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FAITH OF OUR MOTHERS.

Faith of our mothers! living still
In all that's beautiful and brave;
How nobly will we work God's will
And seek from sin our souls to save!
Faith of our mothers! living faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our mothers! living still
In hearts of hope and songs of praise,
We'll gladly join with one accord
To sing to God our sweetest lays;
Faith of our mothers! constant faith!
We will be true to thee till death!

Faith of our mothers! living still
In love and life that ne'er shall die,
And children's children, ever dear,
Shall hold the faith that brings God nigh.
Faith of our mothers! holy faith
We will be true to thee till death.

—S. Trevena Jackson in

Memories of Mother.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Mother, Home, Heaven—triple links in life's golden chain.

A good mother is heaven's holy helper; but a bad mother is hell's heavy handicap.

A wise mother leads her child heavenward; but a foolish mother drives him to destruction.

Childhood leans on mother; youth walks with her; manhood honors and sustains her.

A religious mother is a perpetual blessing to her family; but a worldly mother is a constant menace to her children.

Remember now thy mother in the days of her age and feebleness, for she remembered thee in the days of thy helplessness.

Mother Eve was tempted and sinned, and her children follow her example even down through the ages; but Christian mothers seek to repair the damage done by their primal mother.

SPIRITUALIZE EDUCATION

We are not given to pessimism and do not think that the former times were better than these latter days; but the following complaint, in the Presbyterian Banner, about the lack of religion in our schools is worthy of consideration: "We boast, in our expansive moments, that our Western civilization is the best that the brains of man has produced. As for our schools, primary, secondary, collegiate, professional and technical, have we not said the last word? Beyond our borders there is nothing that will compare with them. But somehow there is creeping over our land the feeling that all is not well with our educational system. Something is missing. America never had so much crime. Wages were never so high, and still so little contentment. Amusements never were as cheap. 'Anything that offers pleasure,' a business man assured us, 'is a money-maker.' We are building bigger, finer and more costly school buildings. Yet educators and those in touch with the young life of the country feel uneasy, not at the costs, but at the moral results. Our self-complacency is being disturbed. Criticism comes from newspapers, police-court judges, educators, and college presidents. . . . We have no desire to be unduly disturbing, or to be merely ringing the alarm bells over the moral condition of our schools and colleges. But there is no sense in hiding our heads in the sands or stopping our ears. This week we heard some shocking tales about immorality in the graduating class of a nearby high school, neither better nor worse than we have heard in other states. Any teacher can confirm them. The morality of our students is not a matter of heredity, surroundings, personal inclination, or anything else. All these have a part and their own value. Since revelation began, no other way has been found of making a human soul moral, except by religion."

After reading the opinion expressed above concerning our condition, it may be well to consider the following from Mrs. Lucy Jenkins Franklin, dean of Women in Boston University: "In spite of the fact that America may seem to be in a state of moral chaos, in spite of the fact that I may seem illogical and hopelessly hopeful, I firmly believe that right now, in America, the proportion of spiritually minded people is greater than it has been for the past hundred years. I do not say

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OF JESUS HIS MOTHER, AND HIS
MOTHER'S SISTER, MARY THE
WIFE OF CLEOPHAS, AND MARY
MAGDALENE. WHEN JESUS
THEREFORE SAW HIS MOTHER,
AND THE DISCIPLE STANDING BY,
WHOM HE LOVED, HE SAITH UN-
TO HIS MOTHER, WOMAN, BEHOLD
THY SON! THEN SAITH HE TO
THE DISCIPLE, BEHOLD THY
MOTHER! AND FROM THAT HOUR
THAT DISCIPLE TOOK HER UNTO
HIS OWN HOME.—John 19:25-27.

that they are spiritually expressive or spiritually efficient, but I do say that they are spiritually minded. . . . As to the question why so much crime, immorality and lawlessness, we all know that this is not the cry of America alone; it is the cry of the world. This world-wide crime wave has been brought on by the blunting of the finer discriminations between right and wrong and this blunting process has resulted from the attempt to transfer the war state of mind to the peace state of mind. War taught us to deceive, through propaganda; to hate, in order to be fierce warriors; to kill, in order to be the greatest heroes. This state of mind, so essential for war, fails utterly to serve conditions of peace. Our young men came home from France with their finer discriminations blunted by the institution of war. We older people criticize youth of today for its spirit of lawlessness when we should be criticizing ourselves for allowing institutionalism to grow so far beyond the individual that the individual, with a human heart and soul, can no longer control it. . . . For over a year I have been collecting questions and answers and comments from young people. My principal question to them has been: "What are the young men and women of America thinking about today?" If I should classify my answers I would say that American young people are thinking about religion. They may have different phrases for it, such as 'philosophy of life,' 'man's relation to God,' 'the application of the principles of Christ to community life,' but these questions and answers show that our young people are searching for eternal truths by which they may guide their lives. You read of the crime and lawlessness of youth, but do you not read that a body of students from every land will soon meet at Geneva to discuss questions of international interest with no object in view except that of truth? 'Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free.' You read of the bold and bald immorality of youth, but do you read of the National Forum Movement with headquarters on Broadway, New York City, that gathers young men and women in groups all over America to discuss problems of society and religion? Have you read of the Bible courses outside the Church, in which Bible is studied from the standpoint of truth alone without regard to creed? . . . Jesus Christ was a youth, outspoken and frank. He did many things that shocked the old conformists. He attacked and tore down their organized, conventionalized and ritualized forms of worship and put his spirit there instead. He showed the world that God reveals Himself to the human heart alone and the heart must have free access to Him."

There is truth in both of these positions. Education without religion is dangerous. Formal, conventional religion is also dangerous, because it does not necessarily ultimate in morality. Are we not swinging from the latter to the former? Is there not a safe and happy middle ground? We believe that our denominational colleges, in the main, are following the right course, and the life from these Christian schools must be more fully projected into our public schools. In attempting to avoid offensive denominationalism, we may be secularizing our schools. Let us spiritualize them with Christian personality in the teachers.

A preference for poverty is so unprecedented that it can usually be explained only on the ground of constitutional inertia or engrossment in activities that satisfy the soul.

The meddlesome are not entitled to medals.

AN INSPIRING MEMORIAL.

In our western civilization, as pioneers, we were long accustomed to brush arbors and cheap church buildings. Although this was satisfactory when nothing better could be had, it was not conducive to reverence and respect for the sanctuary. The fathers in the Middle Ages realized the value of church architecture and built monuments that have inspired generations to worship God in reverence and humility.

Now that our people have become rich, it is meet that they should give more adequate expression to their spiritual aspirations in noble architecture. Those who do not know Oklahoma would naturally expect nothing unusual in church enterprises, because Oklahoma was not settled by people who moved to improve their religious conditions, but to better themselves financially. It is true, however, that in school buildings Oklahoma has set high standards, and now that the pioneer period is past and wealth is rapidly increasing, Oklahoma is setting a high standard in church architecture. It is peculiarly fitting that a man who helped to make Oklahoma and to whom Oklahoma has given opportunity for large wealth, should erect the ideal church building of the South.

Robert M. McFarlin, born in Texas, in 1865, settled in Norman, Okla., in 1890, and engaged in stock-raising. In 1895 he moved to Holdenville where he raised stock on a large scale. He also engaged in banking and with the failure of the bank lost heavily, but his integrity is seen in the fact that when he became able he reimbursed the depositors. In 1906 he mortgaged his home to buy 40 acres near Kiefer. This became a part of the Glen Pool, one of the richest oil fields in the state. Later McFarlin helped to develop the Cushing Pool, and in these operations acquired a large fortune. During the period of his activity in oil he moved to Tulsa and was a large factor in promoting the marvelous growth of that wonderful city.

Under the pressure of great business enterprises Mr. McFarlin's health partially failed, and he moved to San Antonio where he now lives. Always deeply interested in the welfare of the church, he began to plan definitely to use part of his great wealth in far-reaching projects to further the interests of the Kingdom of God.

For some years Oklahoma Methodism had been trying to raise a fund to build a representative church in Norman so that the Methodist students in the State University might have the best religious advantages. Holy associations carried the memory of Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin back to Norman where their only son had died in infancy. As the untimely death of a son caused Leland Stanford to build the great Stanford University in memory of his son, so the memory of their precious son led Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin to select Norman as the place for their memorial. The idea of a great church building that would meet the needs of a university congregation appealed to them; hence they asked the privilege of building the house on the lots that had already been secured.

Rev. J. T. McClure, at that time presiding elder of the Oklahoma City District, prepared ground plans, and skilled architects were employed. Under the direction of Dr. L. S. Barton, who was appointed to the church at Norman and who had been Mr. McFarlin's pastor at Tulsa, the plans were developed and the church was built, the work being completed last fall and the church dedicated Dec. 7, 1924, by Bishop Mouzon.

I had read descriptions and seen pictures of this edifice, but had no adequate conception of its perfection until I saw it on my recent visit. It is big, occupying a space of 140 by 180 feet. To the ridge of roof the height is 84 feet and the magnificent tower is 112 feet high. The base is of Carthage limestone and the super-structure of the best Bedford (Ind.) limestone. It required seventy car loads of stone alone. The exterior finish of the stone is an nearly perfect as human skill can make it.

The building has two units. One contains the marvelously beautiful and conveniently arranged auditorium with seating capacity of 800 on the floor and 600 in the gallery. The auditorium is finished and furnished appropriately, the furniture being walnut and the decorations of walls and ceiling ivory. The pipe organ, specially designed for this church at a cost of \$25,000, has nearly 3,000 pipes. The chimes in the tower cost \$10,000, and

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

Texarkana D. C., DeQueen, May 12-14.
Helena D. C., Wynne, May 13.
Monticello D. C., Lake Village, May 19-21.
Booneville D. C., Paris, May 19-21.
Paragould D. C., Biggers, June 2-5.
Camden D. C., Hampton, June 9-12.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The Helena District Conference is to meet at Wynne May 13.

Rev. B. F. Roebuck is to preach the closing sermon of Dermott High School May 17.

On May 4, Mr. Paul H. Millar of this city and Miss Artie Clark of Fayetteville were married, Rev. A. C. Millar officiating.

Rev. C. C. Burton will preach the closing sermon for the Charleston High School on May 10. The class numbers fifteen.

Rev. A. H. DuLaney, Conference evangelist, is with Rev. S. B. Wilford at Belleville in a revival. The meeting began Sunday, May 3.

Married April 28, Mr. M. H. Wilson of New York City and Miss Mary E. Holloway, daughter of Rev. R. A. and Mrs. Holloway of Austin, Texas, Rev. R. A. Holloway officiating.

Rev. Neil Hart called at our office last week and left a fine club. Bro. Hart is pastor at Oaklawn, Hot Springs. We appreciate his support and thank his loyal members.

Passing through last week, Rev. G. E. Patchell, our efficient pastor at Hoxie, called and made some corrections in his subscription list and reported everything well in his good charge.

Mrs. Samuel Preston Davis, who has just been elected president of the National Society of Daughters of 1812, is one of the leaders among the women of our First Church, this city.

The editor acknowledges an invitation from the senior class of the Watson Chapel High School to the closing exercises on May 1, and regrets that he could not be present to enjoy the occasion.

Memphis has been selected as the city for the conference of Methodist Young People to be held Dec. 31-Jan. 3. Because of its centrality, convention hall, and hotel accommodations this is a wise selection.

The following statement was taken from a letter received from Rev. W. C. Hilliard, pastor at Dier: "House full at last night's service. We are looking for 'more room' at our Church. My subject last night was the 'Seven last words of Jesus on the Cross.'" Bro. Hilliard is one of our "true-blue" pastors.

Supt. J. L. Bond, of the Western Methodist Assembly at Fayetteville, announces the following program for the summer: June 23, Opening Program; June 24-28, Temperance and Social Service; June 29-July 3, County Superintendents' Conference; July 5-August 2, Leadership Training School for Sunday School Workers; July 19-24, Bible Conference; August 3-18, Summer School of Missions;

August 19-September 1, Epworth League School for Leaders.

"Man's life is all too brief!" man writes in sorrow, and then man sighs, "I wish it were tomorrow."—Youth's Companion.

Rev. J. J. Galloway, executive secretary of Henderson-Brown College, was in the office last week. Brother Galloway was optimistic as usual, and is doing fine work for Henderson-Brown, one of Arkansas' great colleges.

Rev. R. C. Morehead, secretary of Christian Education, a member of the Arkansas Methodist Commission, paid our office a visit last week. Brother Morehead is an indefatigable worker. He is rendering our church and our church colleges an invaluable service.

Rev. S. B. Wilford, Belleville, sends in a list representing every member of the Official Board at that place. He promises that he is going to continue at the job until he reaches a 100 per cent list for Belleville, and he concludes by stating "I hope to make it one-hundred per cent for the entire charge before the end of the year."

We are in receipt of a fine club from H. K. Stewart, Winslow. Brother Stewart attached his check to cover the same. The following interesting statements are taken from his good letter: "There will be other subscriptions to follow. Everything is going well with us. This is my third year here and is by far the best." We appreciate the splendid co-operation of Brother Stewart and his members.

Prof. U. C. Barnett, superintendent of schools at Atkins has this to say in sending in his renewal: "Hurry-up-quick and put me back on your mailing list and don't you ever let me get off, even if you have to draw on me. I got so hungry for my last week's issue that I borrowed my pastor's. The Methodist is mine 'so long as we both shall live.'" Prof. Barnett is a true friend of the Methodist.

Rev. R. J. Raiford and his wife have spent the winter in Corpus Christi, Texas, where he went for the benefit of his health. He found great relief from bronchitis and hopes to spend all his winters there in the future. He is now living with his son-in-law, Mr. Rowe, at 1916 Olive Street, Texarkana, Texas. He would be especially glad to hear from his brethren. He is able to be out in good weather but is in very frail health.

Passing through our city last week, Bishop James Cannon conferred with the editor about the program of the Board of Temperance and Social Service to be put on at Mt. Sequoyah June 28. It will be a very attractive program and should command the attention of all who are interested in social welfare. Those who expect to attend should write to Supt. J. L. Bond, Western Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, Ark., for reservations.

Rev. Jesse Galloway, Carlisle's energetic pastor, gives us the following splendid news items: "The Merry Wives' Class is having the parsonage repapered throughout and all of the woodwork repainted and varnished. Forty members have been received into the church at Carlisle since Conference. Twenty-five laymen attended the great Laymen's mass meeting at First Church, Little Rock, Sunday, April 26." Brother Galloway is having a great year at Carlisle.

Mrs. W. F. Laseter, wife of one of our honored superannuates, the Rev. W. F. Laseter, died on April 2, after a very short illness. Sister Laseter was a member of Twenty-Eighth Street Church. The funeral was held by her pastor, Rev. C. D. Meux, assisted by Rev. W. R. Harrison and Dr. P. C. Fletcher. The body was shipped to San Antonio, Texas, her former home, accompanied by the sorrowing husband, his son, Mr. R. M. Laseter, and Mr. W. S. Katch, the son-in-law of Sister Laseter.

It is strange how partisanship and sentiment blind good people's judgment. This week the editor has received two communications on the subject of Unification which charged him with the very same motives which they display in their own letters. One writer did not indicate on which side he wrote, but it would be improper to print in a Christian paper some of the things he said. Because we are trying to make a Christian paper, we are refusing to publish some articles that have been sent in. The discussions are revealing character.

Rev. G. G. Davidson, the newly elected superintendent of North Arkansas Conference Sunday School work, passed through the city last Thursday on his way to Conway where he will make headquarters. Let all remember that his office is not in this city, but at Conway. All mail should be addressed to him there, or there will be delay in his receiving it. Bro. Davidson is leaving First Church, Jonesboro, after a pastorate of only five months; but he has had fine success there. He reports a great meeting closed with ninety additions

and the church strengthened in every way. Evangelist J. N. Guice did the preaching.

OUR BISHOP AND CONFERENCES.

At the meeting of the College of Bishops last Monday, Bishop Sam R. Hay was re-appointed to the presidency of our Conferences in Arkansas and Louisiana. This is thoroughly satisfactory to Arkansas Methodism. During his presidency last year Bishop Hay won all hearts and the confidence and respect of all by his brotherliness, his fairness, his personal interest in our work and his willingness to study situations on the ground. We give him a hearty welcome for another year. The Little Rock Conference will be held at Arkadelphia, Nov. 18, and the North Arkansas Conference at Conway, Nov. 25. These are convenient dates. The Louisiana Conference will convene at New Orleans, Nov. 4.

A GREAT INSTITUTION.

Twelve years ago I first saw the campus of the University of Oklahoma, as Rev. J. C. Hooks and I strolled through under the light of the moon. Six years ago I again saw it and recognized substantial growth. Last week it was revisited. The improvement has been wonderful. Originally the campus was open prairie. Now it is shaded by elms and black locust and is well kept. The administration building, a noble and commanding structure, now ivy-clad, set an example of appropriate architecture. It is now surrounded by one of the finest groups of educational buildings in America. With an able faculty and impressive enrollment, although among the youngest state universities, it is now one of the great universities of the nation.

At every session the Legislature makes liberal appropriations for building, equipments, and maintenance. It has not merely the undergraduate academic courses, but offers thoroughly modern graduate courses; hence it is not an overgrown college, but a real University. It is Oklahoma's crowning glory and her people are proud of it. It is helping to make the State great.

When I came to Arkansas thirty-eight years ago, there was no state of Oklahoma, and such a university was not in the mind of man. Oklahoma is the real wonder state. We of Arkansas must keep silent until we get more of the spirit of Oklahoma. If we will make our University truly great it will make Arkansas great.

Our last Legislature took a tardy forward step. Let us move steadily forward. Our resources equal Oklahoma's. Our institutions must not be inferior.

