was his own.

He borrowed a ship in which to sit
To teach the multitude;

He borrowed the nest in which to rest,
He had never a home so rude;
But the crown that he wore
And the cross that he bore
Were his own—
The cross was his own.

He borrowed a room on his way to the tomb

The Passover Lamb to eat;
They borrowed a cave for him a grave
They borrowed a winding sheet;
But the crown that he wore
And the cross that he bore
Were his own—
The cross was his own.

The thorns on his head were worn in my stead;

For me, the Saviour died;
For guilt of my sin the nails drove in
When him they crucified.
Though the crown that he wore
And the cross that he bore
Were his own—

They rightly were mine.—L. M. Hollingsworth in Sunday School Times.

PLEASURE SEEKING.

People are going to and fro seeking pleasures that last only for a season; going to card parties, dance-halls, theaters, movies and such places; and they say it is such pleasure to be there; that they enjoy themselves so much. They say too, "Oh, yes; I go to church every Sunday, give in my offering and help in the entertainments. I put in a lot of my time helping in church-work. I give some kind of pastry or whatever they tell me to bring for suppers or socials, and make something for the bazaars; and I go whenever I can." A lady told me something of this sort one time. "But," she said, "I finally got my eyes open to the fact that this does not satisfy. It was not the kind of soul-food I needed. What I needed was spiritual food, while I was getting only those things that lasted but for a season." She found that God was not pleased with such works.

Thank God, He has something better for us!

Dear friend, what kind of food are

important issue that American Protestantism has faced in a generation. Are you going to be ready to cast that vote?

If you, dear reader, are a member of the class of the second year, why not write to all the members of the class in your Conference and suggest a compact, a pledge on the part of each member of the class to do his level best to complete the course of study and be ready for admission into full connection when Conference meets? When you have secured from all the members of your class pledges to make a special effort to pass the course of study, please send me their names. (Bear in mind that I am asking no information as to how any member of your class will probably vote.) I propose asking the **Christian Advocate** to publish an honor roll of the classes who join in this special effort. Who will be first?—R. S. Satterfield, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

you getting at your church? Is it something that simply satisfies the mind, or does it satisfy the heart? Do you realize what kind of food you need?

The Lord says in His sermon on the Mount, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

When we seek for anything, we look for, inquire for, and strive after it. A man who wishes to find gold, learns where it is to be found, and then starts in getting ready for the trip. When he gets to the place he begins digging for the gold. He is seeking for something which is precious to him. And when he has found it, he lays it up in some bank, and begins to boast of the treasure he has. But in the sixth chapter of Matthew, Christ says, "Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal." When we lay our treasures up in Heaven we know they are safe. Praise the Lord! Heaven is the safety vault for things that are precious.

And when a person decides to seek God, he finds out where he can find Him—which is in the closet of secret prayer. The next thing for the seeker to do is to confess his sins. He must ask people whom he has wronged to forgive him, and he must stop doing wrong things. It may be hard to make the apologies but if one wants what God has for him, which is the precious gift of salvation, he must obey God.

Some might ask, "When shall we seek God?" The verse quoted above says, "First." That doesn't mean you should go on for several months or years, but first, now. Now is the accepted time, today is the day of salvation. Friends, you must not say, "Some other time," for that time may never come. When God knocks at your heart's door, open it and let Him come in. He wants to give you something the world cannot give, neither can the world take it away. The things of this world do not make a person happy; they only make him miserable.

If you want real happiness, give Jesus your heart. He will purge and cleanse it until you will not know yourself. You will become a new creature in Christ Jesus; old things will pass away and behold all things will become new. The things which you once loved, you will hate, and the things you once hated you will love. Thank God! It is certainly wonderful what God can do with a person if he will only submit himself to God. Friends, you may have tried in your own strength to be good, and failed; now let God do for you what you cannot do for yourself and you will see that you will be kept by His power, and kept in His service each day. You will find it to be a great pleasure to be in the service of God, and that nothing will satisfy but Jesus. Hallelujah!—Harriet Caldwell, in Burning Bush.

DARKNESS AND LIGHT.

A man was once invited by an artist to come to his house to see a picture which he had just finished. When the visitor arrived, to his amazement he was shown into a room which was pitch dark, and there he was left for a quarter of an hour, alone. Not unnaturally, when the artist came to him, he expressed some surprise at the reception that had been given to him. "Surprised, were you?" said the artist. "Well, I knew if you came to the studio with the glare of the street in your eyes you would never be able to appreciate the fine coloring of my picture, so I left you in the dark until the glare had worn away from your eyes."

Is not that the secret of many an hour in which God leaves his children in the darkness? When we are dazzled by the pleasures and successes of this present life, though in themselves they may be innocent and happy, we can not see the things that are unseen, and an interval is

necessary in the darkness until the glare has worn away from our eyes. Do you not know men of whom this is true—men who in strength and prosperity care for none of these things, but when brought low by some overwhelming sorrow, almost shattering their lives, first began to see there must be something beyond, something better, something worth more than these things? It was in their affliction they saw first the things that are unseen.

Such is some of the light cast by the Cross of Christ upon this familiar experience of human suffering. It is an experience of which we all know something, and the Cross of Christ, just when we might despair, speaks thus to us; God allowed suffering to fall upon his only beloved Son, and therefore, if God allowed his Son to suffer, sorrow may be a gift not of evil, but of love. When we have once got that key in our hands and look at sorrow again, it unlocks a great many mysteries to us, and we begin to realize how many blessings people owe to their sorrow. Some of the very sweetest and strongest virtues of life, the very vision of God, have come to men through suffering.—Exchange.

INDIVIDUAL WORK FOR INDIVIDUALS.

There is constant danger of too much generalization in Christian effort. We give to the general missionary cause... we pray for those in sickness and distress, for the people of the church and for the community at large. However commendable and good this general Christian labor may be, it will never take the place of individual missionary effort. The kind of missionary work which counts above all others is individual work for individuals.

It is an excellent thing to make a list of the names of needy ones in whom we feel a special interest. For these folks we can offer a special prayer in our secret devotions or at the family altar. For these we may put forth special effort. It is interesting to watch the results of Christian labor of this character. We pray for one who is sick. In time that prayer is answered. How thankful we are then to eliminate his name from the list, and add the name of another in need. We pray for a wayward youth who is backslidden, at the same time manifesting a kindly interest in the wanderer and putting forth judicious efforts to bring about his return to the Lord. We may watch with interest the means which God employs to bring about an answer to our prayer. When the wanderer returns his name may be dropped from the list, and the name of another added in its place. In this way we shall be enabled to watch with great interest our changing list, and our hearts will be led to rejoice many times by the direct manner in which God has responded to our prayers.—Review and Herald.

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—Selected.

DEPENDING ON JOE.

Early last spring, writes a contributor, while I was staying at a delightful old farmhouse my curiosity was aroused by continual talk of "Joe." Since I had little to amuse me I decided to listen carefully and then guess what he was like; later I could see how my guess agreed with the character and looks of the real Joe.

The family consisted of Mr. Jenkins and his wife and three grandchildren—Bob, aged twelve, Violet, ten, and May, six. The day I reached the farm each member of the family planned something for Joe to do when he came.

"Oh, look, grandma!" cried little May. "Elsie's arms and legs are all fell off! What'll I do?" Then before Mrs. Jenkins could answer, "Oh, I know! Joe'll mend her for me!"

"Why, of course," said grandma. "And I know he'll put leg bands on my pretty new white wyandottes. I don't want them to get mixed with the other chickens."

"Yes," said Mr. Jenkins, "and I think he'll enjoy setting out those plants for me, and Bob will enjoy it too if Joe leads the way!"

"Course I would!" spoke up Bob as we took our places at the dinner table. "It's fun to work along with Joe!"

"Well," said Violet. "I hope he won't be too busy to remember his promise to me! He said next time he came he was going to bring some pretty colored raffia and show me how to make baskets with wire grass and pine straw."

"Now all I want him to do," said Bob, "is to help me fix up my fishing tackle and go fishing with me."

"I hope he will," said Mrs. Jenkins. "I never feel worried if two of you are fishing; besides, Joe is such a level-headed fellow!"

The more I heard the more I speculated on Joe. Nearly every day some one spoke of him.

"That closet door sags badly; I must get Joe to fix it!" said Mr. Jenkins.

And again it was Violet who said, "If you could buy a good strong rope, grandma, we could get Joe to fix a nice swing under the big oak."

By the time the day set for Joe's arrival came I had decided that he must be going to stay at least a month, and that he was a clever, muscular young man with a genius for work! I felt almost as excited as the children. They all went to the station in the automobile with Mr. Jenkins. Mrs. Jenkins stayed at home

to cook the best supper she possibly could.

At the first sound of the horn as they came round the bend in the road I went outside and watched as the car drove into the yard and they all began to jump out. The big fellow must have sat with the two little girls on the back seat, I thought. I rubbed my eyes and looked again. There was no big fellow! Instead into the house came tearing the jolliest-looking boy I ever saw! He was just Bob's size and had red hair and laughing gray eyes.

As I shook hands with him I noticed that his expression was wonderfully sweet! His look seemed to say, "Now you and I are buddies, and I'm always ready to help you!"

When I heard that his visit would last only two weeks I wondered how in the world he could do all that was expected of him. But when supper was over he began to mend the doll, and an hour later little May went to bed with Elsie Elizabeth, "just as ever," in her arms.

And so it went on until Joe's visit was over. He had helped each of the family, and all the time he seemed to be having the jolliest sort of holiday! He even found many little ways of doing me kindnesses, so at last I said to myself, "That boy has found out the secret of happiness: 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them.'"—Youth's Companion.

ATTACKS ON THE BIBLE.

Young people may get the impression that in their their day, the modern times in which they live, criticism of the Bible is a new thing, and a mark of the modern spirit. Those who have lived a good many years will recall that in the days of their youth there were similar attacks and controversies. The fighting may not have been so general as it is now, after the world has been keyed down to a fighting mood. The things said against the Bible have not changed greatly in their nature, and the real friends of the Bible have not decreased.

Young Christians, with strong questioning tendencies in the field of religion, should remember that time will change their view-point, and give them a juster appreciation of all that is meant by the divine revelation of God through an inspired book and a divine being living in human form—in the Bible and Christ.

Let us not fear for the ultimate standing of the Bible. There may be good grounds for fearing the fate of those who undermine faith in the Bible, and reject it as God's revelation, but the old Book will always have those who believe in it, and will always stand unshaken by the waves and the winds of criticism.—The Watchword.

AN AMERICAN'S CREED.

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a republic; a sovereign nation of many sovereign States; a perfect union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes.—Ex.

A habit, like a man, can be judged by the company it keeps. Take, for example, the habit of profanity. The coward uses it to bolster his deficient courage; the liar marshals profane speech in profusion to supplement his protestations that he speaks the truth and nothing but the truth; with oaths the dishonest man protests his honesty; anger, hate, brutality and all the baser passions make profane speech their boon companions. Ignorance is a fertile soil for "cuss words." The ignorant may not be able to swear in ten tongues, but they can surpass in profane speech the man versed in ten languages. Profanity runs with a crowd that stamps this habit as being unspeakably bad.—North Carolina Advocate.

FOR CHILDREN.

SOMEBODY'S TWISTED.

Said the chipmunk to the zebra:

"There's something rather queer.
If you don't mind, I'll climb up here
And whisper in your ear."

"Your tailor's made a big mistake.

Your garments fit you fine,
But he's let the stripes run round and round

Not up and down like mine."

Said the zebra to the chipmunk:

"You're a funny little rat;
'Tis you whose stripes run wrong way round

Don't talk to me like that!"

—Margaret C. Lysaght, in "The Youth's Companion."

THE FAIRY CONSCIENCE CLUB.

All the little Farnhams liked fairy stories. They would listen by the hour to tales of "Silver Wing," "Queen Goldie Locks," etc. They were dear, sweet children—all of them, Margaret and Dick, Jean and little Dorothy. But, like all children, each had some little fault, especially in the matter of polite behavior. They had no father on earth, and mother was all to them. She wanted them to be very nice, good children in every way, and she tried hard to make them so. She suggested that they form a little home club which they might call the Fairy Conscience Club, or the F. C. C. for short. She told them about that little thing which is in each child's breast called conscience, which, if children will listen, will always whisper in their ears like a little good fairy, telling them the right thing to do. She thought it would be well if they formed this little club for the study of Fairy Conscience, so as to learn all about her sweet, happy ways; and when they knew her well, they would be listening for her to speak all the time.

The children were delighted with the plan, and wore small badges which mother made of strips of blue ribbon with F. C. C. painted in gilt letters upon them; and each child, with her badge pinned on, could not forget to listen for the whispers of little Fairy Conscience.

Margaret was the oldest of the little Farnhams, and she was greatly interested in her school, so she had gotten into a way of not noticing anyone on the street except her little playmates. She would pass older people without a word or a smile, and this grieved her mother very much, of course.

