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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Dishonest wealth bankrupts the life of its possessor; while honest poverty may enrich the soul. Full bodies and empty souls are a poor combination; and yet the empty soul satisfies itself with a mess of pottage.

The man who shirks a hard task today will shrink from an easy task tomorrow.

Which is worse, to go so fast that you miss the mark or so slow that you never reach it?

It is better to pray for wisdom to use prosperity aright than for grace to endure adversity.

Some lame men can walk to see a moving picture or a baseball game who refuse a ride to church.

The fool who thinks that he is wise is twice a fool, while the fool who knows he is a fool is for one time a wise man.

DANGEROUS TENDENCIES.

(Address delivered by A. C. Millar at 1925 Meeting of Arkansas Press Association.)

Editors are psychological and sociological physicians, and as honest physicians they are constantly seeking to understand the mind and the morals of society. Having diagnosed the mental and moral ailments, they are ready to suggest remedies.

Since society is a marvelous complex, the resultant of millions of converging elements, affected by physical, intellectual, and ethical environment; and since some causes are remote and others merely superficial, the task of diagnosing correctly is extremely difficult and is often baffling.

Naturally the superficial elements are impressive and divert the student from those which are latent. It is easy to decide that the high price of coal is due to limited transportation facilities in winter. It is difficult to study the whole coal-mining industry to discover that the faulty methods of mining and the utter lack of sympathy of producer with the consumer are fundamental factors.

A few years ago, when we were constantly irritated by unhappy conditions in Mexico, the majority of our people failed to understand our president's restraint and caution. The unsophisticated multitude argued that Mexico needed a lesson in behavior and that a few regiments of our cavalry could quickly teach her people the needed lesson. Our wise president knew that; but he also knew that war with Mexico would mean famine and bread riots at home. You reply that we get no essential food stuffs from Mexico; hence war would not interfere with our food supply. That would have been true fifty years ago, but not today. Three generations ago almost every farmer raised wheat and harvested it with a cradle; consequently there could not be a food shortage when food was produced abundantly in every neighborhood. Today all is changed. The introduction of the twine-binder and the steam-separator has revolutionized wheat-growing. Now by the use of machinery one man produces enough wheat for fifty families and we are dependent on the wheat fields of Kansas, the Dakotas and the Pacific Coast. Further, this large-scale production by machinery requires a peculiar twine, and this twine is made only of sisal, or henequen. No other fiber is adapted to this purpose. If we cannot get sisal, we cannot have binder-twine, and without binder-twine wheat cannot be produced in sufficient quantity to supply our people. If binding had to be done by hand, as in days of yore, several million men would be forced from city industry to the farm, and agricultural and industrial life would be revolutionized. It requires several years to produce sisal and it is successfully grown in large quantity only in Yucatan, a state of Mexico. War with Mexico would cut off the supply of sisal from Yucatan, and that would automatically stop the manufacture of binder-twine, and that would so affect the harvesting of wheat that a scarcity of wheat, and consequently of food would necessarily follow. Our president understood the situation; hence his policy of watchful waiting. Few men understood; hence few were able to diagnose the conditions.

This is only a fair illustration of the hidden factors which must be known if one would correctly discover the fundamental causes of civic and social ailments, and successfully prescribe a cure. The actions and re-actions are no longer confined to neighborhoods, but involve national and international factors.

HAPPY IS THE MAN THAT FIND-ETH WISDOM, AND THE MAN THAT GETTETH UNDERSTANDING; FOR THE MERCHANDISE OF IT IS BETTER THAN THE MERCHANDISE OF SILVER, AND THE GAIN THEREOF THAN FINE GOLD.
—Prov. 3:13-14.

Before I traveled two years ago in Western Canada, I did not understand the relation of Canadian wheat to our own agricultural situation. Now I know that, because of certain natural soil and climatic conditions, the farmer of the United States cannot successfully compete with the Canadian wheat-growers.

The agricultural editor who, without understanding Canada and Argentina, advises the American farmer, will almost certainly mislead him.

Occasioned by the demands of distressed wheat-growers, there is a tendency to legislate for the benefit of the American farmer; but scientific farming, rather than a new law, is the one thing needful.