Norman, the seat of the University, situated twenty miles south of Oklahoma City, has doubled in population in ten years, and is now a typical university community with paved streets and lovely homes.—A. C. M.

A METHODIST DORMITORY.

Oklahoma is different. It has its own way of doing things. Our Church in that State has made an utter failure of its own schools. There are dismal tales of educational wrecks. But there is one bright chapter, and that has been written by the Woman's Missionary Society. That is not strange because that organization has contracted the habit of success.

Convinced that the Church should care for Methodist students in the state institutions, the Methodist women of Oklahoma several years ago determined to establish a dormitory for women contiguous to the University of Oklahoma at Norman. Four years ago their plans culminated in the opening of a dormitory costing \$102,000 and furnished at a cost of \$15,000. It was named Agnes Moore Hall in memory of the wife of Mr. Moore, a member of St. Luke's Church, Oklahoma City, who gave \$5,000 to the fund. A part of the money was raised by the women of Oklahoma and a part was given by the Woman's Council.

The building is an attractive three-story brick with concrete floors and stairs, and is practically fire-proof. All rooms have lavatories and two closets and two single beds. The capacity is 80 girls. There is a large dining-room where an abundance of wholesome food is furnished. The charge for board and room is \$40 a month. It is not the intention to provide cheap living, but to offer girls comfortable and safe surroundings. Boarders are under all the regulations of the University, and nothing is allowed which is contrary to the rules of our Church.

The Hall is under the control of the Woman's Council. For three years Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Mercer have been the joint managers. These good people have so conducted the Hall as to make a profit which has been applied on the building fund. There is now no debt, and any profit will be used for upkeep.

It was my privilege to take several meals at the Hall, and I found them quite satisfactory. Mrs. Mercer, who is a wise and capable woman, believes that the experiment has fully justified the expectation of its founders. There is a demand for the rooms, and the moral and religious conditions are good. Of course, the boarders are not all Metho-

CONTRIBUTIONS.

A MOTHER

By Sarah Nell Latham.

When God looked down upon the earth
And chose to put new blessings there,
Gifts from above,
To show His love,
And lighten earthly joy and care,
He gave the sky the sunset glow;
Gave fragrance to the lily's bow;
Gave laughter gay
To children's play;
And then to every yearning soul
He gave that gift of tenderest worth—
A Mother.

The lily's sweetness is forgot,
And sunset splendors fade to gray;
But fresh and dear,
Through changing year,
Through quiet night, or eager day,
The love of her we love the best
Lives closely shrined within each breast.

Bless Heaven for—
A Mother.

MOTHER

"Men are what their mothers make them."—Emerson.

"Let France have good mothers and she will have good sons."—Napoleon.

"The future destiny of the child is always the work of the mother."—Napoleon.

"God could not be everywhere, and therefore he made mothers."—Jewish saying.

"Unhappy the man for whom his mother has not made all other mothers venerable."—Richter.

All that I am, and all that I hope to be, I owe to my angel mother.—Abraham Lincoln.

"A man never sees all that his mother has been to him till it is too late to let her know that he sees it."—Wm. Dean Howells.

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother o'mine! O mother o'mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother o'mine! O mother o'mine!
—Kipling.

I owe a great deal to my mother. She was a seamstress, cook and wash lady, and never until late in life had a servant. Yet, she was a cultivated lady. She kept up with the literature of the day.—Andrew Carnegie.

I did not have my mother long, but she cast an influence around me which has lasted all my life. The good effects of her early training I can never lose. If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should never likely have become an inventor. I was always a careless boy, and with a mother of different mental caliber I should probably have turned out badly. But her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness were potent powers to keep me in the right path. My mother was the making of me. The memory of her will always be a blessing to me.—Thomas A. Edison.

A DAILY PRAYER FOR MOTHER.

By R. C. Miller.

I thank Thee, my Heavenly Father for Mother, for her ceaseless love and solicitude for me from those anxious days when she carried me under her heart, and through all these years of my life during which she has carried me on her heart. I may forget many other of life's obligations, but help me never to forget this unpayable debt to Mother.

Her greatest cares, hardest work and keenest sacrifice have been, in part, for me. Give me an intenser realization of this tragedy of a mother's life, that I, by my filial devotion and sincere efforts to realize her dreams, may sweeten the memory of all her struggles, sufferings and sorrows. May thy daily grace be given her richly, as she goes along still from day to day carrying life's burdens and fighting its battles.

Continue to endow her with those divine intuitions, so native to every true Mother. May the memory of her life, teachings and counsel be to me a perpetual benediction—especially in hours of weakness and temptation. May I so live that I, with her, may hear at last the great plaudit, "Well done." Amen.

MOTHER—LOVE.
THE MOST BEAUTIFUL THING IN THE WORLD.

By R. S. Satterfield.

There is a story, that three angelic messengers were sent from heaven to earth, each instructed to bring back the most beautiful thing he could find in this world.

After much searching and the finding of many very beautiful things, one

of the angels visited a rose garden. This angel said that the garden, because of its loveliness and the sweet fragrance in the air, was akin to heaven itself. He concluded that there could be nothing on earth more beautiful, so he filled his basket with roses of various colors, tints and shades, and returned to heaven. When he got back to heaven and opened his basket, the angel found that the beautiful roses were dead. Not even the sweet odor was left.

The second angel in his searching, found an innocent baby, smiling and prattling in the sunshine of the nursery of a home where love reigned. This angel concluded that there could be nothing more beautiful in all the world than baby smiles, so he gathered a host of sweet babies and started with them back to his heavenly home. When this angel got back to heaven, it was found that the baby smiles were all gone. In the competition and strife of life, as the babies had passed into youth, adulthood and old age, the smiles had changed to wrinkles, thin, drawn lips, tired and worn countenances. Scarcely a resemblance of baby smiles was left.

The third angel found a mother, anxiously waiting and watching and praying through live-long night, giving all her strength and love to the baby that was ill. He found other mothers sacrificing in various ways and giving themselves in unselfish service for their children. He watched them as the years passed. He saw the beauty of young womanhood fade, and the marks of age appear. He saw how tired these mothers became and how slowly they walked toward the end. But never did the mother-

dists, and many Methodists board elsewhere, but the Hall sets a standard and reminds the University that the Methodist Church is trying to do something for her young women and for the University. There are sorority houses, and the State is preparing to build three dormitories for women, but there is a place for the Agnes Moore Hall, and the women of our two Conferences in Oklahoma deserve much credit for establishing and maintaining this "isle of safety" for the young women of the University.

Boarding at the Hall is Miss Mary DeBardeleben, who is supported by the Woman's Council, and who is an instructor in Religious Education in the University. She offers courses which are credited and she sits with the faculty. Although all of her courses are optional, she has good classes and fine interest. The Council has another representative doing similar work in the State Normal at Durant. This kind of work is more or less in the experimental stage, but it is believed that it is needed to supplement the regular University work and will prove to be fruitful.

I was favorably impressed with everything that I saw at the Methodist Dormitory, and believe that we should have similar halls at all of the larger state institutions.—A. C. M.

VISITING AT ST. LUKE'S.

Last Sunday afternoon Dr. Forney Hutchinson drove down to Norman and conveyed me in his car over the splendid hard-surface road to Oklahoma City. Dr. R. E. Goodrich, pastor of First Church, Shreveport, and two of Dr. Hutchinson's fine sons, were congenial companions. Last year a new \$15,000 parsonage had been secured 10 blocks north of the church. Here I enjoyed fellowship and supper with Dr. and Mrs. Hutchinson and the three boys and girl. They are all in fine health.

After a few minutes with the Epworth League, we went to the auditorium. I made a brief announcement about Mt. Sequoyah and then listened to a strong sermon by Dr. Goodrich. It was the thirty-sixth anniversary of the founding of St. Luke's Church and Dr. Goodrich, a former beloved pastor, had preached in the morning in celebrating the event. Dr. I. L. Burrow, first president of Hendrix College, was the first pastor of this great church, which now has some 2,800 members. Two were added that night, making 287 since conference. Dr. Hutchinson does not hesitate to let the folks know that he is from Arkansas. Indeed, he is accused of taking people into his church in three ways, namely, by letter, on profession and "from Arkansas." During the six and a half years of his pastorate Dr. Hutchinson has seen his good church make great progress. Last year an addition, admirably arranged for Sunday School purposes, was built and furnished at a cost of \$50,000, and the new parsonage was secured. The old parsonage still stands in front of the S. S. building, but will be removed when the ground is needed. One of the achievements of St. Luke's is the payment in full of

its adjusted Centenary pledges. It also assists in promoting other church enterprises of the rapidly growing city. There is now in the South End a fine Wesley House. Methodism is in evidence in Oklahoma City.—A. C. M.

AN INSPIRING MEMORIAL.

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are played by the organist. Extra notes were added to the chimes so that the "Star Spangled Banner" might be rendered. In the basement of the auditorium unit is a large room used as an auxiliary auditorium and banquet hall. A completely furnished kitchen is connected with this hall. The floor of the auditorium is covered with cork carpet. The acoustic properties are perfect. The windows, grille, and altar, choir, and rostrum are singularly beautiful and chaste in finish. Everything about the auditorium suggests worship and it is devoted solely to spiritual uses.

The other unit, connected by spacious halls, is devoted to educational and social purposes. It is arranged for a modern departmentalized Sunday School of 1,700. It has lecture rooms, class rooms, offices, gymnasium, rest rooms, and every convenience that can be suggested by Sunday School and social experts. This unit has no basement, but is entered on the street level. The stairways are between the units and the openings afford ample ventilation.

The total cost of this plant is \$650,000. In planning the architect and pastor were given a free hand. Dr. L. S. Barton, a man of big ideas and experience, visited great churches and consulted experts and was able to combine their ideas in such a way as to produce the most beautiful and adequate church building I have ever seen. It is practically impossible to suggest an improvement. Everything is of the best. The 3,600 chairs that are used in the S. S. Unit and social rooms were manufactured in Czecho-Slovakia and have no superiors for the purpose. The location is commanding, at an angle of an avenue leading to the University entrance, three blocks from the University campus and in the best residence district. The parsonage, fit companion for the church, is an elegant \$25,000 brick half a block away. It has every convenience.

When this wonderful church plant was first mentioned, the question arose in many minds, Will it pay? And another question, Can the Norman congregation support it? Will it not be an elephant on the hands of the local congregation? These questions are already answered. Before this enterprise was started, we had a weak, struggling congregation in an insignificant building in an out of the way place. Now the membership approaches 1,000 and the Sunday School enrolls over 750. Then the congregation seldom reached 300. Now they range from 600 to 1,200. Then students were few among the attendants. Now they throng the house, and use it for a multitude of religious and

social activities. It attracts people and creates an atmosphere favorable to worship and religious activity. Norman is growing enormously. Hundreds of new houses have recently been erected. With the opening of the fall session of the University it is probable that the membership will greatly increase and the congregations will tax the capacity of the building. Like the European cathedrals, the McFarlin Memorial Church interests all visitors. Sometimes 300 look through in a single day. When Doctor Barton came to Norman, it was very difficult to finance the struggling church. Now the budget is nearly three times as large and easily raised. In addition to the pastor, there are an assistant pastor, a secretary, paid organist and choir-leader, a matron and her husband who live in the building, and several caretakers. The house is open every day and is used by students and others. It is a bee-hive of activity and a center of the religious life of the city.

I am making no new criticism when I say that the University is not a religious institution, and that, as in all secular schools, there may be some things that work against religion. Consequently when Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin invested more than \$600,000 they not only made a distinct contribution to the church architecture of the South, but they made a large investment in the spiritual life of Oklahoma. Although the University is among the youngest, it is already among the great State Universities. With its group of fine buildings and enrollment of some 4,000 resident students, and the prospect of continued growth, the University of Oklahoma will, by its leadership, dominate the political and social and commercial life of the state. Consequently, the McFarlin Memorial Church will play a large part in forming the moral and spiritual character of the state.

With his commendable personality and wisdom, Dr. Barton, the keen, alert, progressive pastor, holds a place of power and is making himself felt. He is studying the problems of student life and is endeavoring to meet them. Successful in many other notable church enterprises, Dr. Barton is now in the most important and fruitful of all. I predict that he will in this delicate and difficult situation render the largest service of his life.

Last Sunday morning I visited the great Sunday School under the superintendency of Prof. L. L. Logan, lectured to Mrs. Barton's class and addressed the School on Mt. Sequoyah. At eleven I spoke briefly of Mt. Sequoyah, preached, and assisted in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The congregation was large and the occasion was pleasant. The congregation was disappointed because Mr. and Mrs. McFarlin had not been able to come as had originally been expected.

I was delightfully entertained by Dr. and Mrs. Barton at the comfortable parsonage, had luncheon three times at the Agnes Moore Hall, and left Norman feeling well repaid for my visit, and well pleased with the work that our church is doing.—A. C. M.

love in their hearts fail. It grew, if possible, as the years passed. This angel said: "There can be nothing more beautiful in all the world than motherlove." And so he took back with him to heaven a host of mothers. When he got there it was found that during all the long, weary years, with all the cares, all the sacrifices, all the suffering and sorrow, motherlove had grown more tender and more beautiful and more sacred, until it was finally made perfect in the atmosphere of heaven itself. Muskogee, Oklahoma.

MEETING OF GENERAL HOSPITAL BOARD IN ATLANTA.

By Chas. C. Jarrell, General Secretary
The General Hospital Board has entered the third year of its history. The annual meeting was held in the general offices of the Board in Atlanta, April 22. Bishop Candler was in the chair, giving his great brain and mature personality to guide and advance this new but rapidly expanding work of the Church.

The report on the Golden Cross showed \$46,091.70 raised between February 11, 1924, and March 31, 1925, a very substantial increase over previous years.

The Montgomery Memorial Hospital has prospered greatly in its first three months, being full of patients practically all the time. Plans were made to increase its capacity, to erect a nurses' home and a central heating plant. Dr. Brandon reported bright prospects for the success of the \$200,000 campaign in Alabama for the hospital.

The Good Samaritan Hospital of Lexington, Ky. was accepted by the Board and thus becomes the property of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. This is a well-built "A" grade hospital of 125 bed capacity and beautifully located on a four-acre campus adjoining the State University. The institution is valued at \$250,000 and is probably worth more than that.

A new hospital is being planned for Huntington, W. Va. The deeds to the five-acre site (of the hospital) are now being drawn and the city will soon put on a campaign to raise \$200,000 for the buildings.

Another offer was before the Board involving several hundred thousand dollars, but this proposition was referred to the Executive Committee for final action.

The new Methodist Hospital at Memphis has done well in its first six months; and the Houston Methodist Hospital has just about finished its first year—and a successful year it has been. The Hattiesburg Methodist Hospital is planning to put up a new building. The new Methodist Hospitals at Fort Worth and Dallas are rising to completion. Solid prospects are appearing in other cities and our Church will at no distant day have a score of great hospitals, seeking to obey the Master's command to heal the sick. The Church has now upwards of six million dollars invested in hospitals.

GREAT REMMEL DAM WAS NEW YEAR'S PRESENT TO ARKANSAS

"To the modern Moses, who smote the granite banks of the Ouachita with the magic of his will and bade light, and heat, and power come forth, to Harvey Couch, the wizard of super-power in Arkansas."

This toast was pledged at the informal banquet in Hot Springs, in the sparkling water his great genius had harnessed to do the bidding of man. The dedication of Rummel Hydro-Electric Station on the Ouachita, near Malvern, on December 31, 1924, was an epoch already in the history of Arkansas. It ushered in a new era, of super-power. It will prove the "Open Sesame" that will unlock storehouses of treasure of which we have little dreamed. Its dynamic potentiality has always been latent, but it remained for Harvey Couch to seize the opportunity others had neglected.

It was Woodrow Wilson who said,

"No man who has not vision can expect to realize high ambitions or undertake high enterprises." And Harvey Couch possessed a vision in a superlative degree. Even now, with the first unit of his project completed, he can look much further into the future than the ordinary man and like the poet envision the wonders yet to be seen. The possibilities are limitless, the prospect amazing in its extent.

The Rummel Dam, first unit of the Arkansas Light & Power Company system, is the first completed major of the kind in Arkansas. But there will be many more. Hydro-electric power for domestic and industrial purposes in Arkansas has been a theory but now it is a fact. Two other units are to be constructed above the Rummel, the three with the ultimate development of 125,000 horse power and costing the staggering sum of \$18,000,000. Even the first unit with only 24,000 horse power has cost \$1,600,000. The lakes or reservoirs created by these dams will cover a total area of 1,588 square miles and have a total length of 70 miles.

Here are some interesting figures about the project: Rummel Dam—cost, \$1,600,000; capacity, 24,000 horse power; length, 900 feet; height above sea level, 250 feet; height, 75 feet; area flooded, 3,000 acres; drainage area, 1,498 square miles.

Blanco Springs Dam—Length, 1,000 feet; height, 100 feet; drainage area, 1,127 miles; lake area, 46 square miles; height of surface above sea level, 565 feet.

So much for the physical features.

The company's high transmission lines are already tied up with 56 cities and towns of Arkansas. It is a development that has come almost overnight. The Rummel Hydro-Electric Station is sufficient to supply power for these stations almost at their peak load. When this is multiplied by six, and the auxiliary steam plant considered, it can be readily seen that the era of super-power for the development is already here. Twenty years ago North Carolina was a bankrupt State of the Union. Now it is the third industrial State of the Union because it has developed its hydro-electric facilities and encouraged outside capital to come into the State.

The Ouachita project is only one link in the great chain of super-power plants Harvey Couch contemplates. He would harness the White and Red rivers as well in building a great 100,000 horse power generating plant in the natural gas fields near Monroe, Louisiana, and finally connect up with Muscle Shoals in Alabama. Is it too fulsome to hail him as the Master Builder? Already he is serving one-third the population of Arkansas in 56 towns in 18 counties, by 800 miles of transmission lines. And it is only on the threshold.—Clio Harper in Arkansas Utility News.