Now one of the things they found when they studied about Fairy Conscience was that she was always respectful to older people, and was polite and pleasant and kind when ever she met them. So Margaret was to listen especially for her whisper when she met grown-ups on the street; and she found that it was real nice to say "How do you do?" to old Mr. Jones as he came thumping down the street, for he always looked up with a friendly smile. Once he stopped and said: "Wait a minute. I believe I've got peppermints in my pocket." And, sure enough, he had. They tasted good, too. Lots of grown-ups seemed very nice to speak to, so she rather enjoyed it for a while.

But one morning she was hurrying along home from school carrying in her hand a little drawing which the teacher had praised and of which she felt very proud. She could not get home fast enough to show it to mother. Then up the street came Miss Snider, an elderly woman with a very grim face. Margaret remembered the F. C. C. badge and began to hear Fairy Conscience whispering in her ear a pleasant "How do you do?" But she did not want to stop long enough to say it. The whisper kept coming though. "How do you do?" "How do you do?" Almost in spite of herself she slackened her steps as she met Miss Snider, smiled, and said in her clear childish way, "How do you do, Miss Snider?" when, to her great surprise, Miss Snider not only

replied pleasantly, but laid her hand on her shoulder and said: "Is that your drawing, my dear?"

"Yes, ma'am," said Margaret modestly.

"Are you taking drawing lessons?" "Yes, ma'am. Just at school. Mother wants me to take from a real artist some day if we can ever afford it."

"Do you like to draw?" said the lady a little sharply.

"O yes, ma'am!" replied the little girl. And then Miss Snider patted her cheek and went on.

But what do you suppose? Miss Snider came to see her mother that evening and said that a child with the talent Margaret had ought to have a chance to study drawing and painting; that she had wanted so much to study when a child, but had been denied it, and now she wanted to give Margaret a chance and would pay for her lessons.

So Margaret is just the happiest little girl in the world learning to draw and to paint pictures and hoping sometime to be an artist. One day she said to her mother: "This nice thing would never have happened to me if I had not listened to dear little Fairy Conscience and stopped to speak pleasantly to Miss Snider that day."—Selected.

THE LION AND THE SNAKE.

(As the story is told to African children.)

The lion said to the turtle one day, "I have caught all the animals in the forest but snake. Will you catch him for me?"

"Yes," said the turtle; "go into the forest and I will catch him for you."

When the lion had gone the snake came. He said to the turtle, "I have caught all the animals in the forest but the lion. Will you catch him for me?"

"Yes," said the turtle; "go into the forest and I will catch him for you."

After the snake had gone the turtle dug a deep pit in the bushes near his home. He put grass and leaves over the top.

Soon the snake came crawling to him and said, "Where is the lion I asked you to catch for me?"

The turtle said in a low tone, "Do not speak. The lion is coming. Run and hide."

The snake crawled into the bushes. Crash! he went into the pit. The turtle came near and said, "Ssh! keep still. The lion will hear you. You are in a safe place."

He put grass and leaves over the pit again. Then he sat near and waited.

Soon the lion came leaping over the grass. The turtle said to him, "Run, hide over there! The snake is coming."

The lion ran to hide and he, too, fell into the dark pit.

The snake said, "What's that?"

And the lion said, "What's that?"

But the turtle said, "Ha, ha! Now I have you both in the pit. Make the best of it."

Then they fought till the lion killed the snake and the snake killed the lion. The turtle threw bushes over both and left them in the pit.

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MAXIMS OF PRAYER.

"There is a great advantage in united prayer. It makes intercession more unselfish. We are prone to give undue emphasis to what personally affects us and our narrow circle of sympathies and interests. To join with other devout souls in prayer enlarges its range and scope and refines its spirit."

—Dr. A. T. Pierson.

THE CENTENARY PLEDGE.

Have you paid your pledge to the Centenary Fund? If not, do so as soon as possible for the money is needed now. Our W. M. S. members are asked to pledge money to the Woman's Missionary Carry-On Fund after they have finished paying their pledges to the Centenary Fund. The good name of our church is at stake and that's one good reason why we should pay our Centenary pledges at once. More than this, our Master's work is hindered by the lack of the money that is due the Centenary Fund. Let us pay every dollar we pledged to that, and do it quickly.—V. C. Pemberton.

L. R. CONF. W. M. S.
 Y. P. M. S. SUMMER CONF.—JUNE
 15-20, HENDERSON-BROWN
 COLLEGE.

Plans are being made now that this shall be the very best, most interesting meeting we have ever had. Many unusual features are being planned; among them President's Day, when all the young auxiliary presidents will receive special recognition, with Mrs. C. F. Elza, President W. M. S., as Honor Guest for the day. Poster Day will be another new feature. Pageantry Night will be something entirely different. Remember the date, June 15-20.—Mrs. J. G. Moore, Supt. Y. P., L. R. Conf. W. M. S.

THE COUNCIL BULLETIN.

Miss Estelle Haskins says: "If you wish to get an interesting account of the coming Council meeting, to be held in Tulsa, Okla., March 18-25, be prompt about ordering the Council Bulletin, which will record many of the important happenings at this meeting. Price 25 cents. Order now from Literature Headquarters, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tennessee. The Bulletin will be mailed to you within ten days after the close of the meeting.
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AN AUXILIARY SAVED.

In the recent Ex. Bd. meeting of the L. R. Conf. W. M. S. the Treasurer, Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, told about a little auxiliary that had been brought back to life by the gift of an absent friend. This little band of discouraged women were heartened by the loving remembrance of their former co-worker and they determined to start afresh. They are again enrolled as a working auxiliary in L. R. Conf. W. M. S. And may I add that the loving gift that saved the auxiliary was sent by one of our pioneer mission workers—our beloved Mrs. E. V. Carr who years ago served as Secretary of Monticello District and is always showing her faith by her works. Who else will save an auxiliary?—V. C. P.

The Florida Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South, was the first to vote on Unification of the two great Methodisms, and it gave 32 votes in favor, and only 1 against this great movement.

Our next Conference to consider Unification will be Cuba, and then

comes Baltimore Conference.

The Missionary Council asks us to be much in prayer, seeking earnestly "to know for ourselves and to have a thorough understanding regarding the issue involved; and that in the final decision of the matter God's will may be done for His church." Dr. Lowe says: "When people are on their knees it is not easy to find reasons for staying apart."

ANOTHER WAY TO HELP FOREIGN LANDS.

Dr. John R. Mott speaking before the Washington Missionary Conference made a plea for cooperation of the Christian forces in promoting the Missionary Movement. He said, "We must pool our brains and financial resources if we are to compete with the educational systems now being developed in China and India and if we are to cooperate with the rising National Churches in these Countries."

Mrs. H. L. Rammel, Cor. Sec. L. R. Conf. asks: "Was there ever a stronger plea for Unification?"

NEWS FROM AUXILIARIES. MARIANNA JUNIORS AND BABY DIVISION.

Our Junior Missionary Society was organized April 1923. At present we have 47 members enrolled. We meet every Sunday and have 20 to 30 persons present at each meeting. Most of our members have pledged themselves to do daily Bible reading. It is very seldom a member of the Society that is called on for prayer does not respond. Pansy is the Juniors' flower. It has five petals representing in our Society, Junior Division, Baby Division, Social Service, and Mission study class. We have two Mission study classes. Mrs. McKee sends us a perfect pansy when we send in a perfect report and we now have two lovely pansies in our book. We expect to get one every quarter from now on to the end. We have never made a goal that we have not reached. We are on the "Honor Roll" this year, and made 110 points. We would have made five more, but did not have a Young People's Missionary Society in our church to which to promote our 14 year old girls.

Our pledge was \$25.00 and it was paid in full. We had 25 members who paid their dues in full which is 10c monthly. Every child paid something. We have paid out from January 1924 to January 1925, \$134.32. This includes our reports, literature, local work, money to our deaconess (Miss Eldson) and numerous other things. But I am glad to say our Junior Missionary Society is wide awake and full of pep. They are always wanting to be doing things. We have on hand \$70.00.

One of the features of our Society, is to have a surprise several times during the year, in the form of candy, cookies, grape juice, doughnuts or any light refreshments, for the children after our business and program are over. I find these surprises are quite a drawing card with the children. If we can only get them to come they certainly will get some good out of the meeting. We deserve our honor roll certificate and we are going to have a seal for it by January 1, 1926, too. I am wonderfully proud of each one of my Junior Societies and feel very honored to be called their Superintendent. I feel very grateful to Mrs. W. L. Oliver and Miss Francis Derrick, who stand by me at all times.—Mrs. D. P. Hilton,

Superintendent of Junior Missionary Society.

EARLE AUXILIARY, 1924.

This Society has 50 members divided into five circles which did fine work. Dues were paid in full. Pledge of \$125.00 also paid. \$923.46 was raised. \$191.90 was spent on repairs on the parsonage putting it in splendid condition. \$365.47 was paid on a note for a new church lot. Money raised for the deaconess, the Methodist hospital, and many other things including charity amounted to \$421.19. Total spent \$979.56 aside from dues and pledge. The money for the "Belle Bennett Memorial Fund" and the automobile for deaconess was in the Bank, and was lost when the Bank closed its doors.

We had an average of 30 per cent at each meeting, 26 subscriptions to Voice. The sick and new people in town visited and flowers sent to sick and those in distress. The pastor's family was well remembered at Christmas time even to a turkey, a fruit cake, toys for the children and etc.

We have a well organized Junior Society with a Baby Division of 20 members. "The Debt Eternal," "The Lenu of Japan" and "Thirty Stories about Christ" were studied by study class. The 50 wide awake members start the New Year with many plans for a bigger and greater year.—Mrs. M. M. Morrison.

PLAINVIEW.

The W. M. S. of Plainview meets weekly. The Superintendent of Social Service arranges the program, getting good material from the Voice. We have contests, games, prizes music, refreshments and a good time. All meetings are well attended.

There are 21 members, one life member.

In January we used the Report of Missionary Council for Mission Study work and it was very helpful. For Bible study, we reviewed the work done last year and found it to be a splendid memory test. Our new books will be here for February meetings.

The "Dollar Social" is an annual event among the Methodists of Plainview and is looked forward to with a great deal of interest. This year it is to be held at the home of Mrs. Jene Shelton on Feb. 22. Each guest contributes one dollar and it is the only time a collection is taken at social meetings during the year.—Mrs. Conlee, Supt. Study and Pub.

L. R. HIGHLAND CHURCH AUXILIARY.

Recently the new officers were installed with Mrs. J. A. Payne, president, and Mrs. B. L. Winn, Treas. With a full corps of officers and a faithful membership this auxiliary starts the year well. A member writes:

Our report for January shows all departments working nicely. Mission Study class enrollment 15. The Social Service report is, 85 visits to sick and strangers and to Hospitals 15. Assistance given two families. Spent for clothing \$15. Our children's auxiliary with a membership of 40 under the efficient leadership of Mrs. Steed is doing good work.

One new feature to the organizing of our young people under the supt. of Mrs. Green. The enrollment of eleven zealous young girls inspires us. "Prayer Changes Things," is our motto.

PINE BLUFF FIRST CHURCH AUXILIARY.

Our auxiliary is starting out brimming with enthusiasm. We feel confident we will meet all pledges for 1925.

Mrs. J. T. Conglas, 4th and Laurel Sts., is Supt. of our young people and Mrs. Roy Custer, 1616 W. 3th Ave., is Supt. of Juniors, and we are expecting great results from these departments this year.

Our monthly Bible Study "The Missionary Message of the Bible," is largely attended and the same is true of our monthly Mission Study, "The

Adventure of Brotherhood." The monthly meeting of the Circles is made more interesting with a missionary lesson from leaflets sent by Mrs. Dibrell, Conf. Supt. Pub.

We hated to lose Mrs. J. R. Sanders who had been our president for five years, but her successor, Mrs. J. B. Talbot is faithful and efficient.

We anticipate having Mrs. Sanders and her new Baby Boy as honor guests at our March meeting.—Mrs. J. C. Fisackerly, Pub. Supt.

SHERILL AUXILIARY.

In the recent election Mrs. Lee Quattlebaum was again chosen president and Mrs. Moody Barrett, Treas., with a full corps of officers and supts. to aid them in carrying on the work. We have closed a very successful year both spiritually and financially, our number has not increased as we would like, but we are just at this time having several new families moving in and promising to join us. We only have a membership of twelve and raised the sum of \$460, last year.

We are now finishing up our Sunday School rooms and a silver tea in the home of our President, brought in \$56.00 clear of expenses.

TUCKER AUXILIARY.

This society has also a fine band of women and with a chicken supper they recently raised money for furnishing the parsonage. Each auxiliary has a Bible Study class on the second Monday of the month.—Mrs. W. W. Nelson, Supt. of Pub.

CAPITOL VIEW AUXILIARY.