Transportation is necessary for a rich and diversified civilization. We want, not merely the produce of our own farms and clime, but of all the world. American civilization has made marvelous strides. Our fathers lived the simple life, because they had only what they themselves produced. We live a rich and cosmopolitan life, because we exchange products with all the nations of earth. Rapid, easy, and cheap transportation made this possible. Fifty years ago railroads were eagerly sought and were unhampered by cramping laws and unembarrassed by arbitrary commissions. They sometimes sinned against fairness; but they opened the trackless wilderness and gave value to hitherto worthless lands. Because they were occasionally recklessly and ruthlessly managed, we began to regulate them, and at last to crush them by unbusinesslike regulations and restrictions. Now railroads, with rare exceptions, pay no dividends to stock-holders and often default on interest on bonds. The entire railroad system was built on credit represented by bonds. Without this credit building would have been seriously retarded. Practically all extensions and considerable improvements are made with borrowed money. Because of the multiplicity of hampering restrictions, including labor combinations, railroads are becoming unattractive investments. When a great system, like the Boston and Maine, junks a thousand miles of subsidiary tracks, and another great system, like the St. Paul and Milwaukee, goes into a receivership, there is cause for alarm. The railroads suffer from unnecessary legal restrictions so that they cannot exercise business judgment in making changes. They suffer, because, since their property is all tangible and readily found, they pay in proportion to actual value relatively higher taxes than do private property-holders, and because their rates are fixed by outside authorities and wages fixed by labor unions so that they cannot make adjustments according to economic laws. Today they are subject to competition with automobiles and auto-trucks which run over roads built by the public and often paid in large part by the railroads themselves.

Recently I learned of a railroad which once sold 300 tickets a day between certain points, but since the completion of a hard-surface road only thirty tickets are sold. If this condition prevailed along the whole line, the railroad would be forced out of business. If this competition were fair it would be serious; but this railroad paid in taxes a large part of the cost of the road that creates this ruinous competition.

Now I have never condoned the sins of the railroads, but, no matter how badly they are managed, I know that we cannot carry on without the railroads. The autobusses and autotrucks cannot take the place of the railroad for long-distance and bulky traffic. If we permit our railroads to be crushed by unbusinesslike restrictions, heavy taxes, and unfair competition, the time will come when the railroads will cease to pay not simply the stock-holder (That has already happened in many cases), but the bond-holder will fail to get his interest. Then will follow foreclosure and receiverships. Then it will become impossible to

negotiate loans and the end of successful railroad-ing will come. If all traffic must be carried on the public highways, much more mileage will be required and the cost of maintenance will become exorbitant and virtually prohibitive.

Once the railroads were owned by speculators and operated by gamblers in stocks. Their day is past. Now the people largely own the railroads, and they are operated by highly trained administrators who go from road to road as they are drawn by opportunity for service. Like all other things human, the railroads err and will continue to err, and occasionally they sin; but practically all of their affairs are open to public scrutiny, and it is not expressing partiality to assert that they are managed as honestly as are other kinds of business, and are seeking as diligently to render genuine public service. Because of their relation to the whole people and the danger that is inherent in the possession of great power, even in ecclesiastical organizations, it would be unwise to leave the railroads without any sort of governmental oversight; but in view of the crisis impending and the unspeakable disaster that would follow the break-down of the railroads of our land, it behooves us to study the problem with unusual care and to avoid reckless experiments suggested by ignorant or designing demagogues.

The public mind has long been hypercritical of the railroads. We as editors have been too ready to humor our prejudiced readers by making the railroads the targets of unseasoned criticism and thoughtless and caustic wit. We have unconsciously yielded to the subtle Socialistic propaganda which seeks to weaken the railroads and destroy public confidence in order to crush them and force the government to take them over.

The railroad problem is one of our biggest and most complex economic problems. It cannot be solved by the seedy philosophers who loaf at the corner groceries. It cannot be understood by the editor who sees only the track through his own town and judges the management by the little agent at his own station.

Our handling of the railroad question is characteristic and symptomatic. In a rapidly growing civilization which thrusts new issues upon us over night, we fail to consider the processes and the results in history; we are parochially minded; we err in diagnosis; we demand quick cures; and often jump to conclusions; and accept quack remedies.

We should be socially minded, but that is a very different thing from having the mind of the Socialist, who would destroy individual initiative and substitute the action of the state. The student of American history who is not blinded by prejudice or immature prepossession, must admit that much of our success has been due to the majestic self-confidence of our pioneer forebears and their magnificent initiative. They went out beyond the reach of civil law and became a law unto themselves. Now we pass laws on every conceivable subject and try to secure a forced conformity. We are not satisfied to pass local ordinances affecting acts within the range of our own knowledge and experience; but we invoke the aid of the state in trivial things, and then the patronizing or restraining hand of the national government.

The history of every great nation of antiquity proves the unwisdom of destroying local and individual initiative and setting up an all-powerful and all-pervasive central government.

In an age of rapid transit and quick transmission of news, there must be more centralization in order to have proper co-ordination; but it requires wisdom to recognize the proper limits and judgment to respect natural and rational boundaries.

The pervasive and pernicious meddling of the liquor traffic forced the adoption of national prohibition; but it is unfortunate that it has apparently weakened the sense of local responsibility for law-enforcement.

Children should be amply protected from industrial exploitation; but the wisdom of invoking federal authority to control the evil, may consistently and righteously be questioned. Instead of the pending Child Labor Amendment, it were better to give Congress merely the power to prohibit interstate traffic in goods produced under inhuman conditions. This would place the responsibility of protecting the children of each state on that state and offer a premium for good conduct.

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METHODIST CALENDAR.