TORNADOES

A tornado is a very intense, progressive whirl, of small diameter, with inflowing winds which increase tremendously in velocity as they near the center and develop there a whirling ascensional movement whose violence exceeds that of any other known storm. From the violently agitated main cloud mass above there usually hangs a writhing funnel-shaped cloud, swinging to and fro, rising and descending. With a frightful roar comes the whirl out of the dark, angry, often lurid west or southwest, advancing almost always in an easterly direction with the speed of a fast train; its wind velocities exceed 100, 200, and probably sometimes 300 or more miles an hour; its path usually less than a quarter of a mile wide; its whole life a matter of perhaps an hour or so. It is as ephemeral as it is intense. In semi-darkness, accompanied or closely followed by heavy rain, usually also with lightning and thunder, the tornado does its deadly work. Almost in an instant all is over. The hopeless wrecks

of buildings and the dead and injured lie on the ground in a wild tangle of confusion. The tornado has passed by. It is spinning away toward the east, to carry destruction to other peaceful towns and scattering farmhouses in its path.

The central low pressure "core" of the tornado is surrounded by radially inflowing winds of moderate strength, and then, closer to the center, by spiraling and ascending winds of terrific violence, strong enough to crush and wreck the strongest buildings; rushing aloft with sufficient velocity to carry objects so heavy that for the wind to lift them seems incredible. The surface winds which take part in the general inflow and ascent are chiefly responsible for the damage and loss of life. There is, however, an additional factor. The central core, by reason of the violent spiraling winds which surround it, develops a very low pressure at the middle of the whirl. This low pressure, in its turn, exerts a powerful suction or explosive effect upon any near-by air at ordinary pressures within buildings or in any other more or less well-inclosed spaces. This curious explosive effect accounts for many so-called tornado "freaks." If we add to these general conditions the further facts of the varying intensity of the tornado, the ascent and descent of its funnel cloud, and the fluctuating velocity of its winds, we no longer find it difficult to believe the many remarkable stories of the destruction wrought by these storms. Carts, barn doors, cattle, human beings, are carried through the air, whirled aloft, and dashed to the ground, or they may be dropped gently at considerable distances from the places where they were picked up. Beams are driven into the ground. Nails are forced head first into boards. Cornstalks are driven through doors. Harness is stripped from horses. Clothing is torn from human beings. In one place destruction may be complete. A few feet away the lightest object may be wholly undisturbed.

Property damage and loss of life due to tornadoes varies greatly from year to year, depending upon the "accidental" passage of these disturbances through well-populated or through sparsely settled districts. A group of over sixty tornadoes in the Southern States on February 19, 1884, resulted in the death of 800 people. In addition, 2,500 were wounded. In half an hour the St. Louis tornado of May 27, 1896, destroyed property to the amount of \$10,000,000 in St. Louis alone. The loss of life in that disaster was 306.

The real home of the tornado is the great lowlands east and west of the central and upper Mississippi and of the lower Missouri Valleys. Tornadoes are special and local developments in connection with severe thunderstorms during warm spells of late winter, spring and early summer. In the large majority of cases they are born in a great flow of warm, damp southerly winds from the Gulf of Mexico which are blowing northward over the Mississippi lowlands toward a well-defined low-pressure area passing by on the north, a few hundred miles away. Under typical conditions, the western flank of these southerly winds is attacked by a great flow of strong colder and drier winds from the northwest. Between these two contrasted air movements lies what meteorologists call a "wind-shift line." This is inevitably a zone of great turbulence, the colder and heavier air underrunning and lifting up the warmer. Here are ideal conditions for breeding thunderstorms and, fortunately much less often, tornadoes. The central lowland of the United States is favorable for the development of these violent local storms because it is freely open to the warm winds from the Gulf of Mexico, as well as to the flow of great masses of colder air from the Northwestern plains and from Canada, and because, in addition, it is crossed by general storms whose pressure distribution is all too often just what is

needed to bring these two contrasted air movements into juxtaposition.

The protection of human life in tornadoes is a very vital question over large areas in the United States. It is certain that no buildings, certainly none of any practical use, can be constructed which are sure to resist the full attack of a violent tornado, in spite of what builders and architects may urge to the contrary. Underground "dugouts" or "tornado cellars" have over and over again demonstrated their value in saving human life. But people cannot spend their lives underground. Fear of tornadoes is inevitable, especially after the recent terrible disaster in Illinois and the adjacent States, but unnecessary fear, harassing millions of people many days each year, is most regrettable. In spite of what has so recently happened, it should comfort those whose homes are in the "tornado belt" to know that Professor M. W. Harrington, formerly Chief of the Weather Bureau, wrote as follows: "Those who live in the region affected may calm themselves with the reflection that, taken altogether, there is not one chance in a million, though they lived one hundred years, that they will be injured by a tornado."

And the late Professor Cleveland Abbe, after a study of tornado statistics, concluded that even in the tornado States the probability of loss of life and property by tornadoes is less than that by fire and lightning. —R. D. Ward in The Outlook.

If you let evil thoughts come into your minds, you will soon speak evil words, and then it will not be long until you do evil things.

FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE

Mrs. Bradford Recommends Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

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MY PRAYER.

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Always keep me, blessed Savior,
Near thy wounded side;
Help me all my sins surrender
To the Christ who died.

Bless and keep me, precious Savior,
Always close to thee;
Help me always to remember
Thou didst die for me.

May I never stray, dear Savior,
From the narrow way;
Guide my thoughts, my words, and
actions,
Every passing day.—Mrs. Scott
Keller in Religious Telescope.

THE LAW—OUR SCHOOLMASTER.

The law was our schoolmaster to
bring us into Christ.—Gal. 3. 24.

The story is told of a village pastor in a foreign country who was training a class in the catechism and the Commandments. He said: "Now, Victor, you recite the fifth commandment."

"Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee."

"Now, Richard, you say it."

"Thou shalt not work on the Sabbath day. Thou shalt not covet. Thou shalt not—"

"No, no! Do as you are commanded. What is it?"

"Thou shalt not steal."

"Did ever I see such a stupid boy in my life! Sit down. I will see you after class again."

The boy buried his face in his hands and burst into tears.

After class was dismissed the pastor went to see the boy's mother, who lived outside the village in the forest in a wood-cutter's hut. The pastor knocked but received no answer. As he opened the door he heard a faint voice. He entered the house, pushed open the door to a chamber, and there lay the mother, very ill, on her bed. He said, "How long have you been sick?" "Two weeks," was the answer. "The doctor says I need blood, but all I can get is coffee. My husband is chopping in the forest. All he earns he spends at the tavern. My eldest daughter does not care for her mother; she works in the mill in the nearest city. She does not come to see me when she is working there."

"Where is your second daughter?"

"I am ashamed to speak about her."

"Who takes care of you?"

"Little Richard. I would die if it were not for little Richard. He gets up at four o'clock, cuts grass for the cow, and milks the cow. When he has prepared breakfast for me he washes the dishes; after school he comes home and gets dinner, then he goes out and gathers rosin from the trees and sells it; sometimes he makes twenty cents a day. If it were not for Richard I should die."

Yet little Richard could not tell one commandment from another. The two girls had stood at the head of their classes; they learned the catechism and the Commandments, but neither one cared for the stricken mother.

Ah! have you Jesus in your intellect when you ought to have him in your spirit? Through the few bare thoughts the boy had mastered, with trembling fingers and weak intellect he had come into the spirit of Christ. He could not tell one commandment from another, but he could live them all. It is vastly easier to memorize all than to live any one of them. The Christian life is not a question of intellect, not a question of emotions, it is the life of Jesus Christ bringing the very life of God in the innermost parts of a man's inner life.

The pastor's eyes were opened, He

called Richard to him. The little fellow drew back frightened. The pastor said, "I must apologize to you for my stupidity. I thought you did not know the catechism and the Commandments. I did not know the truth. It is vastly better to live the Commandments than to memorize them. I am sorry I misjudged you, my boy."

The humble pastor saw a great truth. It is far better to live the law than to memorize it, to have it in your heart than in your head. The law was a schoolmaster that took the little lad by the hand and led him to Christ.

We cannot live the Commandments unaided, unhelped. What the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, did. The law is a failure for us unless it lead us toward Christ—to the Christ.

"Father, I stretch my hands to thee,

No other help I know."—Elmer E. Helms in California Christian Advocate.

THE BLESSING OF THE CLOSED DOOR

There is a great philanthropy for the blind in London, known as St. Dunstan's. Through its doors thousands of blinded soldiers have passed to lives of real usefulness. In all sorts of ways these maimed men are earning a living, as poultry farmers, as shoemakers, as masseurs, as typists—to name but a few of their occupations. Sir Arthur Pearson, who founded the now famous hospital, said that he pictured the men blinded in war, after their discharge returning to their homes and slipping into hopeless and useless lives. He set to work to establish a hostel where blind men could be taught to regard blindness as a handicap rather than as an affliction, and where they could be inspired with the idea of conquering blindness. His aim was not to pity them, but to help them to escape from that passive half life that seemed so commonly accepted as inevitable. He succeeded. His hostel radiated hope and good cheer. The blind ceased to be either helpless or hopeless and thousands bless the day they entered the doors of St. Dunstan's. For St. Dunstan's saved them from the terrible specters of despair. The most remarkable fact about St. Dunstan's is that it was itself the achievement of a man struck down with blindness in the middle of his career. He was in the heyday of his success as publisher and newspaper owner, when blindness overtook him. He retired from business. But, instead of succumbing under the blow, he made blindness a new opportunity. Through that closed door he entered on the distinctive service of his life. The work by which he will be remembered, he did not begin until after he was forty-six years of age.

It is amazing how often that sort of thing happens in life. The closed door proves a new opening. If men have ears to hear, in the day of their calamity, a still small voice is saying to them, Behold I have set before thee an open door. When all the facts seem to point to the contrary, insight recognizes the new opportunity.

Few writers of our day have had a more wholesome or healing influence than the one who writes as David Grayson. I have heard all sorts of people tell of the blessing they have found in his books. I know a rich man who prizes "The Friendly Road" more than most books. And only a few days ago a really "brainy" preacher spoke to me of the deep debt he owes to Grayson. It is no small thing to live in close touch with Nature, to catch something of "the beauty of her peace" and then pass on the gifts to others, through the sacrament of the written word. Not a few are the richer for this writer's word. He has led many into a spacious inheritance. They are less conscious of poverty, having realized, through him, something of their

"Great Possessions." Grayson has done a bit of real and distinctive service. His case also is a romance of closed doors. His books, like Pearson's hospital, are the outcome of a so-called "calamity." There came a day when Grayson was struck down. Up to that day he was, he tells us, just a hustling American, ever hastening forward to the thing vaguely called "success." Intent on the things in front, he seldom looked up or down. He had no time to look on the beauty of the earth or on the beauty of the sky.

For quite a while he lay near death. As he slowly recovered, the doctor forbade any return to the old life. He had to begin again, quietly, off the great highways. At first he says all seemed lost. Then slowly his eyes opened to new treasures. Until then he had never known the world had height or color or sweet sounds, or that there was feeling in a hillside. The day of disaster was thus the day of his emancipation and his enriching. He has since then gathered the treasures of his fields and woods and shared them with his readers and found distinctive service. But it was not the life he planned. He came to it only through a closed door.

Such is the possibility. We never know what may be happening beneath the mysterious dealings of life. More gracious things than we dream of may be afoot—things altogether better and brighter than our fears. The disappointment that seems final may prove to be an open way. Even after some door is closed on us, to see the shimmering possibilities, to believe that some worth-while life service may then have its beginnings, is the first step to turning our losses into gains and our disappointments into divine appointments.—F. C. Hogarth in Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

I BELIEVE

Life has no higher treasure than a clear and commanding faith. There is no higher moment than that in which the man of vision and courage stands up and says, "I believe." That is not true of all believing. Belief may be simply blind assent to what others say. It may shut its eyes to the truth and cling to a dream. It may be mere opinion, without power over heart and life. But faith at its best moves on another level. It looks open-eyed at the world and fears no truth. It knows the world of things that seems to show no spirit, the world of nature moving like a machine, that world of evil that would deny the good. But it has come to know another world, the world of love and righteousness, of beauty and truth, the world of the spirit. It calls that world the Good, or God. It dares to believe not only that this Good is real, but that it is supreme; that Goodness and power are one. In that faith it sees the meaning of its own life and of all life; and so it gives itself in heart and will as it has in thought, and stakes its life on this conviction. This is what Lowell meant by

that grand credo

Which in prophet's hearts has burned

Since the first man stood, God-con-

quered,

With his face to heaven upturned.

—Dr. Harris F. Rall, in "I Believe."

A PRAYER

O God, Source of all things, Fountain of all life, Father of our own spirits, we give Thee homage and praise, adoration and worship. Thou art speaking to us through nature, through reborn human nature, particularly through those holy men of old who spake as Thou didst give them utterance. We yield ourselves to Thee. Thou art flooding us with light and grace through Thy Son, who began to do and to teach in the glorious Incarnation, and now in history Thou art writing in large letters Thy messages of love and redemption. Open our eyes, O Jesus Christ, Amen.

—Author Unknown.

FOR YOUTH.

DID TOBACCO KILL WALTER CAMP?

By Will H. Brown.

Walter Camp was one of few noted athletes who smoked, and he died far too young. Al. Williams, the "Keep Fit" writer for the San Francisco Bulletin, in an article on Camp's death said: "Sixty-six years is an early age to die." Camp was the originator of the "Daily Dozen" exercises. Friends who saw him in New York City shortly before he retired to his room for the last time, on March 13, 1925, said he seemed in his usual good health. He was found dead in his room the next morning. Heart disease, the thing that takes off so many smokers was the cause of Camp's death.

Al. Williams, the writer referred to above, wrote that he had seen Camp for the first time just a few months before, and that he smoked several cigarettes, one after another, adding: "I was disappointed at seeing a great athlete and coach smoking, because physical fitness and physical exercise do not combine with smoking. Smoking is very unnatural to the human body, and the harm derived from it to this day is much minimized. I believe that a time will come, NOT FAR DISTANT, when smoking will be on the same basis that whisky is today. IT WILL BE PROHIBITED. I am not a fanatic about smoking, but I cannot see where inhaling nicotine, which is deadly poison, can do any good to the cells of the lungs, which sustain your very life. Many a man, while enjoying a good smoke, is undermining the very source of life, because AIR IS LIFE, and anything detrimental mixed with it is bound to affect your own body."

Walter Camp was a graduate of Yale, and for many years football coach, holding the position of advisory football coach at Yale at the time of his death. He should have lived many years longer. Evidently tobacco knows no favorites.

THE PLACE OF THE PIG IN HISTORY

By George Cleaton Wilding.

We have been accustomed to think of his pigship as a very lowly member of society, and yet we find that he has played a rather prominent part in history.

The first two of these pig stories I clipped from the Methodist Protestant of Baltimore, written by Rev. C. M. Elderdice, in the Outlook Department; the third is from the nib of my old stub pen, and an overflow from my memory of the long ago.

The fact that every vote counts is brought out very clearly by an interesting situation in a recent election at Indianapolis where, out of a total of 1,200,000 ballots cast, Judge B. M. Willoughby, Republican, was re-elected to the important position of the State Supreme Court over George K. Denton, his Democratic opponent, by barely one vote. The vote was as follows:

Willoughby, 601,861; Denton, 601,860.

We were reminded of the fact in history, that in 1811, a Rhode Island farmer took the time to release a pig from a fence, and arrived at the polls too late to get in his vote. His party, the Federals, lost that precinct by just one vote. As a result, a representative was elected to the State Legislature who favored war with Great Britain. The Legislature, in turn, elected by a majority of one, a United States Senator who favored war. Then Congress, by a majority of one, declared war. So came about the war of 1812, all on account of a pig.

And here is another story that by far surpasses that Rhode Island incident. Countess Catherine Karolyi, of Hungary, in a recent lecture in New York, made the astonishing statement that pigs were one of the contributing causes of the late great World War. Her statement is as fol-

lows.

"There is one economic aspect between Serbia and Hungary which is little known in this country. It has to do with pigs. Before the war pig raising was one of the big industries of the Hungarian land-owners. It was also the chief industry of Serbia. The interests of these two nations clashed. The Hungarian land-owner had to be protected. He succeeded in getting a duty on the importation of pigs. This did not help to keep up friendly relations with Serbia. It was, in reality, one of the reasons why the Hungarian aristocracy declared war. 'We are lucky to have chosen war instead of diplomacy because of our pigs,' said the aristocracy. And so the World War, with all of its atrocities and its dreadful harvest of death, was brought about, in a measure, by pigs."

If the Countess had said "hogs" instead of pigs, many of us would heartily agree with her. We are pleased to know that these hogs are now penned up.

Almost a hundred years ago there was a stiff dispute between our country and Great Britain as to where the northern boundary of the United States on the Pacific Coast should be fixed. Your old-time readers will remember that old American war-cry of "Fifty-four-forty or fight," as the line of cleavage between these countries.

Just south of that line there was a group of valuable islands. Of course both countries wanted these islands, and contended for them. A little creek entered the Pacific through this contested territory. Back in the fifties, each country had a company of soldiers there, the British on the north bank of this narrow stream, and the Americans on the south bank. And they stood guard on their respective sides and passed pleasant remarks, but jealously watched each other.

Some of the American soldiers had planted gardens in that fertile and productive soil, and were enjoying the toothsome vegetables raised therein. On the other side of the creek some of the British soldiers raised pigs. Some of these pigs were of an exploring turn of mind, would swim across that bit of a stream and investigate those tempting American gardens with impudent snouts.