Our society meets every Monday afternoon, and our regular attendance is about 18. Mrs. Frith leads Bible Study class which is entertained in one of our homes. Rev. J. T. Thompson, our pastor, is leader of Mission Study and has presented the Teaching of Jesus on the use of money. The Voice program with Mrs. R. E. Carpenter is also interesting. We are going forward under Mrs. Buck as president.—Mrs. D. C. Fowler, Pub. Supt.

A CORRECTION.

The type-setter evidently mixed two figures at the end of my report, and of course it did not balance. The correct figures are as follows:

Balance\$538.86
 Expended 188.11

\$350.75
 Checks out and other funds 82.15

In Bank\$432.90
 The amount \$350.75 was printed \$305.75—Mrs. W. A. Steele, Treas.

PLANNING FOR THE WOMAN'S BUILDING.

The week in Washington afforded an opportunity for talking to several of our Western Women about the proposed Woman's Building, and getting our plans into more definite shape. Some of the Conferences which have dormitory projects cannot pay now. That is an added reason for Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences paying their full quota this year. Our leaflet is late in getting down to the Auxiliaries, but take the article in the January Voice, and explain the great project to your Auxiliaries and let's do our part early.—Mrs. C. F. Elza, Chairman.

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Lesson for March 1 CHRIST BEFORE PILATE

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 27:11-31.
GOLDEN TEXT—"He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities."—Isa. 53:5.
PRIMARY TOPIC—How Wicked Men Tried Jesus.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Trial of Jesus.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Trial of Jesus.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Christ Before Pilate.

In order to have a proper perspective for this lesson it will be helpful if we view in their proper relations our Lord's trials.

- A. Ecclesiastical.
1. Before Annas (John 18:13).
2. Before Calaphas and the Sanhedrin (Matt. 26:57, 59-66; Mark 14:53, 55-64; Luke 22:54; John 18:19-24). This was an irregular meeting and held at night.

3. Before the Sanhedrin (Matt. 27:1; Luke 22:66-71). This was held at daybreak and was a formal meeting.
B. Civil.

1. Before Pilate (Matt. 27:11-26).
The ecclesiastical powers had voted a sentence of death upon Jesus, but they lacked the right to inflict capital punishment, as this power had been taken from them by the Romans. For this reason they delivered Him to Pilate, the Roman governor. It was in the early morning after the mock trial before the high priests and Peter's denial that they bound Jesus and delivered Him to Pilate. It turned out, therefore, that both Jews and Gentiles were guilty of the crucifixion of the Savior.

1. Pilate Questions Jesus (vv. 11-14).

- (1) "Art thou the King of the Jews?" (v. 11). When the trial was transferred from the Sanhedrin to Pilate they changed their charge of blasphemy to that of sedition or treason.

- (2) Jesus' answer (v. 11). He admitted His claim to being a king but explained that His Kingdom was not of this world, else would His servants fight to put Him on the throne (John 18:3, 37). He declared that He was born and had come into the world to this end.

- (3) "Hearest Thou not how many things they witness against Thee?" (v. 13). The members of the Sanhedrin—the priests and the elders—joined in their accusation against Him. They brought a three-fold charge (Luke 23:2).

- (a) Perverting the nation—guilty of sedition.

- (b) Forbidding to pay taxes to the Roman government.

- (c) Claiming to be a king, thus changing the charge from a religious to a political one.

- (4) Jesus' Behavior (v. 14). His silence under such provocation greatly astonished Pilate.

2. Pilate Giving a Choice Between Jesus and Barabbas (vv. 15-26).

- (1) The offer made (v. 17). It was the annual custom at great festivals to release a prisoner chosen by the people. Because he knew that for envy they had delivered Jesus he gave them the choice between Barabbas and Jesus. After several unsuccessful efforts to escape responsibility the expediency of letting the people choose between Barabbas and Jesus was resorted to. Pilate no doubt thought they would choose Jesus rather than the notorious Barabbas.

- (2) A message from Pilate's wife (v. 19). She warned him against having anything to do in the condemnation of Christ.

- (3) The choice made (v. 21). Influenced by the warning from his wife Pilate wished to give Jesus another chance by having the people choose

between the innocent and the guilty. They actually chose the notorious criminal Barabbas instead of Christ.

- (4) The demand that Christ be crucified (vv. 22, 23). Pilate, the judge, showed great weakness in asking the crowd in the court room what should be done with the prisoner. With one voice they cried, "Let him be crucified."

- (5) Pilate washes his hands (v. 24). This was the sign that he was innocent of the blood of Jesus, but guilt could not be so easily removed. The blood of Jesus was on his hands.

- (6) The people's awful choice (v. 25). The history of the Jews from that day to this shows how awful has been the execution of this curse upon them.

- (7) Jesus scourged (v. 26). It seems to have been the custom to scourge before crucifying. This was so terrible that sometimes the victim died as the result of it. Pilate stands for the man of expediency. The opportunist is a most contemptible man.

- II. Before Herod (Luke 23:7-11).

NEWS OF THE WEEK LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Rev. J. A. Parker was a pleasant visitor to this office last week. He announces the arrival of a new presiding elder at the Monticello District parsonage but does not intend to let his new "Boss" keep him away from the Little Rock School.

Rev. J. A. Sage writes that Abner is well on the road to recovery from his recent operation. Brother Sage is coming to the Little Rock School.

Mr. C. C. Calhoun sends us the program for his annual Sunday School Chautauqua at Prescott. Bro. Calhoun is a pioneer in this feature of Sunday School work in our Conference.

Prof. W. A. Wilson cheers us with a fine subscription for the Fowler-King Special from the Lakeside (Pine Bluff) Sunday School. He states that Brother Monk is making him a fine partner in Sunday School work.

Mrs. T. W. Steel, our superintendent at Scott, attended the booster meeting at First Church last Sunday and promises a 100 per cent attendance of her workers at the Little Rock School.

Rev. and Mrs. Marion W. Miller of the Carlisle Circuit have enrolled for credit work in the Little Rock School.

Rev. J. B. Sims, superintendent of Teacher Training for the Camden District has more credits than almost anybody else in the Conference, but he is coming to Little Rock for another one. Fine!

Miss Forence Whiteside writes that the El Dorado School is to have a public presentation of new Wesley Class charters next Sunday.

Rev. M. K. Rogers of Sheridan wants to complete his Gold Seal this year and is coming to Little Rock for a Specialization unit.

Rev. G. L. Cagle of Delight will be on hand when the roll is called at Little Rock March 8-13.

Rev. L. A. Alkire is installing a Program of Work in the Sunday School at Pleasant Grove on the Atlanta Circuit.

Mrs. J. M. Cannon requests application blanks for the organization of several new Wesley Classes at Wilmot.

Hon. A. R. Cooper send in the annual report from two fine Wesley Classes at First Church, Pine Bluff.

Mrs. Chas. Rich of Stuttgart sends report on the "Willing Workers" Wesley Class No. 7045.

Mrs. W. E. Womble, our key woman, at Womble reports that the "Pol-lyanna" and the "Knights of Wesley"

classes of Womble have combined and are now chartered as the "Sunshine Band" Wesley Class.

Rev. J. L. Dedman will be one of the sixteen presiding elders to attend the Little Rock School.

Mrs. E. R. Robinson reports the reorganization of the "Home Builders" Wesley Class at Lonoke.

Rev. W. W. Nelson brightened the office with a visit last week and announces a Training Class for next week with Rev. B. F. Musser as instructor.

Rev. W. R. Jordan is teaching a class on "The Sunday School" at Primrose with 25 students enrolled.

Rev. Paul W. Quillian has a Training Class at Camden studying "Learning and Teaching." There were 19 enrolled the first night.

Rev. J. L. Cannon dropped in for a few minutes last week and enrolled for a course in the Little Rock School. He will receive his Gold Seal diploma at this time.

Rev. J. W. Thomas called on the office force last week and announced that he has just carried a class through "The Life and Letters of Paul" at Lonoke. He expects to have a large group of his people in the Little Rock school.

Rev. J. D. Rogers has organized a church, built a new church house, and organized a Sunday School and League at Onachita since Conference.

SPARKMAN-SARDIS-HOLLY SPRINGS COKEBURY SCHOOL.

Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, Rev. L. T. Rogers, Mr. F. T. Fowler and the writer met with the pastors and Sunday School workers of the Sparkman-Sardis, and Holly Springs Charges at Sardis last Monday and completed the organization for the first Standard Cokesbury Training School to be held in the Little Rock Conference. The School will be held at Sardis beginning Monday afternoon March 2 and closing Thursday night March 5. There will be a class at 5:30 P. M., supper on the ground, and two class sessions after supper each night. The instructors are Rev. L. E. N. Hundley and Rev. Clem Baker. Rev. L. T. Rogers is the dean of the School. The local pastors and superintendents make up the Board of Managers. We expect 50 credit pupils in the school.—Clem Baker.

THE LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL.

Prospects are good for a thousand students in the Great State-Wide School for Leaders to be held in Little Rock the week of March 8-13. Every mail brings enrollment cards from out of town. We are expecting all the presiding elders, District officers, and training school instructors from both Conferences to be here. Bishop Hay is on the program. First Church with her new building will be able to accommodate all the classes in fine style. The morning sessions for out-of-town workers will be unusually helpful. Out-of-town workers are urged again to send in their enrollment cards at once and thus save the entertainment committee endless confusion at the last minute.—Clem Baker.

COURSES OFFERED IN THE LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL.

- 1.—Beginner Worship; Miss Faye McRae, Instructor.
- 2.—Primary Worship; Mrs. C. W. Kent, Instructor.
- 3.—Primary Organization and Administration; Miss Marie Parham, Instructor.
- 4.—Junior Worship; Miss Mary Alice Jones, Instructor.
- 5.—Intermediate-Senior Lesson Material; Dr. E. L. Mudge, Instructor.
- 6.—Religious Education of Young People; Mr. O. S. Gates, Instructor.
- 7.—Christian Service for Adults; Mrs. Cora Traywick Court, Instructor.
- 8.—City Sunday School Management; Mr. M. W. Brabham, Instructor.
- 9.—Rural Sunday School Management; Rev. Clem Baker, Instructor.
- 10.—Principles of Teaching; Prof. H. W. Means, Instructor.

11.—Bible (Galatians); Dr. W. A. Smart, Instructor.

12.—Missionary Message of the Bible; Dr. Paul B. Kern, Instructor.

13.—Program of the Christian Religion; Dr. A. C. Shipp, Instructor.

14.—The Devotional Life; Rev. C. M. Reves, Instructor.

PROGRAM FOR LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 3:00 P. M.

Organization, Classification, Assignment of Lessons.

WEEK-DAY SCHEDULE (Monday through Friday)

- 9:00 A. M.—Morning Institute for out-of-town workers.
- 5:00 P. M.—Devotional led by Dr. Paul B. Kern.
- 5:30 P. M.—Address by member of the Faculty.
- 6:00 P. M.—Lunch served at the Church—Social Hour.
- 7:00 P. M.—First Session of all Classes.
- 8:00 P. M.—Address by Bishop Hay and others.
- 8:35 P. M.—Second session of all Classes.

MANSFIELD JUNIOR TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Mansfield Junior Training School opened Sunday evening, February 8, with our Conference Superintendent, Rev. H. E. Wheeler, teaching "The Organization and Administration of the Sunday School." From the very first session there was a most enthusiastic interest upon the part of all, and a determination to make the school a real blessing to our community.

On account of the large enrollment and the large number of auditors who attended it was necessary to hold the sessions of the school in the main auditorium. In our school there were enrolled most of our leadership material, including several of our high school seniors, who were too young to receive credit for the course, and gray-haired grandparents, some who had never taken a credit before and others who already have credit for this course. The fact that the members of such a large and such a mixed class attended not only the evening sessions of the class, but asked for, and attended, afternoon sessions even at the end of the week gives evidence of the genuine interest on their part and the splendid ability of the teacher.

As a result of the Training School, Superintendent Rodgers and his faithful teachers and officers believe that they can advance our Sunday School from 60 per cent "C Type" School to a 65 per cent "B Type" during the present Conference year. This is but a sample of the good that we have received from our Training School, for many of our people got a new "vision" of the work of the Sunday School and its tremendous importance. And the Methodist people of Mansfield need only to see what is best, then they are ready to DO it. It is a great blessing to live and labor among such people.

As a small token of their appreciation for the wonderful inspiration and information Brother Wheeler brought the class presented him with a very fine fountain pen and a beautiful and useful loose-leaf note book. 51 were enrolled in the class; and many auditors also attended sessions of the class.—Allen D. Stewart, P. C.

ANOTHER NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL.

A few weeks ago we went out to Olive Hill on the Mabelvale Circuit to see what the prospects were for organizing a Sunday School. We found that while Olive Hill is one of our older churches, the people had become discouraged about their Sunday School and about two years ago let it die.

A few in the community were attending schools at other places, but a large majority were not attending any school.