The owners of these American gardens were naturally incensed, not to say enraged, at the devastation wrought in their fair and beloved gardens by these raiding British pigs; and they shouted across the stream, in no choice language, to those British marines, just how they felt about it. The placid disciples of John Bull simply smiled. The eager pigs of course repeated their raid into these luscious gardens. The Americans drove them back to their homes, and informed the Britons that if their pigs crossed again they would kill them. The British dared them to do this, and the fat was in the fire.

The next day one of these roving pigs swam the creek and began ravaging one of those rich gardens. The owner of the garden caught him at his mischief, ran and got his gun, and

drove the bayonet through the offending pig and that was the end of his pigship. Two of the American soldiers picked up the slaughtered pig and with a swing and a heave they landed the carcass on the British side of the little stream.

The officer in command on that side was the owner of the defunct pig. He was highly indignant at the liberty these Americans had taken with his pig. He called out his company of warriors and lined them up along the bank of the narrow creek. The commander on the American side was absent at this time, but a daring young lieutenant at once took command and lined up his men on the creek bank.

For some time they stood there in battle array and glared at each other, but not a word was spoken. Neither side made any aggressive move. The firing of a gun would have led to a battle, and in all probability this battle would have resulted in a war between these two great nations for the possession of this territory. And it would have been brought on by a pig.

Fortunately just at this critical juncture, the American commander arrived on the scene of action and took in the situation. He raised a flag of truce, held a conference with the British commander, paid for the pig and the war ended, and peace was restored.

The American commander later became General Hardee, the author of that famous military book called "Hardee's Tactics," used so extensively during the War of the Sixties. That peppery young American lieutenant became the famous Confederate cavalry leader, General Nat. Pickett, who led that thrilling cavalry charge at Gettysburg, that almost turned the tide of battle their way. After the fall of Richmond, President Lincoln visited Pickett's widow in that city to express his sorrow and sympathy over the death of her gallant young husband. A visit that this dear woman never forgot. This great President had known Nat. Pickett before the war, and loved him dearly.

PUT FIRST THINGS FIRST

Put God before men, and men before money.

Put Christ before the church, and the church before the club.

Put the spiritual before the material, and the eternal before the temporal.

Put humanity's weal before the denomination's glory.

Put God's word before men's opinions, and put Christ before creed.

Put prayer before pleasure, put the Savior before the Teacher.

Seek to build a church, rather than to build a congregation.

Seek not place and power, but a passion to win men.

Walk more by faith and trust, and less by sight and reason.

Covet God's grace, rather than man's glory.

Be a man first, and then a minister.

Work to make a worthy life, rather than a comfortable living.

Seek to save men, rather than to please men.

Win men to Christ, rather than bind them to self.

Live to give, rather than to get.

Strive to be good, rather than to be great.

Seek to be holy, rather than to be happy.

Put into your work more of God, and less of self.

Feed your soul as regularly and as generously as your body.

Live for others here, rather than for heaven hereafter.—A. C. Bane in California Christian Advocate.

I will govern my life and my thoughts as if the whole world were to see the one and to read the other; for what does it signify to make anything a secret to my neighbor, when to God (who is the searcher of our hearts) all our privacies are open?—Seneca.

FOR CHILDREN.

THE DANCE

The toys that fill the birthday shop

All dance about my bed;

The train of cars, the drum, the top,

The hockey skates and sled.

They twist and turn and spring and bump

With such a jolly clatter

I wonder mother doesn't jump

To find out what's the matter.

My hands are full, my bed is piled.—

Then I wake up and stare

And rub my eyes: it makes me wild

To find there's nothing there.—

Gamaliel Bradford in Youth's Companion.

AN EDUCATED PIG

When I was a child, writes a contributor, we lived in the country and sometimes kept a pig. One pig I remember made a name for himself.

His pen was four feet by eight, divided in the middle by a ten-inch plank; the back part was filled with straw for his bed. Across one end was a narrow door hinged at the top, and under it was a wooden pail for his food. The pail was seldom in place, for he would root it all round. We would have to take a stick and pull it up to the door. The pig tried to help, and finally we let him work alone. He kept at it until he was able to put the pail into place. Sometimes it would be tipped over, and sometimes it would be bottom side up.

One day when father went to feed the pig he found the pail over in the bed. He got a long pole and tried to reach it, but the pig insisted on lying on the pole. Finally father said: "Well, bring it yourself if you want your dinner!"

After some time the pig succeeded in getting the pail over the ten-inch plank and to the door. Then he looked up as if to say, "Here it is." But the pail was turned over. When father told him to turn it right side up he put his nose inside and worked until he turned it over.

After that it became a regular thing for him to get his pail, and of course feeding the pig was great fun, especially when the neighbors came to watch.—Youth's Companion.

A STORY OF BEAUTIFUL HANDS

When I was a child, the schools of my county, in Tennessee, used McGuffey's Readers, a series now published by the American Book Company. This series was noted for its splendid stories, each one pointing to a moral. The following story, entitled "Beautiful Hands," is quoted from the Third Reader:

"O Miss Roberts, what coarse-looking hands Mary Jessup has!" said Daisy Marvin as she walked home from school with her teacher.

"In my opinion, Daisy, Mary's hands are the prettiest in the class."

"Why, Miss Roberts, they are as red and hard as they can be. How they would look if she were to try to play the piano!" exclaimed Daisy.

Miss Roberts took Daisy's hand in hers, and said: "Your hands are very soft and white, Daisy—just the hands to look beautiful on a piano; yet they lack one beauty that Mary's hands have. Shall I tell you what the difference is?"

"Yes, please, Miss Roberts."

"Well, Daisy, Mary's hands are always busy. They wash dishes; they make fires; they hang out cloths, and help to wash them, too; they sweep, and dust and sew; they are always trying to help her poor, hard-working mother."

"Besides, they wash and dress the children; they mend their toys and dress their dolls; yet they find time to bathe the head of the little girl who is so sick in the next house to theirs."

"They are full of good deeds to every living thing. I have seen them patting the tired horse and the lame dog in the street. They are always ready to help those who need help."

"I shall never think Mary's hands

are ugly any more, Miss Roberts."

"I am glad to hear you say that, Daisy, and I must tell you that they are beautiful because they do their work gladly and cheerfully."

"O, Miss Roberts I feel so ashamed of myself and so sorry," said Daisy, looking into her teacher's face with tearful eyes.

"Then my dear show your sorrow by deeds of kindness. The good alone are really beautiful."—Gospel Advocate.

MOLLY'S PLAN.

"When I get big I'm going to be a famous general," said Ted, marching up and down the room in his little soldier suit. "I'll go out to war and help anybody that is in trouble."

"And I'll be a nurse and take care of the wounded soldiers," said Dora, pinning a piece of red flannel on her arm to look like the cross worn by a nurse she had seen a few days before.

"I'll be a great doctor and help the sick soldier, too," said Herbert. "I guess that's about as nice as winning battles. Dr. Graves wears a sword, too."

"Children," called mamma from the kitchen, "which one of you will run to the grocery for butter for my cake?"

"You go, Molly," said Ted and Dora together. "You don't mind doing errands."

So the little girl ran off with her basket, and the talk in the sitting-room went back to what the children would be when they all had to play indoors; so Herbert and Addie had come over to visit their cousins and have a good time together.

Just the week before the children had seen a great parade of soldiers, so their minds were taken up with the swords and uniforms and gold braid.

"Mamma, which one has the best plan?" asked Ted when the cake was finished and they all sat together in the sitting-room. "Addie wants to be a great singer, and all the rest of us but Molly are going to war to help people. Molly says she is going to stay at home and help you always, so tell us which has the best plan."

There was a queer little light in Mrs. Kile's eyes as she took the baby on her knee and said: "I think I'll let you decide which is best. While I was baking cake I noticed that the Red Cross nurse was too busy to untangle baby's foot when he caught it in the rug, and the famous general never saw the puppy upset him in his rough play. You know this general said he would help any one in trouble when he grew up, so the baby called loudly for aid. The general marched right past without ever noticing him, and the doctor stepped on his fingers as the army retreated. After that the famous singer was too busy to sing 'ock-a-by' for the baby, and he had a hard time generally."

"You left out Molly," said Dora when her mother paused for a few moments. "You didn't say anything about her."

"I thought you all knew what Molly did," said Mrs. Kile. "She picked up the poor baby and put medicine on his bruised fingers, she ran several errands, and then had time to sing 'Rock-a-by' for this little man. You see, she is working at her plan right now, instead of waiting till she gets big."

"Molly's plan is the best!" cried all the children together. "We'll try to begin now, too."—The Herald and Presbyterian.

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"Almighty God, thine influence shed,
To aid this blest design;
The honor of thy name be spread,
And all the glory thine."
—Joseph Strapphan

OUR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER CONFERENCES.

L. R. Conf. W. M. S., Henderson-Brown College, June 8-13.
N. Ark Conf. W. M. S., Petit Jean Camp, July 27-August 1.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM NASHVILLE, TENN.

Stamps will not be received in payment for supplies at Literature Headquarters after June 1, 1925.

The banks and stores of Nashville refuse to redeem them, consequently all stamps are a loss to the department.

After June 1, 1925 stamps in payment for orders will be returned.—Estelle Haskin, Secretary.

L. R. CONF. ANNUAL MEETING AT EL DORADO REPORT

The Committee on Extension of work urges the following:

1. A hearty co-operation in the membership contest.
2. Loyal assistance to the District secretaries in organizing missionary societies in every circuit.
3. A continued interest in the Gibson Auxiliary.
4. Greater emphasis on well-prepared programs for the missionary meeting.
5. A delegate from every auxiliary to the Summer School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.—Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, Chairman.

N. ARK. CONF. ANNUAL MEETING AT FT. SMITH.

The twelfth annual session of W. M. S. of North Arkansas Conference met at Ft. Smith April 7-10. From the opening session Tuesday afternoon to the closing number Friday afternoon the program was full of good things pertaining to the Kingdom.

The general theme for the year at both Council and Conference "The Christian Way of Life" was dominant in addresses and devotional services.

Mrs. J. W. Downs, administrative secretary of the Western division was with us and an ever ready help in each session. She conducted Workers' Forum, led in the discussion of the Bennett Memorial Fund, Rural Work and Mt. Sequoyah's Woman's Building and gave an address in the general work of the Council.

Rev. A. N. Evans, pastor-host, gave the opening message Tuesday to the women of the Conference. He is always fine. He and Mrs. Evans aided much in the success of the meeting.

Rev. F. M. Tolleson, Presiding Elder of Ft. Smith District and long time friend of the women's work, administered the Sacrament and added inspiration to the sessions.

Dr. Paul Kern, dean of S. M. U., Dallas, Texas, each afternoon at 3 o'clock delivered a masterly address on the character of God, and the Missionary enterprise that had its origin in the heart of God. It is always a benediction to listen to this scholarly leader of our church.

Every officer and district secretary was present and gave an account of a year well spent in the services of the Master.

Wednesday evening the report of the great Washington Convention was given by Mrs. R. A. Dowdy and Mrs. S. G. Smith who were delegates to this meeting. Each reviewed some feature of this the most notable gathering held in this generation.

Thursday evening was Young People's session in which Miss Mary Fuller, Conference Y. P.'s superintendent, presided. She presented an impersonation of our Foreign Missionary girls, Miss Alice Furry, Miss Jessie Moore, Miss Cornelia Crozier and Miss Pearle McCain.

Also the Juniors and Young People in pageant and song. The Ring of Rama Krishniah was beautifully given by Young People of Ft. Smith, directed by Miss Margaret Montague.

The Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah was given a large place in the program. Satisfactory progress reported.

From the first arrival at Ft. Smith, the city beautiful of Arkansas, the women were delighted. The cordial reception, the hospitable homes, the beautiful drives, splendid luncheons, and countless other courtesies extended the conference made this meeting one of the most memorable in our history. We have no better church or finer people than those of Ft. Smith. May the Peace of God abide with them.—Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Conf. Cor. Sec.

SUMMER CONFERENCE OF LITTLE ROCK CONF. W. M. S.

The program committee has perfected all plans for the Summer Conference at Henderson-Brown College, June 8-13, and it bids fair to be the most interesting meeting ever held there.

We are very, very fortunate in having with us for the entire time, our new Field Secretary, Miss Bess Combs, who has been a missionary in China for several years. She is said to be one of the finest speakers in our entire woman's department, and we expect great things from her work with the girls.

We are also mighty glad to announce for a positive fact that Miss Catherine Cobb, daughter of our Council Supt. Y. P. M. S., will be with us and have charge of Mission Study. Such an attractive consecrated young woman can have much influence for good with our young girls. Mrs. J. M. Workman, vice-president, will conduct our daily Bible Hour, and those who know of Mrs. Workman in this particular line of work, know that we may expect a real treat each morning.

Other conference officers who will add much to our program will be Mrs. E. R. Steel, president; Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, corresponding secretary; Mrs. S. W. C. Smith, treasurer; Mrs. F. M. Williams, historian, and Mrs. Geo. Hughes, secretary Arkadelphia District.

Mrs. R. M. Briant, secretary Prescott District, will have charge of the Memorial hour to Mrs. C. F. Elza, our beloved late president.

Rev. E. R. Steel will deliver the annual "Call to Service."—Mrs. J. G. Moore, Supt. Y. P.

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

Mrs E. F. Ellis sends the following condensed report of Mrs. J. H. Zellner, Superintendent of Supplies, read at the annual meeting at Ft. Smith, Arkansas.

The total amount of money given for supplies this year in the North Arkansas Conference is \$3,341.98. This has been sent as requested by the auxiliaries to needy preachers in active ministry, to supernumeraries, or to the Methodist Orphanage.

Of the above amount, Batesville District contributed \$563.45; Booneville District \$7.00; Conway District \$311.05; Fayetteville District \$220.10; Ft. Smith District \$684.75; Helena District \$1,093.58; Jonesboro District

\$227.25; Paragould District \$176.80; Searcy District \$63.00.

PARKIN AUXILIARY.

At the close of the first quarter for 1925 our Auxiliary can truthfully say, well done. The officers and members have co-operated to the fullest extent and splendid work has been accomplished.

Mrs. R. W. Minnie has made the study class very interesting. We have finished, "Adventures in Brotherhood," and are taking up "Studies in Prophecy."

Mrs. J. H. Ray Supt. of Juniors, and Mrs. J. O. Baker Supt., of Young People have entered into their work with zeal and expect to make this a great year in these departments.

Mrs. Ed Pierce is especially interested in her baby division and has had two meetings of which she is justly proud.

Mrs. M. D. Baker, Supt. of Social Service has started a new work with the negroes, and her prospects are exceedingly bright for the year's work.

Mrs. Roy Coldren, Supt. of Local Work has kept us supplied with funds and our obligations were faithfully met.

Altogether we feel like this is to be one of our banner years, if God will continue to bless us in our little part of this great task, so that we may do better and more extensive work, than ever before for him.—Mrs. I. R. Dye, Supt. Publicity.

ANNUAL MEETING W. M. S. N. ARK. CONFERENCE

Some of the outstanding features of the recent meeting in Ft. Smith were the three strong addresses in the afternoon by Dr. P. B. Kern of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, and the sermon Tuesday evening on the "Best in Life" by Rev. A. N. Evans, pastor First Church.

Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, who attended the Inter Denominational Foreign Missionary Convention in Washington, D. C., as a representative from the Conference, gave a very enthusiastic report of this convention, saying it was the greatest ever held in this country.

The speakers chosen were from those of world experience and outlook.

One hundred boards were represented with five thousand delegates. The three compelling themes—"The Gospel for the Whole World," "Present World Situation," "Christ, the Solution of the problems of the world."

The conference was pleased to have Mrs. J. W. Downs of the Council, who with her wise counsels and addresses added inspiration to the meeting.

The presence of the several pastors was much appreciated, as also were Dr. A. C. Millar, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, Rev. L. H. Estes, Methodist Hospital, Memphis; Rev. H. H. Griffin, Financial Agent Galloway College; Mrs. C. M. Weems, Korea; Mrs. J. H. O'Bryant, Sue Bennett Home and School; Miss Eunice O'Bryant, Virginia K. Johnson School; and Mr. J. L. Bond, Western Methodist Assembly, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville.

Almost two hundred delegates and visitors were in attendance and every thing possible was done for their comfort and pleasure. The spirit of the meeting was fine. Mrs. Roscoe McKee, in behalf of the local auxiliary and friend of Ft. Smith, extended a most cordial welcome. She presented Mrs. Preston Hatcher, President, with a beautiful corsage of sweet peas as a token of love and appreciation of the members.

The reports of the officers showed the work to be in a growing condition with 5,810 members, a net gain of 223, 1,574 subscribers to the Missionary Voice, an increase of 178. Missions and Bible classes numbered 409, with a membership of 8,124. The conference supports 14 specials. Remitted to treasurer, \$122,313.24, passed through Woman's Work, \$70,379.58.

Miss Pearle McCain, Searcy, who will graduate from Scarritt College,

Nashville, in June, will spend a year at Sue Bennett School and then go to China.

An interesting feature of Thursday evening was the Pageant, "The Ring of Rama Krishniah, given by the young people of First Church under the direction of Miss Margaret Montague.

Miss Mary Fuller, Supt. of Young People, has arranged for a summer conference to be held at Petit Jean, near Morrilton, July 27-Aug. 1.

The Memorial Session for our sainted dead was beautiful and impressive. Beautiful flowers were laid on the altar, and tributes paid by loving friends and co-workers.

Invitations for the holding of the next Annual Conference were received from Booneville and First Church, North Little Rock, the honor being given to North Little Rock for 1926.

A telegram of thanks and appreciation was sent to Gov. Terral for the stand taken in vetoing the Sunday Baseball Bill.—Mrs. Henry Hanesworth, Recording Secretary.