We called a meeting for Sunday afternoon, Feb. 15, to talk over the matter. We had 33 young people and a few of the older ones eager to do

anything. We appointed Mrs. L. M. Grogan, the efficient teacher of the public school, superintendent. Teachers for five classes were selected and the organization started out with bright prospects.

Mr. E. P. Ingram, a member of the men's class of Asbury School, has taken charge of this school and will go out each Sunday to help them in their work.—F. T. Fowler.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE ITEMS.

Splendid work is being done by many of our District officers, and tidings reach our office of effectual personal promotion from almost every District.

Most conspicuous of all has been the phenomenal series of Training Schools in the Booneville District, where the entire schedule, with one or two exceptions, has been carried through and a much larger enrollment than was anticipated has been reported.

At this writing the School at Branch, studying the Methodist Church and Its Work under Rev. E. E. Stevenson, had an enrollment of 30. At Paris, where two courses are offered, one on the Pupil by Prof. Morgan, and the other on the Devotional Life, by the Conference superintendent, over 40 are enrolled, and a growing interest is very apparent.

In the Fayetteville District Brother Brumley indicates that the interest in the teacher training program is fine.

In the Paragould District Brother Harrison writes that he has been holding some institutes with very marked results, one of these was at Mt. Zion on the St. Francis Ct., and he had two laymen with him on this visit. Plans for observance of Decision Day were made, Wesley Classes organized, better equipment provided for, and a Junior Training School asked for.

Piggott is planning a most thorough observance of Decision Day.

The Program of work has been placed at Morrow.

Many applications for membership in the 1000 Study Club are being received. Survey cards have been sent out to many schools, the most recent request coming from Alma.

The program in our Conference is the assurance of God's blessing and the credit for its promotion is due to the faithful and loyal District workers.

Watch for the Reports from the Danville and Mansfield Training Schools which have been promised.—H. E. Wheeler.

1,000 STUDY CLUB.

In addition to the names published in the last issue of the Methodist, we have the following names presented for membership in the 1000 Study Club:

Mrs. J. D. Barksdale, Blytheville; T. N. McAlister, Alma; Mrs. T. N. McAlister, Alma; Mrs. H. E. Neblett, Luxora; Rev. G. G. Davidson, Jonesboro; Rev. Wm. Sherman, Paragould; Mrs. C. T. Jones, Mammoth Springs; Rev. G. C. Taylor, Paragould; Rev. C. E. Gray, Pocahontas; Rev. W. W. Albright, Marked Tree; Rev. S. O. Patty, Branch; H. J. Nemnich, Mammoth Springs; Mrs. Bessie Carpenter, Van Buren; Mrs. Dorcas M. Wallace, Marvell; Rev. W. F. Blevins, Cotton Plant; Miss Tennie Benson, Walnut Ridge; Jno. T. Patton, Jonesboro; Rev. Roy M. Black, Mammoth Springs, and Henry P. Anderson, Helena.—H. E. Wheeler.

TULIP S. S.

We have 53 on roll and have five classes. We use the graded literature. Our average attendance is about 90 per cent. I have as fine a staff of officers and teachers as there is in the Little Rock Conference. We have set our goal for a one-hundred per cent S. S.

In Rev. L. W. Evans we have one of the best pastors in the Little Rock Conference. He and his wife are with us twice a month. We have a new church nearly completed with modern conveniences for the S. S.—J. M. Williams, S. S. Supt.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

DOVER LEAGUE REORGANIZED

An interesting Epworth League meeting was held at Dover Sunday night, with many Leaguers in attendance. First, the Intermediates rendered their regular program and proved their efficiency by the systematic manner of conducting it. This was followed by some District plans, Conference plans, local aims, and achievements, and a talk by Bro. Johnston.

The Senior League has just been reorganized and new plans are under way. A lively social was held Saturday night. Miss Zula Owens is the new president, and, judging from the large crowd of enthusiastic young people assembled there Sunday night, Dover League promises to be one of the liveliest in Conway District.—Vivian Clerget, Conway Dist. Sec.

NEW LEAGUE AT OPPELO.

At the special request of one of our finest young ministers, Rev. C. H. Farmer, pastor of several churches near Morrilton, and a student in Hendrix College, the District Secretary and four Morrilton Leaguers made a flying trip to Oppelo Sunday night for the purpose of making Epworth League talks.

We found a house full of Leaguers and had the privilege of hearing a splendid program. Their lively president, Beatrice Woods, led the program and everything went off like "clock-work." The two special musical numbers were fine. We felt that our suggestions for improvement were unnecessary, especially along the line of programs, and that we had been greatly helped by their splendidly rendered program.

Their League is newly organized and they have a great crowd of young people who are earnestly working and are rapidly developing an efficient Epworth League.—Vivian Clerget, Conway Dist. Sec.

A JOINT MEETING AT LAVACA

Sunday night, Feb. 15, Charleston Epworth League visited us. The visitors rendered some very good music. Thoughts on the subject, "Selfishness."

Then our League gave us a very interesting program, afterwards the service was again turned over to the visitors.

The pastor announced Sunday morning that he would preach that night, but on account of a lengthy program by the League, he did not preach, to our disappointment.

"Come again Charleston, a warm welcome awaits you, and other Leagues too."—A member.

SENIOR EPWORTH LEAGUE ORGANIZED AT HUGHES.

League work is carrying on in North Arkansas and especially in Helena District. But why shouldn't it? It is one of the greatest organizations of the church and its work is one of the most interesting in the church.

Last Sunday evening a bunch of the young people of Hughes met at the Methodist Church and organized what seems to be one of the liveliest small Leagues in Helena District. Every one present pledged support to their League, and we can see no reason why they should not grow and do a wonderful work.

John O. Baker, Dist. Sec., at special request of Rev. E. J. Slaughter, was present to help with the organization and to explain the workings of the League. He brought with him L. M. Frazier, Supt. of Parkin Sunday Schools, who has done quite a bit of League work and who made a talk to the young people on the League work.

The following officers were elected: Bruce Slaughter, Pres.; Imogene Slaughter, Vice Pres.; Karl Nickle, Sec. & Treas.; Francis Love, 1st Dept. Supt.; Rosetta Biddy, 2nd Dept. Supt.; Ena Gambrell, 3rd Dept. Supt.; Iva Hill, 4th Dept. Supt.; Julia Curtis, Era Agent.

Rev. E. J. Slaughter, pastor of the Hughes Church, is behind this

LAYMEN'S CORNER.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT LAYMEN'S MEETING.

The Prescott District meeting was held in Hope on Feb. 4.

In the absence of a District lay-leader, G. W. Pardee, secretary of the Conference Board, presided.

Presiding Elder Dedman conducted the devotional service, and the Laymen proceeded to business at once. A reasonably good attendance was had at this meeting, and the interest was of that character that indicates that the Laymen of Prescott District are going to "do things" this year. The Preacher that was too indifferent to the Laymen's Movement to put forth every effort to get the Laymen of his church to attend this meeting, will be the loser for it.

Bro. G. L. Morelock, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, was with us in this meeting and led the discussions in the morning session and in the afternoon session the discussions were led by Bros. Morelock and Pardee, all of the questions being discussed by many of the Laymen. The Laymen pledged themselves to the various tasks before us, and all appeared ready and anxious to engage in the great work of promoting God's Kingdom. Bro. Davidson and the good women of his church did much to add to the comfort and success of the meeting.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT MEETINGS.

In this District, as in the Monticello District, two meetings were held, on account of the location of the charges.

The first was held in First Church, Texarkana, on Feb. 5.

Bro. J. L. Delony, District lay-leader, was in charge. The devotional service was led by G. W. Pardee, after which he introduced Bro. G. L. Morelock, general secretary of the Board of Lay Activities, who most ably led in the discussion on the "Use of Lay Speakers and a Religious Service in every Community Every Sunday." Bro. Morelock also led the discussion on a "True Revival of Religious or Personal Evangelism," and was followed by Mrs. S. C. Reynolds. Next the "Wesley Brotherhood" and circulation of the "Methodist Laymen" was presented by Bro. Morelock, at the conclusion of which the Laymen accepted the task of trying to put at least 160 copies of the Laymen in circulation in this division of the District.

After lunch, G. W. Pardee led the discussion on the full payment of "Conference and General Benevolences" and what it would mean to the church if all these assessments were "paid in full." He also stressed the great opportunity that presents itself to the laymen to assist in bringing this to pass. Many of the laymen and preachers engaged in the general discussion of this subject.

Bro. Morelock then brought a great message on the "Centenary Carrying-On Campaign," his address being followed by Bro. Pardee opening the discussion of that all important topic, "Church-wide Stewardship Cultivation." Bro. Pardee's discussion of this subject brought out a general discussion of the question by laymen and preachers alike.

Presiding Elder Brewer was present and expressed his appreciation of the attendance and the fine spirit and cooperation of all those present.

DeQUEEN MEETING.

The second meeting of the Texarkana District was held in DeQueen on Feb. 6., G. W. Pardee, Conference secretary presiding. The devotional exercises were conducted by Bro. W.

League and with his usual enthusiasm we know that the League will be bound to make good. Bro. Slaughter is always ready to help the young people and readily cooperated with the District secretary in organizing this League.—Reporter.

S. Johnson, lay-leader of Gillham Charge. Bro. Morelock and Mrs. J. R. Campbell spoke on "Revival and Personal Evangelism." Bro. Morelock followed with a discussion of the "Centenary Campaign." The following questions were then discussed: Full payment of all Conference and General Benevolences; Religious service in every Community every Sunday, Using Lay Leaders; Wesley Brotherhood and Circulation of Methodist Laymen; Church-Wide Stewardship. Bros. Morelock, Pardee, Steel, Forgy and many other laymen took part in the discussion of these important subjects.

Truly the Holy Spirit was present in this, as in all the Laymen's meetings, and the Laymen are proving loyal to the cause of the Kingdom. More than 60 loyal Laymen responded to the call to meet at DeQueen, and the attendance at all the meetings proves beyond any question, that many laymen regard God's business as the most important business of this day and generation. This division of the Texarkana District accepted the task of trying to put at least 140 copies of the "Methodist Laymen" in circulation.

Truly, Methodism is moving to the front in Texarkana District. Presiding Elder Brewer was also on hand at the DeQueen meeting, doing his best to make it a success.

The Districts in the Little Rock Conference are being divided into groups, in order that the Lay Leaders and church boards may co-operate with each other, exchange ideas, and have fellowship together, thus helping "bear one another's burdens."

Every where, every day, you hear some laymen or preacher speak of some District meeting as "a great meeting," one that means much for the church and the laymen; for the church, on account of the increased activity of laymen; for the laymen, because they have found themselves spiritually, and are happy in the work of the Kingdom in which they are engaged.

Do not get the erroneous idea that the Laymen are trying to put on a program that differs from the Preachers' Program, for they ARE NOT. What they are trying to do is to help the preachers put their program over 100 per cent, and in its entirety.

What about establishing a "Bureau of Lay Speakers," in order that Lay Speakers may be available at "all times," when needed to fill an appointment, either on circuit or in station? Let us hear from you on the subject.

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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

The Camden District Conference will convene at Hampton July 7, at 2 p. m. Tuesday. The Conference will close Friday noon, July 10.

We are putting the Conference late so as to give all our people a chance to attend. Plenty of time will be given all connectional men and women.

The afternoon of the 8th will be given to the Laymen's Movement.

The morning of the 9th will be given to the Sunday School workers.

The afternoon of the 9th will be given to the Epworth League workers.

We want to have lots of good gospel preaching, such as will feed the hearts and souls of men and women.

Best of all we have the men chosen here that can do this sort of preaching.

Closing my first round of Quarterly Conferences I find a great forward movement on all lines. I am delighted with the outlook for the year. Good work is being done for the Methodist. All who are interested preserve this notice. Will have more to say about the District Conference later.—J. W. Harrell, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT CONF.

The Paragould District Conference will be held at Biggers, Arkansas June 2-5, 1925. The Conference will open at 7:30 p. m. Tuesday June 2, with a sermon by Rev. Geo. E. Patchell of Hoxie, followed by the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The following Committee is appointed to conduct all examinations; L. E. Mann, G. R. Ellis, and C. E. Hollifield.—William Sherman, Presiding Elder.

A HOME FOR SUPERANNUATES.

The following note has been received from Rev. B. L. Wilford, presiding elder of Booneville District:

"It is interesting to know that, by the terms of the will of the late J. J. Briggs, the home property was to be given to the Church for a Home for the Superannuate Preachers. The estate, or executor, has made us a deed and Brother J. C. Weaver is moving into the home. It is an ideal location in Belleville. The house is in very good condition. There is a fine plot of ground for pasture and a splendid garden. Brother Weaver is fixing his garden and will be very much at home in a few days.

Let others remember these worthy men and women that are giving themselves so unselfishly to the Church. There ought to be nice comfortable homes for all of these worthy men and women."

WOMAN'S CLUB AT WILLIAMSON SCHOOL HOUSE.

I had the pleasure of attending the Ladies' Club on my work. It was organized last year. It is at Williamson School House. I was invited by the ladies sometime ago. It is run on the order of the W. M. S. The object is to look after the widows and orphans and the poor who are in need. It is composed of all the ladies in the community who will join and attend it regardless of denominations. I have not been in a more enthusiastic meeting in a long time. After the business session was over I was called on to address the society, and then the secretary read the report of the meeting, before the report was read the committee reported that there was a poor family of seven in the community, and that they were in need of something to eat. So there was contributed a sack of flour and lard, and such things as they were in need of, and while the committee was reporting they said they had enough on hand and in their treasury to give their humble servant a nice quilt. It was greatly appreciated. This society of noble women is doing a great work in that community. Notwithstanding the people are poor, by their continual meeting and planning they are picking up many loose dimes and quarters. I only wish I had more of

the good societies all over my work. If I did, I would not have any trouble getting all my little salary, and all of the claims. We have among these good women as one of the leaders a good Baptist woman who is an untiring worker. She will work anywhere in any part of God's vineyard. When a bunch of godly women go on their knees there is something going to be accomplished in the Lord's vineyard. After the business was all over we were all invited to the dining room where the table was loaded with good things and we had a great feast.—J. A. Hall, P. C.

PARAGOULD, FIRST CHURCH.

During my two years here I have never worried the Arkansas Methodist with any kind of a write-up and I believe that this loyal body of Methodists is entitled to a little publicity.

I want to tell what we have and what we want to do. Mr. J. M. Lowe is chairman of the official board. On my return from conference I found that twenty-eight out of the thirty stewards had met, made assignments, and already notified the membership of the task for the new year. Mr. Charlie Steadman was elected secretary and Mr. H. S. Trice, Treasurer. This is one official board that notifies the preacher to look after the preaching and the sick and leave them alone to look after other things.

We have a membership of 978. Last year 129 were received into the church, and more than \$20,000 raised for all purposes.

The Sunday School, under the leadership of Mr. R. L. Spillman, is well organized in every department. Last Sunday more than a hundred men were present, and over five hundred were present in all departments.

We have three Missionary Societies, all doing splendid work. Last year these good women raised \$1,200 for the new church, and met all their pledges.

New life has been received in the League quarters. There are three Leagues well organized and such interest has not been manifest in several years. We have a Senior League Choral Club with forty members. This will give a glimpse of what they are doing.

Our great task this year is the erection of our new church. Mr. R. W. Meriwether is chairman of the building committee and this committee is hard at work. Already the concrete work has been completed, two carloads of lumber are on the lot, and we are waiting for warmer weather to begin the brick work. Two weeks ago the finance committee called for aid and within two days more than \$5,000 was received. There has been something more than \$65,000 raised in cash and subscriptions and the main canvass will begin within the next few days.

The church will be built on the Gothic style of architecture. The auditorium will seat one-thousand people. Beneath the auditorium is the gymnasium and room for the boys organizations. The Sunday School department will be four-stories, meeting all the requirements of a modern Sunday School building. The entire membership is getting behind this great work and there is an interest manifest that I have never seen before.

For the past two months I have been unable to be at my post of duty, yet the work has been carried on. Dr. F. M. Scott, the lay-leader, looked after every service, and kept the pulpit filled with good preaching. His faithfulness will make it hard on the old preacher now, for from reports, I will have to put in extra study to measure up to the standard these visiting brethren have raised.

Well, we will be ready next conference to invite the North Arkansas Conference to a good town, a good church, and among a good people, a people filled with the Methodist spirit, loyal to every call of the church and filled with the spirit of the God whom they serve.—James B. Evans, P. C.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT NOTES.

A Preacher Burned Out.

A short time ago Brother J. H. McKelvy had the misfortune to have every thing that he had in his house burned while he and his wife were at church. They were in a meeting at Minturn where he had just gotten located for the year and felt that he was comfortably fixed. He had been preaching for nearly a week when the disaster overtook them. They had gone to the church and he had just gotten up to announce his text when a runner rushed in and told him that his house was on fire. The whole congregation ran to the scene, a distance of less than a quarter of a mile, and found that the house was so far gone that it was impossible to save even a porch swing that hung on the front porch.

The people have rallied to their need and they are fitted up for "light" house keeping in another home in Minturn and are going heroically on with their work. I assigned him to this charge immediately after conference in November. He has made a good impression on the communities in which he serves and the people have responded nobly to them in their hour of affliction.

He would be glad to have a note from any of his friends any time that they may feel like writing to him.

A New Church Going Up.

The Newark church is going up rapidly. It is going to be a modern building in which ample provision is being made for Sunday School, Epworth League, Woman's Missionary Society, and young people's work. It will have a pastor's study, choir room, kitchen, furnace heat, and a magnificent auditorium. This will be complete in all its appointments and will be a building that would do credit to a town much larger than Newark.

There is fair prospect of a new parsonage to make the plant complete entirely.

The project is unusual, in that the church is being built by one of the members and his wife, to be a memorial to a departed daughter, and there is a fund provided by the other members of the congregation that will be an endowment to perpetuate the church in its ministry to the people of this community.

Appointments Since Conference.

Rev. Luther Love was appointed at conference to serve the Calico Rock Ct., but asked to be allowed to go to the Wiseman Ct. instead, and was placed there. Rev. W. G. Fears has been placed in charge of Calico Rock Ct.

Rev. J. W. Creed has been appointed to serve Mountain Home Ct.; Rev. A. E. Horton is serving Cave City.

Brother Willcoxson's health seems to be improving. He has preached a very few times since conference, but now feels that there is going to be a steady improvement in his condition and that he will be able to carry on his work without further trouble. Other members of his family have been sick since conference but are much improved now.

Brother Snell has had the misfortune to have some severe sickness in his family just the last few days. Every member of this parsonage home had the "flu," and Mrs. Snell was very sick for a few days, but is better just now.

Brother Snow of Melbourne had a case of "flu" and was out of working order for two weeks.

Both pastors and people over the District seem happy and are at work to make this a good year in every charge. Prospects are good for advances along all lines this year.

The date for the district conference has been fixed at April 7, 8, and will be held at First Church, Batesville.—W. A. Lindsey, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT MEETING.

In response to a call from our presiding elder to be present at 1st Church, Paragould, February 10, there was a splendid attendance of the preachers and several laymen, representing the eastern part of the Dis-

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trict.

The meeting was called to study the work of the District, more particularly the interest of the Centenary, Tri-State Hospital, and the Arkansas Methodist. Rev. J. F. Simmons, Commissioner for the Centenary in the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, presented the Plan of Adjustment which is being worked out in the Centenary program. Rev. W. B. Ricks, a presiding elder from the Tennessee Conference, delivered a stirring inspirational address, bringing out vividly the wonderful achievements of the Centenary and showing the necessity of carrying on this great work.

Rev. L. H. Estes, commissioner for the Tri-State Hospital in Memphis, told of our wonderful Hospital, one of the best equipped in the Southland, and in some respects equal to the best in our nation. He also presented the District Memorial Room Plan, and of course "Paragould District" must put a "plate" on one of the hospital doors.

Rev. J. C. Glenn spoke in the interest of the Methodist and made every one present feel like he must put the Methodist program over.

By special request Brother Ricks spoke in the afternoon on "Personal Evangelism." When he was through we all felt like we must "Go and find our brother and bring him to the Master."—Reporter.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

The students reminded Mr. Williams of his birthday on Tuesday by singing greetings to him at the lunch table and presenting him with a handsome leather traveling-bag. The furnishings for it they had given him the year before.

Mr. Williams and Dean King went to Memphis on Tuesday to attend the Education Conference of the Southern Methodist Church. The educators of the Baptist Church held a conference in the city at the same time and united with the Methodists for the closing day of the conference, when common problems were discussed. Several Presbyterians were also present and spoke from the floor. A plan was adopted to invite all evangelical denominations to have simultaneous educational conferences in Memphis annually and to unite for a specified portion of the time for the purpose of considering the function of the Church School today.

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church laid the foundation for all the education of today. The great universities of the East—Harvard, Yale, Princeton, Brown, and others,—were established by the churches and fostered and supported by them for decades and centuries. The secondary school system of America and the primary system owe much to the churches. The entire record of education by the churches has been honorable and glorious. The question now is, What specific contribution shall the Church Schools make to our life and civilization today? This enormous aggregate enrollment of these schools shows that the patrons are expecting much of them. The educators earnestly wish to fulfil these expectations by making the schools places to perpetuate the best ideals of the past, by holding the schools to their place of leadership of the past, and by making them places for the development of character to meet the needs of the present. This is a high endeavor and calls for common counsel, concentrated efforts, devotion, and the faith in God's willingness to direct which our fathers had in order that it may press on to success.

Mr. H. H. Griffin, our financial secretary, reports gifts of \$1,300 to the endowment fund, that have been received since last week.

The Glee Club went Saturday night to Center Hill, nine miles from Searcy, in order to give a program before the Community Club. A large and enthusiastic audience attended.—Eleanor Neill.

PIGGOTT.

I have been in Piggott about six and a half months and I do not believe I have written to the Methodist. Just before Conference we had Bro. C. E. Holifield with us in an eight days' meeting, which resulted in a splendid revival and seventeen additions to the church. On being returned to Piggott for another year our people received us kindly. Shortly after conference we were liberally "pounded" and the pounding has continued on "The Installment Plan" since then. Early in the new Conference year the official board met and expressed a willingness to begin a new church building at the earliest possible date, and we feel now that the building will be begun this spring.

Our Sunday School is doing splendidly. There has been a gradual increase in attendance until last Sunday there were 201 present. Mr. E. H. Scurlock, our wide-awake superintendent, with the assistance of his loyal staff of officers and teachers is gradually bringing our Sunday School up to the required standard. Our big handicap is lack of room and necessary equipment, which we hope to have in the near future.—J. M. Harrison, P. C.

SMITHVILLE CIRCUIT.

At last session of Conference I was assigned to Smithville Circuit, and our reception by not only our own brethren, but brethren of our sister churches and friends of the world, has been all that heart could wish. One of the many kindnesses shown us was a heavy "pounding" by the good people of Smithville on Nov. 27, while we were attending a fine Thanksgiving program; and many other gifts of helpfulness have come from other appointments of the charge, and especially from Shelby's and Rainey's Chapels.

Bro. L. L. Langston, one of our young preachers, who will graduate from S. H. A. this term, served these two appointments last year, and at Rainey's Chapel last summer during a good meeting held by the P. C. and Brother Tussey, the brethren decided to build a new house of worship, and as a result we are now worshipping in a beautiful frame building with basement which will be used principally for the social life of the church. We had a good first quarterly meeting with Shelby's Chapel Class in December, when Bro. Sherman, our new and much beloved P. E., by his humble, wise and faithful oversight of all the interests of the church, and his two

great and deeply spiritual messages, won the hearts of all who were present and thus prepared the way for a greater and better time when he comes again.

I am renewing my subscription to the Arkansas Methodist and you will send it to Imboden where we are pleasantly domiciled in three upper rooms with Sister S. B. Henderson, a devout and consecrated Christian and member of our church. She is the mother of two noble sons, who are now holding positions of high honor and trust in our beautiful and attractive "City of Roses." Marvin and Clay are the two noble sons of this good woman. Marvin is working in the State treasurer's office, and Clay is our worthy, efficient and very popular railroad commissioner, and when our present Governor has served us well and efficiently for two terms, I would take pleasure in helping to promote this Christian mother's son from whatever office he may be holding at that time to the office of Governor of our state.

We have had good services so far, and our congregations are growing, and the outlook for a good year is encouraging. Pray for us while we work in our Master's vineyard, in our Master's strength, in our Master's love and in our Master's name.—W. W. Gibson, P. C.

GREEN FOREST.

We have just closed a wonderful revival in Green Forest with Rev. S. M. Yancey doing the preaching. Bro. Yancey is a very able preacher. He brings a message that grips the mind and heart so that the hearer will not forget soon. We had large congregations through the entire revival. In spite of the inclement weather the church would be filled to overflowing. Bro. A. L. Hardin was the man that led the song service and he is a fine singer and can handle the singing in a large crowd as well as in smaller crowds. He has improved the choir here wonderfully. I can recommend these brethren to any congregation as a fine team that will do a splendid work that will last after they are gone. We had a fine orchestra that was fine help in the song services with Miss Frances Neal as pianist. She is an accomplished young woman and one of the best pianists that I have ever had. She is a daughter of Rev. W. H. Neal, one of our evangelists. We received into the M. E. Church, South, 18 members on profession, and one by certificate. There are more that will join later. There are several that will join other churches. Our membership has been greatly strengthened during the meeting. Bro. Yancey and Bro. Hardin will be long remembered with kindest wishes and prayers by the Green Forest people.—A. McKelvey, P. C.

FROM BROTHER MCKAY.