N. ARK. CONF. W. M. S. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR FIRST QUARTER 1925.

Adult Receipts	\$ 2,473.15
Y. P. Receipts	81.35
Junior Receipts	153.50
B. D. Receipts	21.71
Retirement and Relief	381.80
Scarritt Funds	23.10
Carry on Fund	4.85
Bennett Memorial	725.06
Week of Prayer	7.59

Special

"China Day School" by Galloway Y. W.	100.00
Bible Women	
"Molsie A. Reddick" by Morrilton	24.25
"Ora Jamison" by Clarks-ville	32.25
"Grace Womack" by Ozark ..	30.00
"Hope" by Paragould	30.00
Scholarships	
"Gladys Hensell Scarritt" Batesville	25.00
Marie Hamilton Vashti" Helena	50.00
"Stella Mae Tribble" Cotton Plant	50.00
"Dirie Emery" Harrison ..	46.75
"First M. E." N. Little Rock ..	30.00
"Wills-Garner, Mesdames Wills and Garner" N. Little Rock	10.00

To Council Treasurer	4,300.36
Conf. Exp. Received	1,840.10
Y. P. Scholarship (held for next qr.)	38.83
Charity	62.86
City Missions	70.00
Rural Missionaries	274.15
Supplies	402.70
Local Work	6,400.71
Mt. Sequoyah Woman's Building	430.50
Presiding Elder's Salary (Alicia)	28.25
District Assessment (Alicia) ..	7.50

Grand Total	\$13,855.96
Total Deposited	6,279.39
Added from Conf. Expense ..	2.70

Total	\$ 6,282.09
By Funds to Council Treas. ..	4,300.36
Y. P.'s Scholarships	38.83
Conf. Exp. Received	1,840.10
Refund	13.80
Mt. Sequoyah Bldg. (sent Mrs. Zellner)	30.00
Checks turned down	59.00
Total	\$ 6,282.09

Conference Expense

On hand first of quarter ..	432.90
Conf. Exp. and other funds ..	402.95
Y. P. Scholarships	10.00
From Reports	2.70
Checks out	17.25

Total	\$ 432.90
Conf. Exp. Rec'd 1st Qr. ..	2,850.10
Refund	13.80
Mt. Sequoyah Bldg.	30.00
Y. P. Scholarships	38.83
Total	\$ 2,356.63

Disbursed

Telephone message	1.85
Folders for Y. P. Conf.	16.75
Mrs. Dowdy (Delegate to Washington)	140.00

Checks turned down	68.42
Mt. Sequoyah Bldg.	30.00
Mrs. Bell—Diplomas	7.39
Officers and Supts.	101.43
District Secretaries (Three not heard from)	78.47
Annual Meeting (Three not heard from)	335.32
Council Delegates	106.50
From Conf. Exp. to Council Report	2.70
Rural Worker, Helena Dist.	100.00
Rural Worker—Jonesboro District	100.00
Arkansas Methodist	300.00
Checks from last Qr.	17.25
	\$ 1,405.99
	2,355.63
	1,405.99
	\$ 949.64
Y. P. Scholarships	48.83
Balance	\$ 900.81

—Mrs. W. A. Steele, Treas., Van Buren.

RESOLUTIONS AND TRIBUTES

Beautiful and appropriate, on the going away of Mrs. C. F. Elza have been adopted by many auxiliaries in the Little Rock Conference.

With thanks to friends who sent us copies for publication in the W. M. S. Dept., we have chosen the one sent from her home auxiliary in Benton which was written by her lifelong friend, Mrs. George Hughes.

MRS. C. F. ELZA

A Tribute From Benton Auxiliary

When we think of her life from childhood to her passing away, we are amazed when we realize what the years between the child, sweet little Lexie Bell, and the great leader among women, Mrs. C. F. Elza, unfolded.

Her life was like a lovely rose; just growing so sweetly and naturally from the tiny bud of infancy into the full blown flower of maturity. Such a life strengthens our faith in a wise Creator, who makes all things to grow, and shows us that only by the bright beams of the Sun of Righteousness can a character be properly developed.

With her clear intellect, undaunted will, great ambition and many talents she might have achieved distinction along any line of life's endeavor. She chose service for God and man through the church, and bent every energy to the accomplishment of its many duties.

It was the writer's pleasure to have very close companionship with her. In a trip abroad a few summers ago, where I learned to know and appreciate her more than in all the years of our acquaintance before. Her keen sense of humor made even seasickness bearable, and always dispelled any feeling of homesickness. Her sensitiveness to the beauty and rarity of old world art and history was eloquently expressed in an address on her return, entitled, "My Rosary."

She was a brilliant inspirational platform speaker, having a choice vocabulary, elegant diction, and charming personality. Her speeches sparkled with wit, humor and sometimes sarcasm. Her sarcasm was not prompted by lack of love for or interest in people, but was only the result of that quick perception which saw through the sham and insincerity of life. Often she regretted the shaft that came so quickly without any thought of wounding.

She will be sadly missed in our community. Every way we look we see the impress of her life. In the home, the school, the club, the church. Our hearts are aching from our loss, but we are so glad to have had this life lived in our midst. Her ability had carried her service into larger fields of activity, and more burdens were constantly being laid upon her frail shoulders, which she cheerfully bore in her love for her Master.

President of the Little Rock Conference, W. M. S., member of the

W. M. Council, Director on the Board of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, and Chairman of the Building Committee for the Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah were the big enterprises in which she was engaged at the time of her going. Knowing her physical frailties, it was marvelous to see demonstrated in her life the power of spirit over matter.

We believe it she could speak to us it might be in words something like this:

"Weep not beloved friends; nor let the air
For me with sighs be troubled. Not from life
Have I been taken; this is genuine life
And this alone—the life which now I live
In peace eternal; where desire and joy
Together move in fellowship without end."

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

Material to be used for "Intimate Glimpses" on the Elza Memorial Service in May will be found in this department of Arkansas Methodist of April 30.—V. C. P.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CORRESPONDING SECRETARY

Mrs. H. L. Rammel.

It seems but a brief time since I stood before the Annual Conference of the Little Rock Woman's Missionary Society and accepted the new office of Corresponding Secretary. It was with much prayerful, serious thought that I started to follow the trail blazed by your former Secretary, Mrs. Pemberton, through 28 years of loyal, devoted service, and in the very beginning of my report I wish to say that she has been my "Mother Confessor" and Conference Adviser in this—my first year's effort.

In the report you will read the figures as follows:

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY COUNCIL, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Record of Report of Cor. Sec. of Little Rock Conference, for year ending Dec. 31, 1925.

No. Adult Aux.	125
No. New Adult Aux.	14
No. Members of Adult Aux.	3694
No. New Members of Adult Aux.	547
No. Y. P.'s Aux.	44
No. New Y. P.'s Aux.	6
No. Members of Y. P.'s Aux.	746
No. New Members of Y. P.'s Aux.	236
No. Jr. Divisions	61
No. New Jr. Divisions	2
No. Members of Jr. Division ..	1479
No. New Members of Jr. Div. ..	406
No. Baby Divisions	31
No. New Baby Divisions	1
No. Members of Baby Div.	427
No. New Members Baby Div.	107
Life Members Made this year	
Names added to Mem. Roll	

This year	
Sub. to Missionary Voice	1302
Sub. to Young Chr. Worker....	204
No. Aux. presenting Stewardship	77
No. Aux. having Social Service Committee	92
No. Missionaries supported	
No. Scholarships	5
No. Bible Women	6
No. Schools	
Value of boxes of supplies reported to Conf. Supts. \$6,514.04	
No. Aux. observing Week of Prayer this Year	119
No. Aux on Roll of Honor	31
(to be answered 4th qr.)	
Amount of Dues	
Amount of Pledge including Bible women, Missionaries, etc.	\$25,000.00
Total amount sent Conf.	\$25,000.00

Treas. \$25,000.00
Some of them are interesting.
With 3,694 members in our Adult Auxiliaries, we won the Church-Wide-State-Inter-Conference-Contest; in other words, the Membership Campaign. For this present year we are lined up with North Carolina. The Corresponding Secretary

ferences are the Referees. District Secretaries are Assistant Referees and we are urged to call the game at once, and pass the word down the line to every district and auxiliary that the "fight is on" with the same rules of Contest as were observed last year. Watch out for North Carolina! She won last year without even trying.

We have been happy to add fourteen new auxiliaries to our roll. Rock Springs and Norphlet have reported to me. We heartily welcome any who may represent these new auxiliaries at this Conference. We need many more to share in this great work.

No Gibson Auxiliaries have been reported. We urge a greater interest in this new organization for the coming year.

Your Secretary has acted as Friendly Correspondent in our Conference for the Woman's Committee on Unification and received such splendid assistance from the District Secretaries.

It was also a joy to serve as secretary on the Board of Control for the Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah.

We take this opportunity to urge you to send a delegate from your Auxiliary to the Summer School of Missions. Following is an itemized expense account for fifteen days at Mt. Sequoyah:

Railroad Ticket from Little Rock to Fayetteville	\$11.65
Crackers and Nut Bar on train ..	.25
Supper in Ft. Smith50
Bus fare at Fayetteville25
Room Rent, (Two in Room) ..	7.50
Ticket to Grounds	1.50
Board at Cafeteria	17.00
Church Collection, two Sundays ..	.50
Four Trips in Bus	1.00
Ice Cream Cones and Drinks ..	.50
Note Book, Pencils, etc.45

Tota \$41.10
This is a pleasant day trip but can be made in a night by adding \$3.75 each way for sleeper.

As we go into another year of service for the Master, let us realize that we cannot accomplish our task unless we are willing to sacrifice. One of our American philosophers defined loyalty as "the willing and practical

and thorough going devotion of a person to a cause." It is not simply feeling that is required, but its practice in action. And the action called for is prayer and sacrifice.

Why not take our Christianity seriously and follow Christ, not afar off or only in figures of Speech, but in flesh and blood and near? "If we would exhibit this kind of Christianity, it would mark the beginning of new things for us in Membership Campaigns, Offerings, the Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah, the Belle Bennett Memorial, Summer Conferences, Our Young People's and Children's Work, Gibson Auxiliaries and every other activity. Oh may we enter into a new and thorough going loyalty, a new fidelity on our part which will lead us to pray with full expectations of being empowered for our work!

"Lead on, O King Eternal!
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning,
Where'er thy face appears.
Thy cross is lifted o'er us,
We journey in its light;
The Crown awaits the conquest
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Lesson for May 10

PHILIP AND THE ETHIOPIAN TREASURER

LESSON TEXT—Acts 8:26-39.
GOLDEN TEXT—"The entrance of Thy words giveth light."—Ps. 119:130.
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Man Did What God Told Him.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Philip and the Ethiopian Treasurer.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Philip Won the Ethiopian.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Use of the Bible in Evangelism.

I. Philip Meeting the Ethiopian (vv. 26-30a).

1. Leaving Work by Divine Direction (v. 26).

The Lord called Philip away from a great work in Samaria and specifically directed him to this man. Abrahamlike, he obeyed the divine command not knowing why he should leave the work in Samaria and go into a desert place. As he journeyed on by faith he espied the state chariot of the Ethiopian treasurer. The Spirit of God directed him to go near and join himself to the chariot. The tactful question put to the treasurer gained him a seat by the side of this dignified officer. The mission which at first seemed so unpromising was now clear.

2. An Officer of State Seeking the Way of Salvation (vv. 27-28).

The Ethiopian had been to Jerusalem to worship. Despite his high official position he was not ashamed of the worship of God. The journey from that far off country required much hardship and expense, but to the one whose soul yearns after God, this is all joy.

3. A Providential Meeting in the Desert (vv. 29-30).

The coming together of these two men was clearly the predetermined way of God.

II. Philip Preaching to the Ethiopian (vv. 30b-35).

1. The Ethiopian's Employment on the Way (v. 30).

His occupation at the time of this meeting was reading the Word of God. At the invitation of the Ethiopian Philip joined himself to the chariot and found him reading from the 53d chapter of Isaiah. This is a most excellent way to spend one's time while traveling.

2. The Absolute Need of a Preacher (v. 31).

The Ethiopian was reading one of the clearest testimonies to the Messiah in the Old Testament, yet he was unable to get anything out of it. The fact that the Ethiopian, a great statesman, needed an interpreter of the Scriptures, even such a plain passage as the 53d chapter of Isaiah, shows the absolute need of a preacher. The gospel must be experienced before one can be a witness to its saving power. The human mind is blind to spiritual things, making the work of an evangelist indispensable. If a statesman of this rank was unable to grasp the meaning of such a clear passage, it should not be thought strange that for the rank and file of men a guide is needed. God has designed that through the foolishness of preaching the world should be saved. Preaching the Word of God will always be necessary.

3. Philip's Message (vv. 32-35).

He began at the Scriptures which the Ethiopian was reading and preached unto him Jesus. This shows us that the person represented in the 53d chapter of Isaiah as suffering instead of others was Jesus instead of Israel, also that the central theme of the preacher's message should be Jesus. He did not preach Jesus as a great teacher, but as a Savior who had suffered and died instead of sin-

ners. He preached Him as the one who had offered Himself as a ransom.

III. Philip Baptized the Ethiopian (vv. 36-38).

As a result of Philip's preaching the eunuch proposed baptism. When Christ is truly preached, men naturally desire to confess Him in baptism. Where this feeling is lacking, the gospel in its fullness is evidently not preached. The Ethiopian might have offered many excuses for neglecting this important ordinance, but like every man who is honest before God, he was willing at any cost to render obedience. The proof that men really believe in Jesus is their willingness to render obedience to His Word. It is faith in Christ that saves, but those who have genuine faith desire to seal it in baptism. Having secured from the Ethiopian the proper confession, Philip baptized him.

IV. The Ethiopian Rejoicing (v. 39).

Confession of Christ always brings joy. Those who obey the commandment of the Lord can go on their way rejoicing.

NEWS NOTES, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Rev. D. H. Colquette says "Tell the world" that he won his Gold Seal Diploma at the Ft. Smith School. Brother Colquette has nearly enough certificates to his credit to earn two gold seal diplomas, but he has covered a lot of extra territory. Congratulations.

Rev. J. A. Henderson dropped into the office just long enough this week to say that he is expecting the biggest time ever had at his big District Sunday School Conference at DeWitt on the 8th.

Rev. L. E. N. Hundley was a visitor at Methodist Headquarters during the week arranging for a Cokesbury School to be held at Tulip some time in May.

Mr. J. M. Thompson of Fordyce came up to see the office force this week with reference to some extension work in Dallas County. Brother Thompson was formerly superintendent at Thornton and is one of the most enthusiastic Sunday School men we have. He is interested in organizing new schools in the territory around Fordyce. Last Sunday he organized at Temperance Hill.

Rev. L. J. Ridling and Miss Esther Ridling brightened our office with a visit Saturday. Brother Ridling says that the old Wilmar charge will get back on the Conference Honor Roll this year in spite of the loss of the mill population at Wilmar.

Supt. Herb Coffman of Capitol View Sunday School is one of the first Little Rock Conference superintendents to signify his intention of attending the Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah this summer. Coffman will get his Gold Seal Diploma at Sequoyah.

Mr. J. W. Lee reports that the Sunday School Chautauqua at Malvern was a success in every respect. Among those appearing on the program was Bishop Sam R. Hay who preached to more folks than could get in the new building there.

Miss Faye McRae reports a delightful week at Fort Smith where she taught the course on Beginner Worship. Miss McRae is our new Conference Elementary Superintendent and will be one of the best in the Connection.

Rev. E. C. Rule of Warren was the speaker on the last Sunday of the Sunday School Chautauqua at Prescott.

Rev. Roy Jordan and his church at Primrose celebrated the completion of one of the Standard Training Courses

es with a banquet last Thursday night. Mr. L. A. Miller is the superintendent. The Primrose people are completing a new Sunday School annex to their neat brick church which was built only two years ago. This shows how this fine community is progressing under the leadership of Jordan.

FIVE MORE PASTORS GO ON LITTLE ROCK CONF. HONOR ROLL

During the week five more Little Rock Conference Charges paid their Sunday School Day apportionments in full and thus placed their pastors on the Honor Roll. They are as follows:

DeQueen, Rev. S. K. Burnett, pastor.

Waldo, Rev. R. P. James, pastor.

Twenty Eighth Street, Rev. C. D. Meux, pastor.

Camden, Rev. Paul W. Quillian, pastor.

Horatio-Gilham, Rev. F. C. Cannon, pastor.

This makes an even dozen of our pastors already on the Honor Roll.—Clem Baker.

TEN MORE LITTLE ROCK CONF. SCHOOLS ORDER PROGRAMS.

During the week just closed orders for Sunday School Day programs were received from Rock Springs, Andrews Chapel, Douglassville, Henderson, Old Austin, Norphlet, Providence, Olivet, Mena, and Ben Lemond. This makes 252 schools that have ordered programs. May we not earnestly urge all other schools to get in their orders at once. Surely every school in the Conference expects to have a Sunday School Day program. Then why not order programs and get to it right away before the heat of the summer? The programs are free. If you have lost your order blank just drop me a card at 406 Exchange Bank Building, Little Rock, and the programs will be mailed out by the next mail. They are free.—Clem Baker.

EIGHT READY FOR EXAMINATION AT TULIP

A good letter from Brother J. W. Williams, our S. S. superintendent at Tulip, states that he has a class of eight who are ready for the examination on "The Small Sunday School" in the Cokesbury Training Course. So far as we know this is the first school in the Conference to have a class in the local school to complete a Cokesbury Course and we congratulate Brother Williams and his fine workers on setting the pace. This school is in the Arkadelphia District, which as a District is a leader in Cokesbury Training work. Hundley is the "Big" Elder down there and L. T. Rogers is superintendent of Cokesbury Courses.—Clem Baker.