I have had many sweet and encouraging letters from friends. Nothing else does me quite so much good. I am always helped by a good letter. I wish I could answer all personally, but I cannot. Will you not accept this note as an answer, and write again? I had a long hard fight to get started up. Seven long months I lay in bed without walking. For the last week I have walked all over this hospital every day. I am only learning to walk again, but so far I have not had a fall. I am improving slowly in almost every way.

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cuit again. I have no home, and no money to buy one. I have lived so long in parsonages that I must get into one as soon as I am able. I feel at home there. They are good places to live in and I think I would rather die in one than any where else.

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Cave City Ct., at Pfeiffer, Feb. 28-Mar. 1.
Desha Ct., at Locust Grove, Mar. 3.
Elmo-Oil Trough, at Elmo, Mar. 5.
Evening Shade Ct., at Bear Creek, Mar. 6.
Yellville Ct., at Pleasant Ridge, Mar. 15.
Cotter Ct., at Cotter, Mar. 16.
Mountain Home, Mar. 17.
Mountain Home Ct., Mar. 18-20.
Bethesda Ct., at Bethesda, Mar. 24.
Pleasant Plains Ct., at Wolf Bayou, Mar. 28-29.
Mountain View, at Mt. View, April 4-5.
Central Ave., April 5.
Melbourne Ct., at Philadelphia, April 11-12.
Bexar Ct., at Wesley's Chapel, April 13-14.
Wiseman Ct., at Wiseman, April 15-16.

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Calico Rock Ct., at Spring Creek, Apr. 18-19.
Calico Rock, April 19-20.
Stranger's Home Ct., at Minturn, Apr. 24.
Swifton-Alicia, at Swifton, April 25-26.
Newport, First Church, Apr. 26-27.
Tuckerman, April 29.
Tuckerman Ct., at Pond Switch, Apr. 30.
Charlotte Ct., May 2-3.
Sulphur Rock-Moorefield, May 3.
Newark-Umstead Memorial, at Umstead Memorial, May 4.
Batesville, First Church, May 5.
Batesville, Central Ave., May 6.
—W. A. Lindsey, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.
(Second Round.)

Norphlet, Mar. 1, 3 p. m.
Buckner, at Kilgo's Lodge, Mar. 7-8.
Waldo, Mar. 8, 7:30 p. m.
Buena Vista, at Silver Springs, Mar. 14-15.
Stephens, at McNeil, Mar. 15, 7:30 p. m.
Taylor, at New Hope, Mar. 21-22.
Bearden, Mar. 22, 7:30 p. m.
Atlanta, at Atlanta, Mar. 28-29.
Magnolia, Mar. 29, 7:30 p. m.
Strong, at Rhode's Chapel, Apr. 4-5.
Huttig, Apr. 5, 7:30 p. m.
El Dorado Ct., at Ebenezer, Apr. 11-12.
Junction City, Apr. 12, 7:30 p. m.
Wesson, at Fredonia, Apr. 18-19.
El Dorado, Apr. 19, 7:30 p. m.
Hampton, Apr. 25-26.
Fordyce, Apr. 26, 7:30 p. m.
Kingsland, May 2-3.
Thornton, May 3, 7:30 p. m.
Camden Ct., May 10.
Smackover, May 10, 7:30 p. m.
Chidester, at Wheelen, May 16-17.
Camden, May 17, 7:30 p. m.
J. W. Harrell, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT.
(Second Round.)

Oppelo, at Oak Grove, Feb. 28-Mar. 1.
Plumerville, Mar. 1, 3 p. m.
First Ch., N. L. R., Mar. 4, 7 p. m.
Pottsville, at Bell's Chapel, Mar. 7-8.
Atkins, Mar. 8, 3 p. m.
Springfield, Mar. 14-15.
Greenbrier, Mar. 15, 3 p. m.
E. Conway Ct., at Mt. Carmel, Mar. 21-22.
Vilonia, Mar. 22, 2:30 p. m.
Quitman, at Mt. Pleasant, Mar. 28-29.
Rosebud, at Plant's Chapel, Mar. 29, 3 p. m.
Jacksonville, at Concord, Apr. 4-5.
Cabot, at Austin, Mar. 5, 3 p. m.
Conway Ct., at Salem, Apr. 11-12.
Naylor-Oakland, at Naylor, Apr. 12, 3 p. m.
Morrilton, Apr. 8, 7 p. m.
Morgantown, Apr. 18-19.
Conway, Apr. 19, p. m.
Wash. Ave., N. L. R., Apr. 26, a. m.
Levy-Cato, Apr. 26, 2:30 p. m.
District Conf. will be held at Jacksonville, Apr. 28-30. The date, however, may be changed so that Bishop Hay may be with us.—W. B. Hays, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.
(Second Round.)

Hermitage Ct., at Carmel, Mar. 7-8.
Crossett, Mar. 8, 7:30 p. m.
Lake Village, Mar. 15, 11 a. m.
Endora, Mar. 15, 7:30 p. m.
Watson, Mar. 22, 11 a. m.
McGehee, Mar. 22, 7:30 p. m.
Monticello Ct., Mar. 29, 11 a. m.
Monticello Sta., Mar. 29, 7:30 p. m.
Fountain Hill Ct., at Ladelle, April 4-5.
Arkansas City, April 8, 7:30 p. m.
New Edinburg Ct., at Good Hope, Apr. 11-12.
Warren Sta., April 12, 7:30 p. m.
Ingalls Ct., at Palestine, April 18-19.
Arkansas Camps, April 19, 7:30 p. m.
Tillar Ct., at Winchester, April 26, 11 a. m.
Dermott, April 26, 11 a. m.
Dumas, May 3.
Wilmar Ct., May 6.
Portland & Parkdale, at Portland, May 10, 11 a. m.
Wilmot, May 10, 7:30 p. m.
Snyder Ct., May 13.
Montrose Ct., May 17, 11 a. m.
Hamburg, May 17, 7:30 p. m.
—J. A. Parker, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT
(Second Round.)

Center Point, at Center, Feb. 28-Mar. 1.
Nashville, Mar. 1, 7:30 p. m.
Bingen, at McCaskill, Mar. 8.
Murfreesboro, Mar. 14-15.
Delight, at Antoine, Mar. 15, 3 p. m.
Columbus Ct., at Sardis, Mar. 21-22.
Washington and Ozan, at Ozan, Mar. 22, 3 p. m.
Mineral Springs, Mar. 29.
Spring Hill, at Patmos, April 4-5.
Fulton, at Fulton, April 5, 3:30 p. m.
Amity and Womble, at Womble, April 11-12.
Glenwood and Rosboro, at Rosboro, April 12, 3:30 p. m.
Okolona, at Trinity, Apr. 18-19.
Gurdon, at Berne, Apr. 19, 3:30 p. m.
Blevins, April 25-26.
Prescott, April 26, 7:30 p. m.
Mt. Ida, at Mauldin, May 1-2.
The District Conference will be held at Gurdon, April 23 and 24. We are expecting Bishop Hay to be present throughout the Conference.
—J. L. Dedman, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.
(Second Round.)

Winthrop Ct., at Winthrop, Mar. 1, 11 a. m.
Foreman Station, Mar. 1, 3:30 p. m.
Paraloma Ct., at Weeks, Mar. 7, 11 a. m.
Ashdown Station, Mar. 8, 11 a. m.
Richmond and Ogden, at Richmond, March 8, 3:30 p. m.
Fouke Ct., at Silverina, Mar. 15, 11 a. m.
Doddridge Ct., at Olive Branch, Mar. 22, 11 a. m.
Dallas Circuit, at Dallas, Mar. 29, at 11 a. m.
Hatfield Circuit, at Cove, Mar. 29, 3:30 p. m.
Stamps Station, April 12, 11 a. m.
Lewisville and Bradley, at Bradley, April 12, 3 p. m.
Egger Ct., at Egger, Apr. 19, 11 a. m.
Mena Station, Apr. 19, 7:30 p. m.
College Hill, Texarkana, Apr. 22, 7:30 p. m.
First Church, Texarkana, April 26, 11 a. m.
Fairview, Texarkana, April 26, 7:30 p. m.

Umpire Ct., at Umpire, May 1, 11 a. m.
Dierks Station, May 3, 11 a. m.
Lockesburg Ct., at Belleville, May 3, 3:30 p. m.
DeQueen Sta., May 3, 7:30 p. m.
—Francis N. Brewer, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.
(Second Round.)

First Church, 11 a. m., Meh. 1.
Douglassville & Uyer Springs, 7:30 p. m., Meh. 1.
Highland, 11 a. m., Meh. 8.
Hunter Mem., 7:30 p. m., Meh. 8.
Keo-Tomberlin, 11 a. m., Meh. 15.
England, 7:30 p. m., Meh. 15.
Austin Ct., at Concord, 11 a. m., Meh. 21-22.
Capitol View, 7:30 p. m., Meh. 22.
Carlisle Ct., 11 a. m., (at Hamilton), Meh. 28-29.
Carlisle Sta., 7:30 p. m., Meh. 29.
Hickory Plains, 11 a. m., (at Hebron), April 4-5.
Henderson, 7:30 p. m., April 5.
Hazen-DeValls Bluff, 11 a. m., (at Hazen), Apr. 12.
Des Arc, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 12.
Winfield Mem., 11 a. m., Apr. 19.
Forest Park, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 19.

Oak Hill-Maumelle, 11 a. m., (at Paron) Apr. 25.
28th Street, 7:30 p. m., April 26.
Lonoke, 11 a. m., May 3.
Pulaski Heights, 7:30 p. m., May 3.
Bryant Ct., 11 a. m., (at Congo), May 9-10.
Bauxite, 7:30 p. m., May 10.
Mabelvale-Primrose, 11 a. m., (at Mabelvale), May 17.
Asbury, 7:30 p. m., May 17.
District Conference at Mabelvale, April 21-23. Opening sermon by Rev. R. R. Moore at 7:30 Tuesday, April 21. Conference will close Thursday, 4 p. m. E. R. Steel, P. E.

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PRESIDING ELDERS, TAKE NOTICE!!

Bishop Sam R. Hay writes: "Please announce that I will be in Little Rock for the Standard Training School, Thursday, March 12. At some convenient hour that day I want to have a conference with the presiding elders of both the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences."

NEWS, STRICTLY PERSONAL.

Accompanied by the Rev. W. W. Christie, the associate editor made a circuit-wide canvass of the Emmett charge in the interest of the Methodist last week. We were successful in our undertaking. On Monday, we were delightfully entertained at the home of Brother H. L. Sutton, one of our most loyal men. We enjoyed an appetizing meal in this real Methodist home.

Hon. J. S. Ewalt, treasurer of the Board of Missions, North Arkansas Conference, a great layman, has offered his services in the interest of our Church literature. He is planning to "place in every Methodist home" in his District (Fayetteville) the Church paper and as many other religious periodicals as possible. We need scores of others of Brother Ewalt's type. They are in Arkansas. Help us find them, brother pastors.

Commissioner H. H. Griffin of Galloway College is reported to have raised more than \$140,000 for that institution last year. Most of this large sum goes to endow Galloway College. Brother Griffin is one of our most loyal ministers. He is thoroughly committed to his task.

Dr. J. L. Cannon and Rev. G. G. Davidson, trustees of S. M. U., have recently returned from Dallas where they went to attend the Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Rev. C. M. Reves, commissioner of the Methodist and Winfield Memorial's beloved pastor, was in the office Saturday. He is now working on his club and expects to send in a one-hundred per cent list right soon. Brother Reves stated that they plan to resume work on their new church April 1. Mr. E. D. Irvine, Chairman of the Board, is giving practically all of his time to the building enterprise. He has full charge of raising all funds necessary to complete the church.

Rev. Roy Jordan of Mabelvale was in our office Saturday last. He gives an optimistic report concerning his charge. He expects to attend the Little Rock Training School in March.

Rev. C. D. Meux, popular pastor at 28th Street, city, was a welcome visitor to the office last week. He is undertaking a great program. His people are rallying to his flag.

Dr. L. H. Estes, secretary of the Methodist Hospital at Memphis, which is jointly owned and maintained by the Memphis, North Mississippi, and North Arkansas Conferences, has just concluded a series of district set-up meetings in the three Conferences. The month of May has been set apart as "Memorial Room" month. It is expected that these participating Conferences will raise a sum sufficient to liquidate all bonded indebtedness, now \$250,000. Dr. Estes states that the hospital is one of America's most modernly equipped hospitals.—Ass't Ed.

SOME OF OUR BOOSTERS.

REV. J. E. LARK, Heber Springs, sends check for \$81 to cover subscription account. Bro. Lark has been successful in placing the paper in every Methodist home wherever he has served as pastor. We appreciate this splendid support.

REV. J. W. MOORE, First Church, West Helena, sends in four names to

be added to his list. Bro. Moore sent us a one-hundred per cent list several weeks ago. He is one of our true representatives. His congregations continue to grow. He will either have to enlarge his auditorium or provide extra chairs for the aisles.