SWAN LAKE CHALLENGES THE WORLD

A letter from Mrs. C. M. Thompson, our superintendent at Swan Lake reads as follows:

"Brother Baker:

We have 15 children and 13 adults in our Sunday School at Swan Lake. We were 100 per cent present last Sunday. Our offering for the Fowler-European Special was \$5.06 and the Sunday School Day offering was \$20.21. Now, if you have another school that can beat that we would like to hear from it."

NOTE: This was a total offering for the day of nearly \$1 per member counting every child there. We doubt that this will be beaten in Methodism this year. Who can?—Clem Baker.

TWENTY-NINE MORE SCHOOLS PLEDGE FOR MISSIONS

Since our last week's report I have received cards from 29 more Little Rock Conference Sunday Schools stating that they will take a Fourth Sunday offering for Missions to be applied to the Fowler-European work. They are as follows:

Trinity, John W. Cox, Supt.
Social Hill, R. L. Richardson, Supt.

St. Charles, Mrs. J. T. Word, Supt.
Mt. Ida, Buckner Ct., J. H. Nabors, Supt.

McCaskill, Mrs. Bert Scott, Supt.
Gould, W. C. Shepherd, Supt.

Walnut Springs, J. T. Manning, Supt.

Olive Hill, Mrs. Lex Grogan, Supt.
Friendship, Blevins Ct., W. R. Gorham, Supt.

Mt. Prospect, Hunter Hodge, Supt.
Smyrna, J. C. Beard, Supt.

Columbus, Homer H. Beall, Supt.
Macedonia, S. D. Harris, Supt.

Junction City, G. W. Benson, Supt.
Rock Hill, Mrs. S. A. Hale, Supt.

College Hill, F. T. Wright, Supt.
Huttig, R. M. Simms, Supt.

Horatio, J. E. James, Supt.
Wilmot, J. R. Cone, Supt.

Halstead, Mrs. J. T. Crowson, Supt.
Fountain Hill, O. E. Dawkins, Supt.

Lockesburg, Custer Steel, Supt.
Strong, S. B. Hickman, Supt.

Wesley Chapel, Rowell Ct., Alfred Martin, Supt.

Mt. Olivet, Clarence Green, Supt.
Center, W. E. Roberts, Supt.

Shady Grove, Robert Heflin, Supt.
Prosperity, Charley Took, Supt.

Union, H. H. Barnett, Supt.—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

S. S. DAY OFFERINGS BY DISTRICTS, LITTLE ROCK CONF.

We give below the offerings received for Sunday School Day by Districts in the Little Rock Conference as reported by Mr. Hayes Saturday, May 2:

Prescott Dist.\$ 31.25
Arkadelphia Dist. 55.00
Monticello Dist. 77.25
Little Rock Dist. 83.50
Camden Dist. 155.00
Texarkana Dist. 190.05
Pine Bluff District 200.21

It will be seen from the above that the Pine Bluff District with Brother Henderson as presiding elder and A. R. Cooper as secretary, still leads the Conference, but that the Texarkana District with Brother Brewer as elder and R. E. Martin as secretary are close behind. Both these are new elders and both evidently mean business. The two secretaries are old hands at the job and know how it is done. Watch for some big surprises next week. We saw Charley Goodlett this week and he has no idea of letting these new elders take away his honors for the Prescott District.—Clem Baker.

S. S. DAY OFFERINGS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

The following offerings have been received since our last week's report:

DeQueen\$ 60.00
Richmond 10.00
Columbus 12.50
Waldo 30.00
Lockesburg 20.00
Rock Springs 1.00
McCaskill 4.65
Mt. Pleasant 2.25
Parkdale 15.00
Swan Lake 20.21
Sherrill 25.00
Twenty-Eighth Street 15.00
Camden 80.00
Horatio 28.04
Previously Reported 463.61

Total to date\$797.26
—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

The following Schools have reported Fourth Sunday Missionary offerings for the Fowler-European Special for the month of April:

Magnolia\$ 14.40
Lockesburg 5.00
Tulip 2.46
Winfield (March) 40.07
Winfield (April) 41.53
Fountain Hill 3.35
Ashdown 11.79
Prescott 8.42
Olive Hill 2.00
Social Hill 1.00
Wesley's Chapel 2.00
Olivet 1.50
Rison 1.76
Rock Hill 1.00
Macedonia 2.00

Hamburg	9.16
Sherrill	2.50
Friendship	2.20
Traskwood	2.52
Monticello	8.45
Huttig	3.25
Mt. Ida	4.40
New Hope	1.30
McCaskill	6.38
Columbus	2.50
Twenty-Eighth St.	2.00
Wilmot	4.50
Prosperity	1.58

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

S. S. DAY OFFERINGS, N. ARK. CONFERENCE, FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 2.

Batesville District:	
Central Ave., Batesville	\$ 50.00
Jonesboro District:	
Osceola	50.00
Luxora	8.00

\$ 58.00

Fayetteville District:	
Alpena	2.04
Ft. Smith District:	
Previously acknowledged	499.00
Mt. View, Kibler Ct.	5.00
Charleston	8.11

\$512.11

Helena District:	
Previously acknowledged	8.00
Paragould District:	
do	40.00
First Church, Paragould	150.00

\$190.00

Searcy District:	
Previously acknowledged ..	50.00
Copperas Springs, McRae Ct.	7.00

\$ 57.00

Total to date\$877.15
Will you not PLEASE comply with repeated requests to give name of School, Charge and District when sending remittance? You must certainly have no idea of the trouble it is to get each one located when these are omitted. Hurry on and let us keep ahead of Little Rock Conference this year.—C. D. Metcalf, Treasurer, Batesville.

S. S. OFFERING, N. ARK. CONF. TO APRIL 25.

Ft. Smith District:	
Bonanza S. S., Ft. Smith Ch. \$	8.00
East Van Buren	15.00
Hackett	14.00
City Heights, Van Buren	5.00
Greenwood	45.00
Dodson Ave., Ft. Smith	75.00
Midland Heights, Ft. Smith ..	25.00
Spadra	6.00
Hartman	7.00
Alma	15.00
First Church, Ft. Smith	225.00
Ozark	50.00
Kibler	9.00

\$499.00

Searcy District:	
Smyrna	10.00
Heber Springs	40.00

\$ 50.00

Paragould District:	
Mammoth Springs	40.00
Helena District:	
Turner	8.00

Grand total to date\$597.00

Please do not send remittances without indicating whether Sunday School Day Offering or Missionary Offering, be kind enough to give your location as to Charge and District so I will not have to look through a list

EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

ANNIVERSARY REPORTS

During the past week no reports have been received by the Conference Treasurer of Anniversary Day services held and offerings remitted. We are nearing the Assembly—June 15-19—when all reports must be in if credited on the Chapters report for a Seal on the Standard of Efficiency.

Your Board urges that this service be held as soon as possible and money sent immediately to Mr. Leslie Helvie, Treasurer, 222 Lexington Ave., Ft. Smith, Ark.

We hope to have a long list of reports for next week's paper.—S. T. Baugh, Chairman.

LEAGUE OFFICER TO BE MARRIED

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Jones of McCrory, Ark., announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Sarah Effie, to Milburne Isom of Morrilton, Ark. The wedding will take place May 31, 1925.

BOONEVILLE LEAGUE.

We observed Epworth League Anniversary Day with an appropriate program. The League Room was decorated in our colors and a beautiful gold and white cake, bearing the League emblem, and candles added much to the evening program. Following the program new officers were elected for the year.

On Sunday evening, April 26, we gave a pageant of "The Life of Fanny Crosby," to a large and appreciative audience at the church.

On Tuesday evening following we gave the same pageant at the Booneville Tuberculosis Sanatorium which was much enjoyed and appreciated by the patients.

We announce that the Booneville District banquet will be held at Booneville Friday evening May 8. We are planning a fine evening for the District Leaguers.—Reporter.

CAMDEN DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS.

Well here is our report at last. It should have been in a long time ago, but I waited he waited, she waited, for some one to do this, hence we are late, but better late than never.

Well, we did really have some great meetings at El Dorado, Camden, Magnolia, and Thornton. The writer attended all the meetings but one, this one at Thornton; but reports from these who attended said that it was one of the best in the entire group. Rev. F. G. Roebuck, our chief officer of the Little Rock Conference, delivered two very fine inspirational addresses, which were fine and helpful features of these meetings.

Miss Bess McKay our faithful and of many hundred names of Schools in our Conference to give your District proper credit. Thank you to kindly observe.—C. D. Metcalf, Treasurer, North Ark. Conf. S. S. Board, Batesville, Ark.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL

Word has been received from Bro. Tolleson that they have just finished one of the finest Training Schools he was ever in. Great interest and enthusiasm were manifested throughout the school. Ninety-four credits were issued.—G. G. Davidson.

untiring worker, who is always on hand when she is invited, was in her place and delivered four helpful messages on the different aspects of the League. All departments were discussed by some speaker. Rev. R. P. James of Waldo, District chairman, was present, and gave us very helpful and cheering reports from the District.

Mrs. H. P. Rice, District secretary, was on hand with her usual cheerfulness and brought to us glowing reports, assuring us we were going to be the leading District of the Conference this year. The pastor hosts, Revs. W. T. Wilkinson, P. W. Quillian, P. Q. Rorie, and J. B. Simms, were in their places, and rendered great service to the meetings.

The writer was present at all but one of the meetings, and discussed the problem of finances in the local chapters, altogether these meetings we believe, will result in great good to all the participating Leagues.

As a result of these Group Meetings smaller Groups have been organized at El Dorado, with some of the nearby Leagues as are also Strong, Huttig, and Bolding in another Group. It is the purpose of these groups to meet once a month through the week, at some central place, and then each Quarter all to meet at El Dorado as a central meeting place.

Camden District Leaguers, let this be our goal and cry from the house tops, at least one delegate from every chapter with every dollar of our Missionary Pledge, anniversary, District, and any other pledge we owe paid in full, when we meet at the summer assembly.—Thos. D. Spruce, Sec.-Treas., Camden District.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT UNION

The first meeting of the Ft. Smith District Union was held at Ozark, April 19, at 2:30 p. m. About 150 delegates were present and some seven or eight Leaguers reported.

The banner on the Standard of Efficiency was won by the Mulberry League with a score of 94 points, Ozark won second place and Clarks-ville third.

An excellent program had been prepared by the president of the Ozark League. Miss Gertrude Weil of Ft. Smith, the President of the Union, presided over the business session.

Miss Ethel Taylor, the efficient District secretary, was on hand and advised with the officers.

The next meeting will be with the Charleston League on May 17, and all Leaguers are urged to keep this date in mind. The Fort Smith District banquet will be held at Ozark on May 15.

The Leaguers had charge of the opening night at the District Conference at Greenwood, May 5. All Leaguers of the District were invited to be present on this occasion.—Reporter.

NEWS FROM PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

Our District Institute was held at Hoxie opening Friday night, May 1, with a "Pop Banquet" with some fifty Leaguers. The Hoxie Leaguers had prepared an interesting program along with the menu. To say that we enjoyed this banquet would be expressing it mildly for Hoxie certainly knows how to entertain. After the banquet supper the dining room was cleared and many interesting games were played until a late hour.

There was one link missing in making the banquet a grand success, and that was the presence of our Conference Secretary, Noel Chaney. Just what he got after he got to Little Rock is yet to be investigated. But when he got that far he took suddenly ill and could not be with us much to our disappointment.

Saturday morning at 9 a. m. we assembled at the church to continue our program and here we were at a loss over Mr. Chaney's absence. But six of our able pastors much interested in their young people came to my

rescue and filled the gaps splendidly on short notice. Miss Effie Coffman also rendered much help. Miss Effie is Hoxie's best worker with the Leaguers and deserves much credit for her untiring work. We adjourned at noon as many had to return on the noon trains. All left declaring they would do more to help our district, and to be well represented at Galloway, so look out, for we will be there with our "loud speaker."—Laura Andrews, Dist. Sec.

On Sunday, April 19, a group meeting was held at Wautauga Spring, near Imboden, for the Leaguers of the Western District. Six chapters were represented and a fine crowd was there with "grub" a plenty; for mother, father, sister and brother were all there and you can wager the dinner table looked as though it had been swept like a cyclone. After all was cleared and another drink from the wonderful spring we gathered to the "open air" seats under the shades and began our little program. Brother Holifield, Imboden's good pastor, gave us a splendid talk as did Mr. DuBoise, one of Sloan Hendrix' teachers. Then I had to give a few hints to the Leaguers about our Institute and Assembly. There is a chance for the Leaguers of that District to do some good work and they are fast doing their best. We hope to have many more gatherings at this spring. Paragould District is waking up, and many new Leagues are soon to be organized. Look out for Paragould at the Assembly, for we will surely be there.—Laura Andrews, Dist. Sec.

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LAYMEN'S CORNER.

The Laymen's Mass Meeting held in our great First Church, Little Rock, Sunday, April 26, was a decided success and much good was done. At the 11 o'clock hour, Dr. C. C. Selecman, president of Southern Methodist University, brought a great message to the laymen. At 2 o'clock G. L. Morelock, secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, brought another great message, and at 3 o'clock, Judge W. Erskine Williams of Fort Worth, chairman of the General Board of Lay Activities, told us the wonderful story of our mission fields, he having just returned from an eight months' trip through the Orient, visiting most of our Mission fields. It was indeed a great day for our laymen, and our Church will be wonderfully benefitted thereby. Much credit and many thanks are due Dr. P. C. Fletcher, the great pastor of our great First Church, for his efforts in making this a great meeting for the advancement of the Kingdom.

Three of the District Conferences in the Little Rock Conference have passed into history, and during each of these the Laymen were given opportunity to bring a statement of the things they hope to help the preacher accomplish. Brother Preacher, use your laymen at every opportunity, and it will help you, help your church, and help the laymen and the cause you represent. Let these hitherto unused forces of our Church be brought into action to the end that the Kingdom of Christ may be brought to the millions of unsaved men and women, by using your laity as personal evangelists.

The following were adopted by the General Board and all Conference Boards as the SPECIAL GOALS OF THE LAYMEN FOR 1925-26.

1. An earnest effort to bring payment on all assessments, General and Conference, to one hundred per cent.

2. A concrete, Church-wide movement for stewardship cultivation and an appeal to all our members for loyalty to every pledge they have made to the Church.

3. The use of lay speakers to supply vacant pulpits and mission points, with the slogan: "A religious service in every community every Sunday."

4. An honest effort to organize the Wesley Brotherhood in every Church.

5. A persistent, faithful effort to bring about a true revival of religion to the extent that the laity of the Church will engage in personal evangelism and all become witnesses for Jesus Christ.

With our Laity definitely committed to the great tasks above named, it occurs to us that the preacher that fails to make use of his laymen is failing to catch the vision of a greater day for a greater Methodism.

A CHILD OF GREAT PROMISE.

Rev. D. D. Jones, Greenwood, S. C., writes us a very encouraging note as follows:

"In my humble judgment this arm of the Church (the Board of Lay Activities) is destined to work miracles in transforming and firing the static mind of the mass of the Church membership. No General Conference in my memory has begotten a child of such promise.

"Our people should be intensely cultivated along the suggestions of the 'Manual' and the machinery set immediately to movement, in high.—Methodist Layman.

A few—yes—a very few of our preachers are somewhat indifferent to the Laymen's Movement. Brother indifferent Preacher, the Laymen's Movement is not after your job, even though you may think it is, but it is trying to help you, and you had just as well get into the "Band Wagon," for the "Steam Roller" of anti-indifference is following the band wagon closely. A word to the wise, etc. If any of the readers of this article happen to be one of the "few," we suggest that you paste the statement of Bro. Jones, not in your hat, but where you can see it every minute of the day until you are brought to spiritual life.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Monticello District Conference will meet at Lake Village, Tuesday, evening, May 19. Rev. J. H. Glass will preach the opening sermon Tuesday evening. The business of the Conference will be transacted Wednesday and Thursday.

M. K. Irvin, J. D. Baker and J. M. Cannon will conduct all examinations. J. T. Rogers, E. C. Rule and Geo. Williams will constitute a committee to recommend the renewing of license and passing the character of local preachers. Wednesday evening will be given to special Sunday School program. Our field secretary, Rev. Clem Baker, will be present.

Every pastor will please keep his lay delegates posted as to the date and as far as possible bring a full delegation with him. Let every lay delegate arrange to be there.—J. A. Parker, P. E.

ANNUAL HOME COMING.

The citizens of Washington, Ark., are preparing to celebrate their Annual Home Coming on Mothers' Day, May 10, and Rev. John P. Lowry will preach the annual sermon this year at the Methodist Church where he was converted and joined the ministry when a young man, and where he conducted a wonderfully successful meeting many years ago.

The choir will be composed of "old timers" who sang in the churches in Washington in years gone by, and a vocal quartet, "I'll wear a white flower for you, Mother dear," will be rendered by Mrs. Annabel Eakin Oglesby, Mrs. Mary Eakin Dawson, Messrs. Will Oglesby and Glenn Caruth Robertson. Mrs. Eliza Walker Foster will render a poem entitled "Mother."

After the morning service the guests, led by the home folks, will repair to the shaded lawn at the court house where tables will be waiting for the lunches. Those who prefer can dine at the hotel by making reservations.

After lunch the usual social time will be spent meeting old friends, many of whom have not met in more than a score of years.

The usual decoration exercises will be observed at the cemetery during the afternoon.—Mrs. A. M. Robertson, Publicity Secretary.

GREEN FOREST

Yesterday was our Children's Day here at Green Forest Sunday School. All of the children spoke their pieces well. Also the music and song service were greatly enjoyed by all. There was a large crowd, and everybody seemed to enjoy the occasion. Our committee, Mrs. Lois Coxie, Mrs. J. O. Butler, Mrs. Dr. Poynor and Miss Ruth McKelvey, can instruct children to recite their pieces in good shape. The collection was \$7.35.

Rev. W. H. Neal has returned from Mayo Brothers, Rochester, Minn., where he was operated on for gall stones of the liver, and is in fine spirits and will be ready to resume his evangelistic work in a very short time. He has been called the fifth time to preach the closing sermon for the Green Forest High School. He is well beloved by all of his friends in Green Forest. We baptized four infants at the close of our Children's Day services, which gave it the finest finishing touch you ever experienced.—A. McKelvey, P. C.

BISHOP HAY AT MALVERN.

Sunday, April 26, was a high day with the Methodist people of Malvern. Our beloved Bishop Hay came to us and spent the entire day in our city, and he captured the people.

Rev. and Mrs. L. E. N. Hundley of Arkadelphia, Rev. James Thomas, D. D., of Little Rock, Rev. "Wild Bill" Evans of Dallas, Texas, and Bro. Bass of Friendship were with us to meet the Bishop and to hear his sermon.

The congregation was large, and the beautiful church was decorated

tastefully with lovely flowers. The music was appropriate and inspiring. All of this was a beautiful setting for one of the greatest sermons to which this cultured congregation has ever listened.

The Bishop was suffering from a severe cold, but that did not detract from his preaching ability, for from the first sentence until the close of that masterly sermon he held the undivided attention of every auditor.

The Bishop took as his text the words of the Psalmist, "Let all the People Praise Thee, O God, let all the People Praise Thee," and spoke on (1) God's Providence, (2) God's Christ, and (3) God's Church. It was a great message delivered by a great man to an appreciative people.

At the evening hour "Wild Bill" Evans preached one of his characteristic sermons to a very large congregation.—A. W. Waddill, P. C.

CHARLESTON

So far this year Charleston has been doing some fine things, many of which we cannot mention here.

The church is in better harmony now than it has been for many years. The congregations have been increasing steadily all this year, and it happens that I am not a new preacher here.

The Sunday School is growing and becoming more efficient. Our Sunday School won in the District Training School held at Ft. Smith last week. We had the largest number from any church in the District. Our crowd went to and from the School each night. The four cars that took our students traveled 1,200 miles to and from the school. All of our credit students received their credits except two. Those two did the work in good shape. One could not be there one night because of having to entertain two of the judges for our High School Four-County Meet. The other one started and got part of the way and ran into a storm and returned home. She also had six girls in her home that night for the School Meet.

Our League has grown from a small affair to a live-wire League. We went 23 strong to our District Union League meeting and we had the largest number there from any League. We made the trip of 28 miles and crossed the Arkansas River on a ferry boat.

Our Church has swung far into the lead here and the eyes of the entire community are upon us. We are completing our new Church to accommodate the people and to care for our opportunity which we have now.

This has not come as a spurt, but as a result of steady work.

Our church has been holding up a high standard of Christian living and condemning sin and a sinning religion.—C. L. Franks, P. C.

DIERKS LIST WILL ARRIVE SOON.

In a recent letter Rev. W. C. Hilliard, pastor at Dierks, states: "I think I can send a satisfactory list of new and renewals from here this week-end." Thank you, Brother Hilliard. This will be forth-coming for he put Horatio on the "Honor Roll" last year.—Ass't Ed.

TRUE WISDOM.

If, trained by the Great Teacher, we follow where he leads, we shall find good, even while in this dark abode. But where shall this wisdom be found? Many have dreamed of it, but have not possessed it. Where shall we learn it? Let us listen to the voice of the Lord, for he hath declared the secret; he hath revealed to the sons of men wherein true wisdom lieth, and we have in it the text, "Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he." The true way to handle a matter wisely is to trust in the Lord. This is the sure clue to the most intricate labyrinths of life. Lord, in this sweet eventide walk with me in the garden, and teach me the wisdom of faith.—C. H. Spurgeon.

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RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Arkadelphia District Conference, M. E. Church, South, do hereby express our appreciation of the fact that Governor Terrell withheld his approval of the Sunday Baseball Bill, and thereby saved our Christian Sabbath from commercialization. We believe that in this attitude, our Governor should have our heartiest approval.—J. L. Cannon, A. W. Waddill.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHAN-AGE.

During April, the following cash contributions were received for the Orphanage:

Lorado Junior Sunday School Class, by Miss Berry, Teacher, \$1.00.
Woman's Missionary Society, Dardanelle, for one girl, \$6.50.
Pleasant Hill Church, Lorado Circuit, by R. C. Bone, P. C., \$3.00.
Susanna Wesley Bible Class, First Church, Texarkana, \$5.00.
Pleasant Grove Sunday School, Ozark Ct., by R. A. Robertson, P. C., \$1.50.
Virginia Hogg Mother's Class, by Mrs. C. C. Breeding, treas., Winfield Church, \$10.00.

The Matron has received at the Orphanage, the following articles:

W. M. S., First Church, City, making of eighty garments and new hats, amounting to \$21.05.
Circle No. 2, First Church, ice cream and cake for Easter dinner.
Circle No. 4, First Church, City, cream and cake or lawn party.
Circle No. 7, First Church, City, new hats, value \$5.00.
Circle No. 9, First Church, City, 16 garments, ice cream and cake.
Circle No. 10, First Church, City, four new bloomer dresses, hat and socks, white linen for dress for large girls.
W. M. S., Winfield Church, City, bed linen, value \$50.00.
Circle No. 2, Winfield Church, City, one day's sewing for children.
Professional and Business Women's Club, City, hat, dress, shoes, hose for large girl.
Miss Mabel Irvine, City, three dresses, hat and lingerie for large girl.
Miss Birdie Barron, City, Easter hat, slippers and socks for small child.
Mrs. George M. Leek, City, two suits for little boy.
Woman's Bible Class, Brinkley, three dresses, hat, slippers, hose and five garments for large girl.
Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Young, City, three gallons of milk.
Mrs. C. M. Sanders, and class of Arkadelphia, Easter boxes and cards for little folks.
Loyal Comrades Class, Batesville, box of miscellaneous articles for large girls and Batesville room.
W. M. S., Jacksonville, 8 dozen fresh eggs for Easter.
Mrs. Sam Rorex, Dardanelle, box for special.
Sunshine Class, First Church, City, Easter party and egg hunt.
Pansy Missionary Society, Blytheville, Easter card shower.
Barnes Quality Bakery, 49 loaves

of bread.

Mrs. J. C. Brown, Helena, five dresses.

Seven girls, guests of Miss Irma Simpson, to Ad Carnival, City.

Mrs. Cornelius, City, new dress for small girl.

Mrs. J. J. King, City, 15 garments.

Virginia Howell Bible Class, Asbury Church, City, furniture, rugs, window draperies and shades, bed linen, blankets, towels, scarfs and accessories for dresser, in room in memory of Mrs. C. L. Tipton.

Intermediate League, Clinton, scrap-books and booklets.

Louis Martin, Route 3, City, bloomer dress.

Mr. and Mrs. McClure, Confederate Home, new garments, (three) for little boy, value \$2.00.—James Thomas, Supt. Arkansas Methodist Orphanage.

REV. J. B. SIMS AND THORNTON NOW ON THE HONOR ROLL

As a self-invited guest I went to Thornton Sunday evening, April 26. The faithful pastor, Rev. J. B. Sims, met me at the train. After enjoying an appetizing meal down town, we went over to the parsonage home where we had a delightful chat until the evening service. I had the opportunity of addressing the Epworth League at 7:15 and preaching at 7:45. Having arrived at Thornton unannounced, I know that I spoke only to the crowd that expected to hear Rev. J. B. Sims. I was delighted with the attendance at the evening hour.

At the close of the services Brother E. J. Wise, one of the most loyal laymen in Thornton church, took me in charge. We drove out to his hospitable country home where I spent the night. It was a genuine pleasure to visit with these choice Methodists and also to form the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Cone, who reside with them. "It is a preacher's home." They make you feel welcome and free.

Thornton Church Officials.

Mr. M. P. Morton, a splendid Christian gentleman, is chairman of the Official Board. Mr. L. W. Hardman, a leading layman, has charge of the Sunday School. Miss Dorothy Cooley, one of the highly gifted young women of Thornton, is president of the Epworth League. Mrs. W. C. Ezell, an interested church worker, is president of the W. M. S.

On the Honor Roll

With the one-hundred per cent backing and super-loyal support of Rev. J. B. Sims, the faithful pastor, I succeeded in getting a one-hundred per cent list from Thornton. With this issue the Methodist goes into every bona fide Methodist home represented in the resident membership of the Thornton church. I am really happy over the success of our church paper campaign. I have never found a more responsive and appreciative people anywhere than those whom I had the pleasure of meeting when out in the interest of the paper at Thornton. The pastor was elated over the outcome of our work. He has always been a "true-blue" Methodist and has never failed to render helpful service to his Conference Organ. My hat is off to him and Thornton Methodists.

Not only is Brother Sims interested in the church paper but he is also a great Sunday School worker. He was the second man in Arkansas, if not the first pastor, to receive a Gold Seal Diploma in Teacher Training work. He is a thoroughly capable and highly efficient, having served as District superintendent of Teacher Training for several years.

At this writing it grieves me to state that Brother and Sister Sims, two of the finest spirits in Arkansas Methodism, are not at all well. Sister Sims has been confined to her home for several weeks. Brother Sims has also been on the sick list for two or three months. In spite of this serious handicap both are sweet in spirit and service, and are doing everything possible to carry on their work.

We have no truer pastor in the state than is Brother Sims. He stands four-square for every interest of the church and accords every possible courtesy to the Connectional brethren when they visit him in the interest of the tasks committed to their hands.—J. C. G.

THORNTON SCHOOL DOING FINE WORK

During my recent visit to Thornton it was both a privilege and a pleasure to address the student body of the Thornton School. Prof. J. S. Holmes is the alert superintendent and Prof. M. J. Bradley the efficient principal. Miss Ashby Sims, capable daughter of our pastor at Thornton, the Rev. J. B. Sims, is a member of the Thornton School faculty. The enrollment in the high school is sixty-five; in the grades 262. Superintendent Holmes employs eleven teachers. This year eight splendid boys and girls will receive their diplomas. Rev. M. S. Monk of Pine Bluff is to preach the closing sermon for the school.—Ass't. Ed.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

HELENA DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)
Forrest City, May 10, a. m.
Widener and Madison, May 10, p. m.
Aubrey, May 17, a. m.
Wheatley, May 17, p. m.
Elaine, May 24, a. m.
West Helena, May 24, p. m.
Colt, May 31, a. m.
Wynne, May 24, p. m.
Vandale, June 7, a. m.
Parkin, June 7, p. m.
Helena, June 14, a. m.
Haynes-Lexa, June 14, p. m.
Cherry Valley, June 21, a. m.
Harrisburg, June 21, p. m.
Clarendon, June 23, a. m.
Brinkley, June 23, p. m.
Marianna, July 5, a. m.
Hughes-Hulbert, July 5, p. m.
Turner, July 12, a. m.
Holly Grove and Marvell, July 12, p. m.
Earle, July 19, a. m.
Crawfordsville, July 19, p. m.
Hunter, July 26, a. m.
District Conference at Wynne, May 13. Rev. W. T. Thompson will sound our keynote at 11 o'clock on opening day. Revs. W. V. Womack, W. C. Watson and J. F. Glover will examine all candidates. Bishop Hay has promised to preside.—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)
Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, 11 a. m., May 3.
Osceola, 11 a. m., May 10.
Blytheville, First Church, preaching 7:30 p. m., May 10.
Jonesboro Ct., at Forest Home; business session 2:30 p. m., May 16; preaching 11 a. m., May 17.
Fisher St., Jonesboro, 8 p. m., May 17.
Bono and Trinity at Bono; business session 2:30 p. m., May 23, preaching 8 p. m., May 24.
Truman, 8 p. m., May 26.
Monette and Macy at Macey, May 30-31.
Manila, 8 p. m., May 31.
Dell Ct., at St. Johns, 11 a. m., June 7.
Leachville, 8 p. m., June 7.
Lake City at Lake View, 11 a. m., June 14.
Jonesboro, First Church, 8 p. m., June 14.
Pastors School at Hendrix College June 17 to July 3.
Hickory Ridge Ct., at Dye's Chapel, 11 a. m., July 5.
Brookland, 8 p. m., July 8.
Whitton and Bardstown, at Whitton, 11 a. m., July 12.
Luxora, 8 p. m., July 12.
Lone Oak Ct., at Rosa, all day, July 18.
Blytheville Ct., at Yarbrow, 11 a. m., July 19.
Keiser, preaching only, 3 p. m., July 19.
Wilson, 8 p. m., July 19.
Lake St., Blytheville, 8 p. m., July 22.
Marion, 11 a. m., July 26.
Tyronza Ct., at Turrell, business session 3 p. m., July 26, preaching, 8 p. m., July 26.
Lepanto, 8 p. m., July 29.
Nettleton and Bay, at Nettleton, 11 a. m., Aug. 2.
Marked Tree, 11 a. m., Aug. 2.—W. C. House, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)
First Church, May 24, 11 a. m.
Douglassville (Guyer Springs) 7:30 p. m.
England, May 31, 11 a. m.
Highland, May 31, 7:30 p. m.
Kee-Tombertin (Kee) June 7, 11 a. m.
Henderson, June 7, 7:30 p. m.
Winfield, June 14, 11 a. m.
Capitol View, June 14, 7:30 p. m.
Asbury, June 21, 11 a. m.
Hunter, June 21, 7:30 p. m.
Austin (Mt. Zion) June 27, 11 a. m.
Forest Park, June 28, 7:30 p. m.
Hickory Plains (Johnson Chap.) July 4, 11 a. m.
Des Arc, July 5, 11 a. m.
Carlisle Ct. (Walter's Chap.) July 11, 11 a. m.
Carlisle, July 12, 11 a. m.
Hazen-DeVall's Bluff, (D. V. B.) July 19, 11 a. m.
Lonoke, July 19, 7:30 p. m.
Bryant Ct. (Salem) July 25, 11 a. m.
Bauxite, July 26, 7:30 p. m.
Oak Hill-Maumelle (Roland), Aug. 2, 11 a. m.
Pulaski Heights, Aug. 2, 7:30 p. m.
Mabelvale-Primrose (Primrose) Aug. 9, 11 a. m.
8th St., Aug. 9, 7:30 p. m.—E. R. Steel, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(Third Round.)
Augusta, May 10, 11 a. m.
DeView & Howell, at Revels, May 10, 2:30 p. m.
Weldon & Tupelo, at Union, May 16-17.
Cotton Plant, May 17-18.
Bald Knob & Bradford, at Bradford, May 23-24.
Kensett, May 24-2.
McRae Ct., at Copperas Springs, May 30-31.
Beebe Station, May 31, 3 p. m.
Judsonia, June 3, 8 p. m.
West Searcy & Higginson, at Smyrna, June 6-7.
Griffithville Ct., at New Hope, June 7, 2:30 p. m.
Pangburn Ct., at Cross Roads, June 13-14.
Heber Springs, June 14-15.
Beebe Ct., at Floyd, June 24.
Gregory & McClelland, at Gregory, July 5, 11 a. m.
Scotland Ct., at Scotland, July 11-12.
Clinton & Shirley, at Clinton, July 12-13.
Marshall, July 18-19.
Leslie, July 19-20.
Valley Springs, at Western Grove, July 24, 8 p. m.
Bellefonte Ct., at Valley View, July 25-26.
Harrison, July 26-27.
Searcy, First Church, Aug. 2, 11 a. m.
McCrory, Aug. 2, 8 p. m.—Jefferson Sherman, P. E.

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Little Mother, With Snow-White Hair

The ragweeds trail through the gaping fence,
Where the gate hung fast in the days of yore;
And tangled grasses, thick and dense,
Hide the path to the kitchen door.
But I can see you standing there—
Little Mother, with snow-white hair.

Clusters of golden rod, rank and tall,
With unkempt masses of ivy vine,
Cover the rocks of the crumbling wall,
And boldly trespass the border line,
Where bare brown feet were forbidden to tread,
The guarded bounds of the pansy bed.

The door swings from a rusted hinge,
And round its sagging frame today
The truant jasmine hangs a fringe,
That hides the mouldering decay;
There's where you used to watch and wait
For me to whistle from the gate.

Folks say it's moonlight shining through
The empty sash's missing pane;
Moonlight can't smile the way you do,
Nor throw a kiss to your boy again;
And I can see you standing there,
LITTLE MOTHER, with snow-white hair.

—Lucille Topping Howell.

MOTHER'S DAY IS SUNDAY, MAY 10th.

Let's celebrate on Sunday, May 17th, and put our District Memorial Room Plate on the door of a Memorial Room in OUR HOSPITAL, (The Methodist Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.) not only for our District, but in honor of and in memory of OUR MOTHERS.

Honor YOUR MOTHER, by your gift for your District Memorial Room Plate, during Memorial Room Week, May 17-24. See your pastor Sunday, May 17th, or during that week and make as large a free-will offering as you can for this worthy cause.

Help your District to get its Memorial Room Plate on first and lead your Conference.

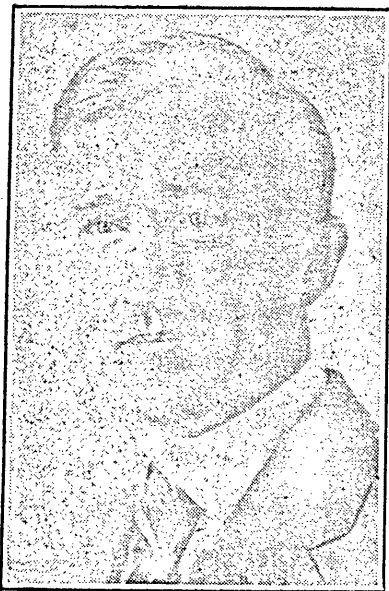
DON'T LET THE NORTH MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE BEAT THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE IN THIS WORTHY CAUSE.