REV. B. F. ROEBUCK, Dermott, sends in an interesting item. "Work on the new church has begun; building is to be of gray brick; cost, when completed and furnished will be around \$40,000. Roebuck is delighted with his new charge and is preaching to a full house."

REV. J. G. McCULLUM has informed us that his son, Henry Giles, age three, won the first prize at the Baby Contest at the State Fair last fall.

Bro. McCollum is now temporary secretary of the Community Club at Siloam Springs. He will continue in this work until about April 1. He enclosed an attractive bulletin entitled, "Siloam Springs, Arkansas—in the Ozarks—The Land of a Million Smiles." Bro. McCollum is now civic booster of one of our most enterprising cities. Siloam Springs has an ideal climate, healthful water, excellent public schools, active churches and a progressive citizenry.

REV. R. C. WALSH of Hampton remembers the Arkansas Methodist. We thank him for his club of six.

REV. B. F. SCOTT, Park Avenue, Hot Springs, has never failed the Arkansas Methodist. He sends check for \$36 covering a large list. We bow with gratitude to Bro. Scott and his loyal Methodists of Park Avenue.

REV. S. B. MANN is now working up another list. We have no better friend in the state than S. B. Mann. He is one of the most zealous pastors.

REV. J. D. ROBERTS sends a second check covering his one-hundred per cent list. This is fine work.

REV. J. T. RODGERS, Hamburg, has paid for his one-hundred percent list. We thank him and the Hamburg Methodists for their hearty response.

MR. C. L. CABE, Stamps' Sunday School superintendent and prominent business man, has remitted for the one-hundred per cent list.

We thank the loyal pastor, Rev. R. H. Cannon and this loyal layman and express our appreciation to the entire membership of Stamps Church.—Ass't Ed.

REV. L. C. GATLIN, Lockesburg's splendid pastor, has qualified for the Hundred Percenters' Club. Bro. Gatlin made good his promise. He told the associate editor early that he expected to send in a one-hundred percent list. The Methodist has no stronger friend than is Bro. Gatlin. He has succeeded gloriously at Lockesburg. He is pleased with his charge and the entire membership appreciates him.

REV. W. T. WILKINSON, Magnolia's enterprising and splendid pastor, sends his check for \$181 to cover the one-hundred per cent list sent in several weeks ago. The Arkansas Methodist is deeply indebted to this choice minister for his never-failing success in putting the paper into the homes of his people. We also appreciate the support of the loyal Methodists at Magnolia, who cooperated with Bro. Wilkinson.

REV. JESSE GALLOWAY, Carlisle's hard-working pastor, sends in the following interesting news item: "There have been twenty-five additions to the Carlisle Church since conference. 225 were present at Sunday School last Sunday. All finances are up to date."

Another interesting item in connection with Carlisle is the receipt of a check for \$40 which covers a list that Bro. Galloway and his active

committee sent in. We thank them for this splendid cooperation.

REV. B. A. FEW, D. D., Smackover, furnishes another interesting "Field Note": "You will be glad to know that I have received eighteen members since conference and that we have engaged the architect and the 'blue prints' are now being completed for our new \$20,000 brick church. It is expected that the contract for the erection of the building will be the next step."

REV. J. L. CANNON, D. D., Arkadelphia's faithful and scholarly pastor, in a recent letter had this to say: "I am hard at work for the paper. Will do my best to get a list containing more than seventy-five per cent of the Methodist homes. Do not cut anybody off just now. The reports will come in next week."

REV. H. A. F. AULT, Bingen, makes good his promise. He sends an \$8 check to cover a club. We thank Bro. Ault and those who subscribed.

REV. W. W. CHRISTIE, Emmett, has just given us a second large list since conference. The last one amounted to \$20.25. We appreciate Bro. Christie's splendid work. He and the interesting people of Emmett and his splendid parishioners have rallied to the Arkansas Methodist. On another page you will find a more detailed write-up concerning the splendid work Bro. Christie is doing.

REV. J. M. JOHNSTON, Evening Shade, sends in a club of twelve. We thank Bro. Johnston and his fine people.

REV. J. E. WADDELL of Kingsland is another Arkansas Methodist booster. He sends in a large club. We thank Bro. Waddell for his support.—Ass't Ed.

PERSONALS.

Mr. C. J. Chapin, druggist, has one of the largest Men's Bible Classes in the Jonesboro District. More than 80 were present Feb. 8, when the Associate Editor visited him and his fine group of men at 1st Church, Jonesboro. Brother Chapin, a great layman, is also superintendent of the remarkable Sunday School.

Prof. J. A. Womack, superintendent of City Schools, Jonesboro, has one of the most interesting classes in 1st Church Sunday School. The attendance averages around 70. Prof. Womack is the brother of Rev. W. V. Womack, Forrest City; Presiding Elder J. A. Womack, Fayetteville; and President R. E. Womack of Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn.

Among the great congregation at 1st Church, Jonesboro, on Feb. 8, when the Associate Editor spoke there, were Mesdames Jane Armstrong (age 81) and Callie Brownlee (age 91). They are two choice characters and great church goers. The former teaches a class in the great Sunday School.—Ass't Ed.

MEMBERS OF THE BOOSTERS' CLUB.

Rev. W. R. Boyd sends in a Club of ten. This entitles Bro. Boyd to membership in the Boosters' Club,—Arkansas Methodist. We register our appreciation for this work. We thank Bro. Boyd and the splendid people of Hermitage for their hearty cooperation.

Rev. Lester Weaver, Clarksville's scholarly pastor, sends us a large list of subscribers, and the next best part of the story is that he attached us his check to cover same. We are indebted to Bro. Weaver and the splendid Clarksville Methodists for their cooperation in circulating the Arkansas Methodist. Clarksville is fortunate in having such a wide-awake and enthusiastic pastor. Under his efficient ministry Clarksville is going to do wonderful things. Already splendid reports are being circulated as regards the remarkable achievements under Bro. Weaver's leadership.

Rev. J. R. Dickerson, Portland's capable pastor, paid us a visit last Thursday. He and his cultured wife left us a subscription list containing thirteen names. It goes without saying that we deeply appreciate their hearty cooperation. Bro. Dickerson

has had a marvelous pastorate at Portland. Under his wise administration a new church is now being completed.

Rev. V. B. Utley is the efficient pastor at Black Rock, succeeding our good friend, Roy Black. He is carrying on the great work which Bro. Black had begun and we are predicting that he is going to have a marvelous year at Black Rock. We are in receipt of a one-hundred percent list from his church.

Rev. C. F. Messer, pastor at Dalkirk, sends a one-hundred percent list. We knew that Bro. Messer was capable of doing just such a fine piece of work. We were not surprised when we opened his letter and found that he had succeeded in placing every Methodist family in his church on the subscription list.

Rev. W. C. Davidson, whom we all know and appreciate, sends us a list containing 167 subscribers, representing every bona fide Methodist family within the bounds of his charge. This is a very fine piece of work. We most heartily thank Bro. Davidson and the splendid Methodists of Hope for their generous cooperation. So, Bro. Davidson is now an active member of the Boosters' Club,—Arkansas Methodist. We have no finer nor more choice member in the state of Arkansas than is the Rev. W. C. Davidson.

Rev. J. B. Stewart, Danville's alert pastor, sends a list, thus qualifying himself for membership in the Boosters' Club. We thank Bro. Stewart and Danville Methodists for their hearty cooperation. Under his leadership the Danville church is making splendid progress.

Rev. J. W. Nethercutt, our pastor at Taylor, sends a check for \$19 to cover a list for Taylor. Bro. Nethercutt was determined that Yancey, Mears and Messer should not "out-class" him. In other words, he was unwilling to learn that these brethren were doing such big things for the church paper and not be able to send in a list himself. We thank the Methodists of Taylor and their loyal pastor for their assistance.

Rev. S. O. Patty, pastor of Branch Circuit, sends a one-hundred percent list for Ratcliff church. Bro. Patty is entitled to a "blue ribbon" and is also a recognized member of the Boosters' Club,—Arkansas Methodist.

Rev. A. F. Skinner, one of our finest ministers and most efficient pastors, sends a Club of eighteen. This is fine. To this pastor and the splendid people of Cabot we herewith express our deep appreciation.

Rev. W. C. Yancey, pastor at Glenwood and one of our truest young men, sends a list covering every Methodist home. Bro. Yancey, like our friend Cade, is "running true to form."

Rev. W. M. Mears, Hickory Plains, has been admitted into full connection. He is now a bona fide member of the Boosters' Club,—Arkansas Methodist. Bro. Mears made good his promise to the Associate Editor. He stated at Conference that he was going to send in a one-hundred percent list to the Arkansas Methodist on or before March 1. He has secured the one-hundred percent list and his people are now receiving the Arkansas Methodist.—Ass't Ed.

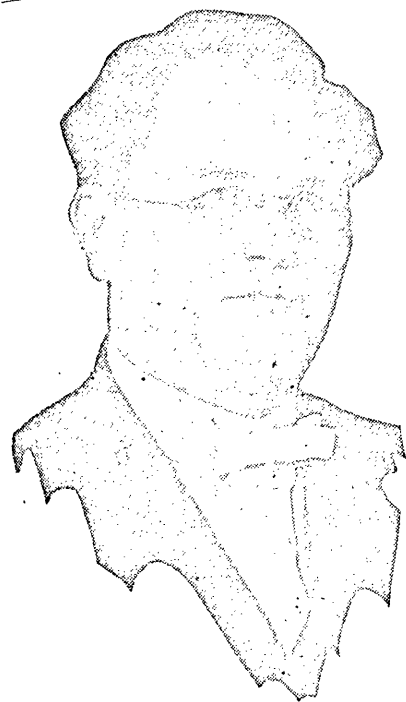
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REV. B. A. FEW, D. D.

Rev. B. A. Few, D. D. was requested to send in his "Likeness" for last week's issue, but the associate editor did not get a hold of it in time. Hence a week's delay. Look at this 100 per cent plus pastor, dear readers.

He is the Methodist's super-loyal supporter. We are indebted to him for his fine work.

In a recent letter Dr. Few states that Rev. A. P. Few, who for thirty years was an active member of the L. R. Conference, is critically ill. It is hoped that his condition is much improved at this writing.—Ass't Ed.

REV. WM. SHERMAN AND THE PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

Paragould District Preachers' Meeting, which met February 10, was one of the most enthusiastic and helpful meetings that the writer has ever attended. The messages delivered by Dr. W. B. Ricks of Nashville, Rev. J. Frank Simmons of Little Rock, L. H. Estes, Memphis, and the practical address by Presiding Elder Sherman were excellent. He is hopeful of a great year and the preachers for the most part are optimistic.

The associate editor wishes to mention in a special way the names of Rev. M. M. Smith and Rev. W. F. Walker, two noblemen of God who are now on the inactive list. These two choice men have labored gloriously and successfully.

Paragould District is indeed fortunate in having Rev. Wm. Sherman as its presiding elder. He is one of our most efficient presiding elders, and is enthusiastic and thoroughly devoted to his work.—Ass't Ed.

REV. R. C. MOREHEAD, JR., AND HUNTINGTON AVE., JONESBORO

The writer attended services at Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, where the Rev. R. C. Morehead, Jr., is the universally loved pastor. In spite of inclement weather, I spoke to an unusually well attended Epworth League. There were more than fifty present. Bro. Morehead is a real League booster and knows how to enlist the interest and support of his young people. They rally to his banner in a remarkable way. His Epworth League is growing in membership. He has a large group of young

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At the regular preaching hour, Rev. W. C. House, Jonesboro District's affable and well liked presiding elder, preached a helpful sermon. Bro. House is one of our very best District superintendents. In another column I shall have more to say concerning this splendid man and the work that is being done on the Jonesboro District under his leadership. Immediately following Bro. House's thought-provoking message a splendid Quarterly Conference was held. The writer states that this was one of the best Quarterly Conferences he ever attended. Every member of the Quarterly Conference was present except two, and one of them was unavoidably detained. Every department there submitted a written report to the presiding elder. Bro. Morehead's report was one of the most perfect reports the writer ever heard. All finances were in full to date and the treasurer placed a check in the hands of the Presiding Elder for his salary to date.—Ass't Ed.

REV. HENRY GOODLOE MAKING FINE RECORD AT FISHER STREET, JONESBORO.

The associate editor was unable to visit Fisher Street Church of which Rev. Henry Goodloe is the choice pastor, while in Jonesboro recently, but having a "nose for news" he found out some wonderful things concerning Fisher Street Methodists and the efficient pastor. Bro. Goodloe has done a monumental work since conference. In many respects he has done the impossible. He has liquidated the church debt of long standing and is refinishing the interior. The amount involved is about \$1,000. His Epworth League has made a net gain of one-hundred per cent in membership and attendance. Every member honors and appreciates their untiring pastor. Under his wise leadership, 1925 is going to be a "red letter" year in this church.—Ass't Ed.

FROM FRIEND GIBSON AND SMITHVILLE CHARGE.