North Mississippi says they are going to do it.

An Invitation to Visit

PARKIN

The Growing Spot of Arkansas



REV. G. W. PYLES,
PARKIN, ARK.

PARKIN WANTS:

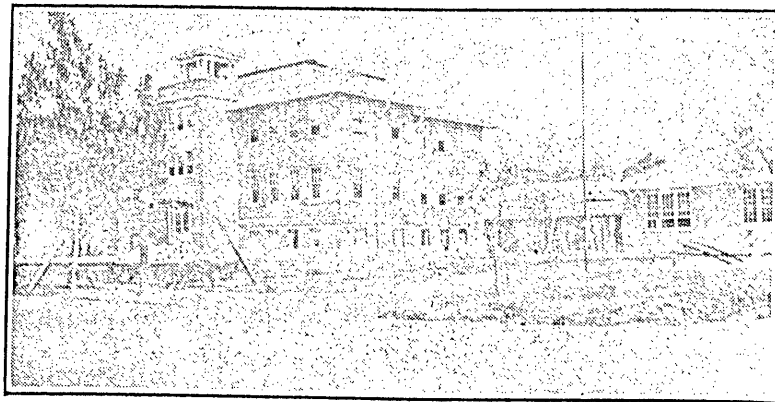
More people of the right kind, producers, developers, workers and investors, who have the energy and vision to work for results. This country is no experiment; it has proved itself. This is your opportunity to join hands to make its products worth many millions. Here is a good place to live—for your children to live. Parkin has 2,400 people now, churches of almost every denomination, strong business establishments; a bank, light plant; water and sewer system; railroad; mills; good roads; a famous public school; a moral people; a good place for factories and business; conveniences to make life what it should be. Land is cheap enough for the young man who wants a home; its fertility proves its investment value. The principal products are cotton, corn, lumber, cattle, hogs, happiness, contentment, health, wealth, superior citizenship, and women, beautiful and good. If you are interested in any of these products, visit Parkin.—J. C. G.

PARKIN HAS:

Water and light plant—8 general mercantile establishments—2 automobile sales agencies—1 bank—1 jewelry store—telephone exchange—1 lumber yard—1 ice dealer—1 furniture house—2 hardware firms—2 saw mills—3 garages—3 filling stations—3 drug stores—4 specialty groceries—1 undertaking parlor—1 saw and stave mill—1 variety store—3 cotton gins—3 regular cotton buyers—2 blacksmith shops—4 physicians—1 dentist—1 modern high school—1 standard grammar school—1 community house—2 churches.—J. C. G.

Parkin, Cross County, is located in the heart of one of the richest sections of Arkansas, where excellent returns are received from the cultivation of rich lands. Parkin is on the main line of the Missouri Pacific Railway, 32 miles west of Memphis and 172 miles east of Little Rock. The population of Parkin, including the families adjacent to the corporate limits, is 2,400. Parkin is also one-half mile east of the St. Francis River and one and one-half miles south of the Tyronza River.

In order to appreciate the wonderful development that has taken place agriculturally, socially, educationally and commercially we must know something of the facts concerning Parkin, Cross County. According to Mr. J. R. Dyer, Sr., who is at the head of the oldest mercantile establishment in Parkin, the first railroad was built in 1887. There were only two merchants at Parkin, namely: Reed and Walker and the Northern Ohio Corporation Company, both of which were commissaries. This was in 1887. Eleven years later the population was four hundred. J. R. Dyer, Sr., entered the mercantile business. From this small beginning Parkin has steadily and surely grown. In addition to the conveniences which have been mentioned elsewhere in this section one of the greatest assets of this growing town is the two deep wells which afford an abundance of pure, healthful water.—J. C. G.



HIGH SCHOOL, PARKIN.

THE PEOPLE

"Men, my brothers, men the workers,
As giving something new;
That which they have done,
But indicative of the things that they will do."

Children with the glow of health in their cheeks and with the light of ambition in their eyes, and women, strong of physique, alert of mind, are the best proof Parkin has to offer that it is a town delightful and profitable in which to live. With an ambitious and energetic populace Parkin has transformed the dense forest that once surrounded it, back in the 80's, into a fertile garden, and awakened the people to the opportunities that surround them. Since the advent of the first railroad in 1887 the watch-word of the people of Parkin and Cross County has been "Progress." The wonderful farms, the magnificent highways, extending thirty-six miles south and twenty-two miles north of Parkin, the beautiful school with the three units recently added, church buildings, the pretty homes, the miles of cement side walks bordered with slightly shade trees, and the large alluvial plains—all level—all tell the world that Parkin and Cross County are peopled by men and women of growth, of foresight and of ambition.—J. C. G.



MR. J. O. BAKER,
PARKIN.

CROSS COUNTY.

Cross County's land area is 396,160 acres; the average elevation is 265 feet. Topography; valley, ridge, and semi-prairie. Crowley's Ridge extends north and south through the center of the county. On the east lies a fertile valley; on the west the level lands of Central Arkansas are sparsely timbered. The land for the most part is well drained by numerous creeks and the St. Francis and Tyronza Rivers. The population, according to the 1920 census, is 20,000; value of farm property, \$5,000,000. Cross County still has some very fine timber, hardwood and pine. Parkin is one of the principal towns in Cross County. The principal crops in and around Parkin are cotton, corn, wheat and alfalfa.—J. C. G.

PARKIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

During my recent visit to Parkin I had the opportunity to visit the Grammar and High Schools. Professor O. J. Seymour is the efficient superintendent and Professor R. E. Vinson is principal of the High School. Superintendent Seymour has six teachers in the High School with one-hundred students. The school is doing A grade work. The curriculum is as high as that to be found in any of our standard high schools. In the grades there are 428 students. Superintendent Seymour employs ten instructors for this department.—J. C. G.

PARKIN, CROSS COUNTY ARKANSAS

Situated in the St. Francis and Tyronza basin

"The name of Cross County soil is like the name of Sterling on silver"



J. E. FITZGERALD CO., INC., PARKIN.



W. C. DRUMMOND CO., PARKIN, ARK.

Parkin's Leading Business Firms

Parkin, not unlike other towns of equal size, can surely boast of some up-to-date, enterprising business establishments.

Parkin Hardware Company.—The Parkin Hardware Company, the Winchester Store, is one of the leading business firms. Mr. J. O. Baker, a progressive citizen, an outstanding Methodist layman, and an enterprising merchant is the proprietor. A complete line of light and heavy hardware, household furnishings, farming implements, builder's hardware, stoves and ranges and kindred lines are carried.

J. E. Fitzgerald Company, Inc.—J. E. Fitzgerald Company, Incorporated, are authorized dealers for the Lincoln, Ford and Fordson. They sell cars, trucks and tractors, in other words. They also maintain a splendid service station and carry a large stock of genuine Ford parts. In addition to this they operate a drive-in filling station, one of the most beautiful in that section of Arkansas.

The Central Drug Store.—The Central Drug Store carries a complete line of toilet articles, stationery, and high class drugs. Dr. D. C. Codder is the proprietor and W. E. Franklin, pharmacist. Accuracy, quality and service are their watch words. Dr. Codder also maintains an up-to-date soda fountain.

Watterman Mercantile Company.—Mr. R. L. Watterman is the proprietor of the Watterman Mercantile Company, one of the leading business firms of Parkin. This concern carries a complete line of dry goods, staple groceries, fresh meats and also has a full line of shelf hardware and household goods.

Thomas Drug Store.—The Thomas Drug Store is the Rexall store of Parkin. They maintain a prescription department, modern soda fountain and handle a complete line of rubber goods, cosmetics, and druggist's supplies. This is one of the busiest drug stores.

W. C. Drummond, Gas and Oil.—Mr. W. C. Drummond operates an accessory depot and a modern drive-in station. He has a wonderful location and one of the most attractive establishments of its kind in that whole section. When in Parkin visit the W. C. Drummond filling station.

Tucker's Drug Store.—The Tucker Drug Store is operated by Mr. W. C. Tucker and enjoys a splendid volume of business. It is one of the latest, most modern drug stores in Parkin. Only quality drugs are carried and staple pharmacist's supplies. They also handle finest chocolate candies, toilet goods, stationery and school supplies and operate a prescription department and modern soda fountain.

Wood and Gill, Grocers.—Messrs. Wood and Gill operate the only self-service grocery in Parkin. They operate the famous "Clarence Saunders—Sole Owner of My Name—Store." Groceries are sold at reasonable figures for cash only. While the Wood and Gill Store has been operating only a short time the sales volume is greatly increasing. It is one of the most up-to-date sanitary grocery stores to be found anywhere.

E. M. Farris, Grocer.—Mr. E. M. Farris operates one of the leading grocery stores and maintains one of the best meat markets in Parkin. He enjoys a wonderful business. Only staple and fancy groceries are handled and only the choicest quality in meats.

Mr. John O. Baker.—Mr. John O. Baker is not only a progressive citizen, leading Methodist layman, and successful hardware dealer, but is also District secretary of the Helena District Epworth Leagues, and editor of The Quarterly News Bulletin, the efficient organ of the Helena District Epworth Leagues. The initial issue of this splendidly edited bulletin, Volume 1, Number 1, came out April 20. It is an eight-page paper filled with interesting items, energizing reports, heartening letters, forward-looking plans, District and Conference announcements, Epworth League banquets and last, but not least, numbers of articles bearing on the approaching Epworth League Assembly which meets at Galloway College in June. You can readily understand that John Baker is a man of the most unique containments.

Rev. George Wendell Pyles.—True, Rev. George Wendell Pyles is not a merchant, a banker or planter; but he of right occupies an important place in this list. He is one of the greatest factors in the town of Parkin. He has rendered invaluable service to the town during his brief pastorate. He sponsored the movement for a community house which is a valuable addition to the town. In addition to the splendid building which affords a place where the town may come together socially, a well kept tennis court is maintained. This is one of the most valuable acquisitions of Parkin in recent years. Not only has Brother Pyles made himself felt as a leader for civic and social affairs, but he takes an active part in the business interests of his community. He assisted materially in the organizing of a bank. He is also one of the strong supporters of the public school system, giving attention both to the Grammar and High Schools. As a minister he is unexcelled. He is affable, discreet, sympathetic and studious. He has a wonderful way of digging into the hearts of his people. He is one of the many pastors in the North Arkansas Conference who "wear well," that is, the more you learn about him, the more intimately you are acquainted with him, the better you like him. His unselfish service and wise leadership are highly appreciated by not only the Methodists, but by the entire citizenry of Parkin.

For these reasons and others which I might mention the Rev. George Wendell Pyles must be entered in the foregoing list.—J. C. G.

Parkin Methodists True Blue

Parkin's pastor is one of the most scholarly and highly equipped ministers in the state. He is capable of filling any pulpit in the state with credit to himself and also to the Kingdom. He is an honor A. B. graduate of Hendrix and a B. D. graduate of Emory University. With it all, and the best of it, he is wise and discreet, brotherly and thoroughly consecrated. With this splendid leadership Parkin Methodism will not lag and had it not been for the bank failure Parkin Methodists would erect a new church this year. Every department is well organized and doing splendid work. It goes without saying that my visit was a pleasant one and I shall not soon forget the cordial hospitality of the parsonage home.—J. C. G.

The following liberal and patriotic business men of Parkin have made this Display Section possible:

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Rev. George Wendell Pyles.
Mr. John O. Baker, Hardware Dealer;

THE SPECIAL EFFORT FOR SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT
The Board of Finance of the
Methodist Episcopal Church, South
SECURITY BUILDING, SAINT LOUIS, MISSOURI
Edited by **LUTHER E. TODD, Secretary**

REVEREND S. A. BARNES, successful pastor of our Floral Heights Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, appeals to the pastors of Southern Methodism to throw themselves enthusiastically into the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment. I quote some of his statements, as follows:

The Urge Commands Our Best

"This movement is similar to that of getting a drowning man to climb into a life-boat. Every pastor should take off his coat, roll up his sleeves, and square himself to put it over big.

"I doubt if more than one Methodist preacher out of twenty-five saves against the day of superannuation. How can they? There are so many demands, expenses, moves, education of the children, etc.—and the bigger the appointment, the greater the financial strain. What can they do when the time comes that they can no longer do anything?

"It is not the business of preachers to make money, but to preach the gospel. When we turn from our high calling to selfish purposes, we quickly become inefficient for unselfish purposes. Our Lord did not say 'Go speculate,' but 'Go preach.' There have been thousands of chances for preachers to become rich, but the preachers are bound by solemn vows to forget themselves in their faithful ministry to others.

"In the face of these facts it seems that preachers are more than justified to work unreservedly for old-age sustenance, when the Church herself calls them to such a program. The lay members will gladly lend a hand, but they are accustomed to wait in every movement for the leadership of their pastors.

Some Figures

That Shame Us

"The Minutes of the Annual Conferences for the year 1924, tell a tale concerning this matter, that is not very heartening. It is true that many Charges did nobly, as is evidenced by a total of \$1,275,000 paid on Special Effort quotas during the first year. All honor to the pastors who had a part in this. But the records show that hundreds of Charges throughout the whole Church are not credited with paying a cent to this cause the first year.

"The Minutes of my own Conference show that 65 Charges paid absolutely nothing last year. It seems incredible, but it is positively true. All of the other Annual Conferences publish in their Minutes similar failures by many Charges. What does it mean? Surely some people in every Charge are willing to contribute to a cause so worthy, if the matter is properly presented to them. But was it presented? If not, why not? It is authoritatively stated that fully 2,000 Charges in the entire Connection paid nothing for Superannuate Endowment the first year. Could the pastors of these Charges have made a better showing, if they had worked more zealously at the task?

"The \$1,275,000 raised the first year is being acclaimed as a great victory, and it is a real achievement. But there were just 4,500 Charges out of 6,500 that deserve all the credit for what was accomplished. And many pastors who raised and paid the amounts due from their Charges for the first year were moved last fall to some of those 2,000 Charges that paid nothing. Let these statements of fact talk until the truth grips. Pastors who have neglected his thing should fall in line this year with enthusiasm.

It Takes Team Work to Win

"No one man, or small group of men, can put over the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment. The plan of the movement calls for every one of us to do his part in his place. If we expect to do this work which has been assigned to us, we

must move with lock-step. It is not enough for 4,500 pastors to work at the job faithfully, while 2,000 pastors do nothing at it. Nor should two-thirds of the presiding elders have to bear the Special Effort load of the other third. Likewise all the lay members in the widest sweep of our great Church should join heartily with the pastors in doing this blessed thing for the superannuates.

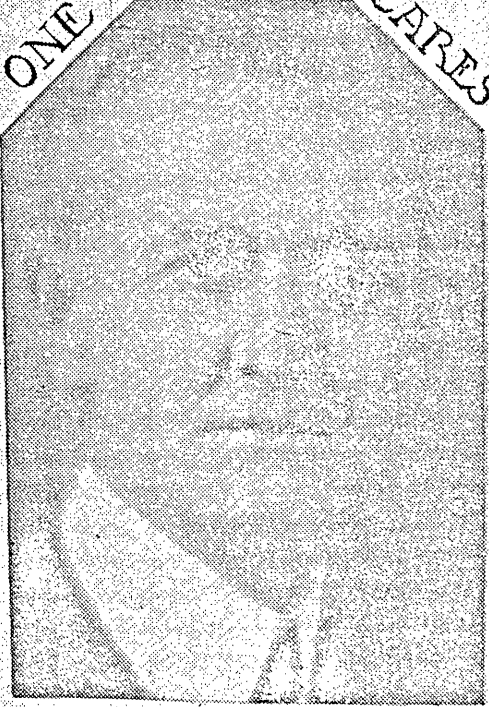
"There is not a claim, not even our salaries as pastors, that is more urgent than this. If we fail to collect other money for Church purposes, we shall be shamed by retrenchment and humiliated by the failure of some of our plans. But, if we fail to collect this Superannuate Endowment money, it will mean to take common necessities from suffering, broken, blind, dying, and aged men and women who made possible the civilization of this day. Shall we fail them? Shall we feed and be idle on our jobs when such a plaintive cry is calling through the Church? I say, No! And I believe

that every pastor in our great Methodism feels the same way about it."

Notice the "Cant" in "Vacant"

Webster says "vacant" means: Containing nothing, empty, not occupied, blank, unfilled. Yes, and that is just the condition of about 2,000 account-cards of Charges which the Board of Finance has in its record system—they are vacant. Look at the accompanying picture—no, not at Barnes, but the card. It has no credits. Is it the card of your Charge? Do you like it vacant? Does it give a true record of your interest in Superannuate Endowment?

Brother Barnes has called attention to some things that ought to move all of us to the utmost endeavor in behalf of the Special Effort. He speaks from the viewpoint of a pastor who is supporting the movement with all his soul. Last year his Charge paid in cash more than 50 per cent of its entire quota for five years. He does not criticize his brethren—if he had done so, his words would not have been printed here. But out of his yearning heart he calls upon every pastor to help.

Hesitation		CHARGE FILE NO.		13
Postponement		DISTRICT CARD NO.		23
Procrastination		CONFERENCE QUOTA		\$ 2,000
OLD TOTAL	DATE	RECEIPT NO.	PAID	TOTAL TO DATE
Nothing			Nothing	Nothing
ONE WHO CARES				
				
Rev. S. A. Barnes				
↑ THEIR TIME ↓ MAR 15 MAY 15				

THE PASTOR WHO WOULD FORGE AHEAD MUST NOT LEAVE AN UNFINISHED TASK BEHIND