Just the other day the associate editor received a fine list from Rev. W. W. Gibson of the Smithville charge. And, by the way, Friend Gibson says: "This is a 100 per cent list, representing every home affiliated with Rainey's Chapel, Smithville Circuit." He continues by saying: "Be sure and send the dear, old Arkansas Methodist, every number of which is full, heaped up, and running over with news and helpful messages, to these Methodist homes. The Methodist is inspiring and uplifting, and is for the rich and poor throughout Arkansas Methodism."

Brother Gibson, one of our fine, spiritually minded pastors, is very hopeful. The prospects for a great year are encouraging to him. He says that all of his churches are doing very well, and makes special mention of the Rainey Chapel Sunday School of which Brother W. O. Brannon is the superintendent. The attendance during the winter months has run around 80. This is an indication of unusual leadership, I am sure.

Hats off to Friend "Gib—" and Rainey Chapel.—Ass't Ed.

ROY BLACK, A "TRUE BLUE" METHODIST.

The writer has always admired the pluck, determination, and zeal of Mammoth Spring's alert pastor, the Rev. Roy Black. Now, more than ever before, we realize that Black is a real "True blue" Methodist. He sends us a 100 per cent list to the Conference organ and says that they "believe in us, too."

Accompanying his big list was a newsy, energizing letter. It did us so much good that we pass it on to you. It is as follows: "Enclosed you will find our 100 per cent list of Methodist subscribers. We believe in the Arkansas Methodist; we believe in our editors. We also believe in all our Connectional men as well as ev-

ery Methodist minister. Thank God we just believe in Methodism—and, why not be believers?"

"We are doing our best to finish the Centenary. We are not going to neglect the Christian Education pledges. The Superannuate Endowment must go over. We will do our part on our great Hospital at Memphis. Our Conference and General Claims will be paid in full." Last, but not least, Brother Black says: "And we are praying for a mighty revival of religion, one in which many sinners will be reclaimed."

The splendid people of Mammoth Springs gave Pastor Black a wonderful reception. All are happy and the outlook for 1925 is bright.

We thank Mammoth Spring's Methodists and our affable friend, Roy Black. They are all "True blue."—Ass't Ed.

FROM REV. W. C. YANCEY.

Rev. W. C. Yancey, Glenwood, in a recent letter, states that the Epworth League has received \$669.40 for Rev. R. E. Farr. Checks are still coming in. He requests the associate editor to express to the many pastors and other friends who have responded his heart-felt thanks to the League officials who sponsored this cause. Doubtless the contribution will total \$1,000, the amount that they set out to raise. Our readers will be interested to know that Bro. Farr is improving steadily and is now able to sit up.—Ass't Ed.

EMMETT METHODISM.

Emmett is one of our well organized Churches. The leaders are capable, the membership responsive, and the pastor faithful. The writer was agreeably surprised to find such an active church. Rev. W. W. Christie, the universally loved pastor, is justly proud of his charge.

With that princely layman, Mr. J. B. Youmans, as superintendent, the Sunday School is doing splendid work. The officers and teachers are most efficient and the attendance gratifying. Those who make possible its on-going are Messrs. J. B. Youmans, Tom L. Garland, J. M. Johnson, C. D. McSwain, and Mesdames Mack Garland, Frank Haltom, McFarland, Tom L. Garland, J. B. Youmans, and D. C. Jordan. Practically every teacher has had special training.

The Epworth League and the W. M. S. are unusually active. Both are well organized and are directed by efficient officers. The associate editor was privileged to speak to the Leaguers when there. Mrs. Mack Garland, president, arranged an attractive program, and the attendance was large.

Last year Brother Christie and his liberal people built a new parsonage. It is one of the most conveniently arranged and neatly finished homes I have ever seen. There are more expensive homes, but the Emmett parsonage is adequate and comfortable.

In the afternoon, Feb. 15, I preached at Hopewell, one of the churches on the Emmett Charge. The congregation was fair. This is an old church and the members are loyal. Several subscriptions were received. Other churches on the circuit are: Rocky Mound, DeAnn, and Holly Grove.

Brother Christie has a man's job and he is filling the place admirably. Throughout the charge his people love him.

I was delightfully entertained in the parsonage home and in the beautiful Garland home. The Christie's and Garland's know how to make their guest feel perfectly at home. Their cordial hospitalities and courtesies will not soon be forgotten.—Ass't Ed.

DR. JAMES A. ANDERSON HOLDS GREAT DISTRICT MEETINGS.

Dr. James A. Anderson, presiding elder of the Helena District, held great District meetings at Forrest City and Helena, Feb. 11-12. Our Missionary interests were "given right of way" in these meetings. Bishop W. B. Beauchamp, who has charge of our European missionary activities, delivered the inspirational addresses. Rev. J. Frank Simmons, Centenary secretary for our two Conferences, presented the plan for collecting unpaid Centenary pledges and spoke briefly on the "World Advance Program."

The interests of the Methodist Hospital at Memphis were considered. Dr. L. H. Estes, the alert and capable secretary, outlined the needs of the hospital and also presented plans for the liquidation of the outstanding indebtedness. The writer was unable to attend the Helena meeting on account of other engagements, but the same program was carried out at that place. At the Forrest City meeting I discussed the Church paper problems and spoke briefly on the "Club Plan" for circulating the Methodist.

The members of the W. M. S. at both churches served delightful luncheons at the noon hour for the visitors.

Dr. Anderson, one of our most scholarly ministers, is working diligently to clear up unpaid Centenary pledges. Next month he is to have Bishop Beauchamp in the District for a week, visiting the more important charges.—J. C. G.

ASBURY CONTINUES TO MAKE PROGRESS.

Under the consecrated and wise leadership of the Rev. Francis Asbury Buddin, Asbury Memorial, this city, continues to make splendid progress. It is one of our most enterprising churches—a delightful charge to serve. Perhaps we have no better organized church in the L. R. Conference than is Asbury Memorial. The Sunday School, with Mr. Joe A. Goetz as the efficient superintendent, is growing. The Epworth League is making rapid gains. Elliott Stoddard is the choice president. The W. M. S. is faithfully directed by such noble women as Mesdames Oscar Murrie, J. T. Reveley, Homer Adkins, H. Bale, Wayne Farris, P. K. Rice, D. H. Norwood, J. W. Montgomery, Jas. Allen, E. P. Ingram, J. C. Haynes, M. E. Couch, C. E. Gray, and Miss Mary Taliaferro.

Walker Sanders and Hon. Sam T. Poe, fine laymen, are chairmen of the official board and the board of trustees, respectively.

The associate editor attended the great Sunday School and worshipped with these splendid folk last Sunday morning. We listened with profit to

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THE PLAN

Literature has been prepared by the Central Office and mailed to the Conference president. He has mailed it to the District Secretaries and they have mailed it to the local Chapters.

Let the Chapter presidents see that this literature is placed in the hands of all the Leaguers and friends of the League. Cut out this ad and paste on a large card-board and display in the League room.

As soon after March 1st as possible take an offering to complete this building. Each Senior Leaguer is to pay 50 cents, and Juniors and Intermediates as much as they desire. Send this money to the Conference Treasurer in the envelope sent each Chapter, using the report blank enclosed. Let all money be in the hands of the treasurer by March 31st.

Judge W. T. Hammock's helpful lecture delivered to the Men's Bible Class, of which he is the inspiring teacher. At the 11 o'clock hour, we heard a most thought-provoking message by the pastor on "Repentance."

Brother Buddin and his good wife are in high favor with Asbury Methodists. Doubtless this year will mark the passing of another milestone along the road to greater achievement.—Ass't Ed.

CHURCH AT FORDYCE PROGRESSING.

Construction work on the new Methodist Church at Fordyce has been in progress about thirty days. The foundation has been laid, the main auditorium floor finished, and the most tedious part of the brick work has been completed. It is estimated that the building will be ready for occupancy within the next ninety days. In addition to the spacious auditorium, a three-story Sunday School Department is being erected. This will afford ample space for individual instruction rooms, and assembly halls. There will be seven departmental rooms in this building.

Dr. Rex B. Wilkes, the scholarly pastor, is well pleased with the progress that is being made. With a man of his caliber at the head of this laudible enterprise the Methodists of Fordyce will doubtless worship in a modern church edifice within three-months. Dr. Wilkes is delighted with his new charge and the entire membership appreciates its pastor.—Ass't Editor.

REPRESENTATIVES OF WHOM WE ARE PROUD.

Without disparaging the other members of the Legislature, the writer wishes to state that we have two legislators of whom we are proud: The Rev Z. D. Lindsay, our pastor at Mineral Springs, and Rev. A. M. Hutton, evangelistic singer. Both are level-headed, sane citizens, and are

looking after the larger interests of the State. Brother Hutton rendered a beautiful solo at Asbury Memorial last Sunday morning. It was the privilege of the associate editor and family to entertain Brother Hutton at the noon hour Sunday.

Doubtless there are other members of the House who are just as loyal and as faithful, but we especially commend the brethren above mentioned for the splendid work that they are doing.—Ass't Ed.

HARRISON METHODISM AND E. W. FAULKNER.

Harrison is one of the most important stations in the Searcy District. The church is well organized and the departmental heads are capable leaders. Under the direction of Rev. E. W. Faulkner, the universally loved pastor, First Church is making splendid progress. Mr. D. N. Holmes, a most efficient layman, is superintendent of the Sunday School. He is a real Sunday School man and his wise administration is evidenced on every hand. He has a well trained corps of officers and teachers. The Epworth League and W. M. S. are active. The leaders are interested and consecrated.

Mr. John G. Sugg and Mayor Louis Keck are in charge of the lay activities. They are outstanding citizens of Harrison and have the confidence of the Methodist constituency, which makes it possible for them to render a large service as associate District Lay-Leader and Charge Lay-Leader. Bro. Faulkner is fortunate in his church leadership. He has a wealth of talent among his membership.

Doubtless Harrison has never had a pastor who is more highly honored and greatly loved than is the Rev. E. W. Faulkner. During my short visit to this progressive city, several leading business men highly praised their pastor as zealous, consecrated and faithful.

First Church is the most substantial church edifice in Searcy District. It is ideally located and is fairly well adapted to the modern program of church work. The parsonage is one of the best in the North Arkansas Conference. It is conveniently arranged, with all of the modern built-in features, and has hard-wood floors throughout.

The Arkansas Methodist has a staunch friend in Harrison's pastor. Last year he sent in a large list. Bro. Faulkner says that he is going to renew the entire list and send in a club of new subscriptions. We thank Bro. Faulkner and the loyal Harrison Methodists, for we are confident that they will support their Conference Organ.—Ass't Ed.

REV. J. B. EVANS, FIRST CHURCH, PARAGOULD.

Under the leadership of Rev. James B. Evans, First Church, Paragould, is making remarkable progress. At present the strength of the church, both financially and spiritually, is being invested in the new church building program. They have under construction one of Arkansas Methodism's most beautiful, commodious and modern churches. It will be adequate for the program of the church for years to come. The building will be rushed to completion. All of the foundation work has been finished and two carloads of lumber are on the ground and the structural steel is soon expected to arrive.

The new location is an admirable one. It is not too far from the heart of the city and is conveniently situated for the residential membership.

When the church plant shall have been finished, Paragould will stand second to none in point of equipment, for they now have a handsome parsonage that is easily worth \$12,000, and is modern in architectural design, and has all of the present day facilities.

Bro. Evans is happy in his work. He is entering upon the second year with great enthusiasm. His official board stands loyally by him. We predict for this pastor and his well organized church, a year of unprecedented growth and achievement.

During the District Preachers' Meeting, the associate editor enjoyed an appetizing meal in the Evans' home. My brief stay with this choice family was greatly enjoyed. Bro. Evans has a wonderful way of "digging into the hearts of folks." He knows how to entertain a Methodist Preacher.—Ass't Ed.

TELESCOPING A WONDERFUL REPORT.

The following fine report was made the the first Quarterly Conference of 28th Street Church:

Senior League organized with 25 members; the "C" type program of work for the Sunday School has been adopted; a complete survey has been made; six received into the church; new parsonage has been purchased, costing \$3,675. Many contributed to this needed enterprise. The W. M. S., G. M. Matthews, chairman of the Parsonage Committee, also chairman of the Board of Stewards, Miss Dora V. Hooper, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Kimball, and our own Mrs. W. R. Harrison were the leaders in this movement to secure a parsonage.

Continuing his report the pastor states: "We are now forming a Boy Scout organization; planning to put on an intensive, extensive pre-Easter campaign; have read two books; and made 210 pastoral calls. The foregoing report, telescoped, is dated Feb. 4, 1925, and written by the Rev. C. D. Meux, pastor 28th Street M. E. Church, city.

Hurrah!—Yes, hats off to our friend C. D. He made a wonderful report. Now, Roy Jordan, Ed. Galloway and others ought to be able to do as well. We shall expect a reply from them.—Ass't Ed.