Paragould D. C., Biggers, June 2-5.
Camden D. C., Hampton, June 9-12.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Standing grain has been converted into hot biscuit in fifty-five minutes at Chapman, Kan.—Ex.

Monday Rev. Lester Weaver of Clarksville called. He reports his church prospering and in good financial condition.

Rev. C. B. Davis, pastor of our church at Princeton, was in the city Friday and paid the Methodist a very pleasant visit.

Mr. Harney Chaney, president of the North Arkansas League, was in our office Friday on business connected with his office.

Rev. W. V. Womack, pastor at Forrest City, recently made commencement addresses for the schools at Newcastle and Madison.

Dr. James Thomas, commissioner of Hendrix College, delivered the opening sermon for the Texarkana District Conference at DeQueen.

Rev. S. R. Twitty, who is now doing graduate work at Vanderbilt University, preached the closing sermon for the High School at Belfast, Tenn., May 10.

Rev. T. M. Armstrong of Lewisville, assisted by Mr. D. C. Perry as song director, will begin a meeting at Waldo on Wednesday, May 27 and run through June 7.

Mr. W. S. Cazort, lay-leader of Camden District, has issued a call for a Laymen's meeting at Camden, May 27, at 1 p. m. All church members and pastors are invited.

Dr. Charles Franklin of Russellville preached the closing sermon for Pottsville High School last Sunday, and will preach the sermon for Morrilton High School next Sunday.

We are glad to acknowledge receipt of a club of subscribers from Rev. J. H. Ruble of Van Buren. Brother Ruble enclosed check to cover subscription list for which we thank him.

On account of the condition of his wife's health Rev. C. F. Messer of Dalark Circuit has moved to Shawnee, Okla. He requests his friends to address him there, at 716 North Aylotte St.

Rev. H. Lynn Wade, Fayetteville's loved pastor, preached the commencement sermon for the Fayetteville High School, Sunday, May 10. There were sixty three boys and girls in the graduating class.

Any one who is thinking of making a trip to Europe and the Holy Land, can arrange for such a trip at a very moderate cost by corresponding with Rev. S. R. Twitty, 356 Wesley Hall, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. E. W. Faulkner has delivered a series of commencement sermons this year. Sunday morning, May 10, he preached the closing sermon for the Valley Springs Training School, of which Prof. M. J. Russell is superintendent.

Rev. A. H. DuLaney, evangelist of N. Arkansas Conference, is in the Baptist Hospital of this city suffering from a dislocated ankle. He had been in a meeting with Rev. S. B. Wilford and had thirty-three conversions before his injury.

Mr. Clarence Burg, assisted by Dora Thomasson Hoffman and John Garner, gave an organ recital at First Church, Ft. Smith, Sunday, May 10, at 3 p. m. Circle No. 4 of the Woman's Missionary Society sponsored this special program.

The editor attended the meeting of the Arkansas Press Association last week and delivered the formal "oration," which is published on the editorial page. He was elected chaplain for the coming year. Space forbids a fuller account of the meeting this week.

Do not forget that the Annual Conferences have recommended that the Arkansas Methodist should be put into every Methodist home in Arkansas by the "Club Plan." It works. Many churches have already done it. Has yours? If not, why not? Let us hear from you.

Miss Marie McKay called Tuesday and reported that her father, Rev. R. W. McKay, had just had an attack of appendicitis. Miss McKay was called to his bedside, but he was resting comfortably when she left and it is thought that an operation will not be necessary.

Rev. David Bolls, superannuate of Little Rock Conference, who is supplying Turner Circuit, lives at Wynne and was seen by the editor at the District Conference. He is looking and feeling much better than he did a year ago and is able to give full time to preaching.

Rev. J. F. Simmons, Centenary secretary, spoke in First Church, Texarkana, last Sunday morning and at Fairview at night. Next Sunday he will speak in Park Ave. Church, Hot Springs, in the morning and at Third Street Church at night. Bro. Simmons is always busy.

About two weeks ago Mrs. Wayland, wife of Rev. E. T. Wayland, our pastor at Wynne, was carried to the Methodist Hospital at Memphis and submitted to an operation for appendicitis. She has made rapid progress toward recovery and was expected home Friday of last week.

Rev. S. M. Yancey and his singer, A. L. Hardin, started a meeting in Marion Sunday, the 17th. They are to close at Marion the 31st and start a meeting in the Dodson Avenue church, Ft. Smith, the next night. They have a strenuous program ahead of them, fourteen weeks of service with only four days rest.

Something special for next week. Watch for the twenty-four page special edition, featuring the League Assemblies for Arkansas. This special number will be known as the "Young People's Progress Number." In addition to the two Epworth League Assemblies to be held at Henderson-Brown College, Arkadelphia, and Galloway College, Searcy, other special display pages will be carried, featuring some of our towns.

Presiding Elder F. N. Brewer writes that Rev. J. F. Taylor, beloved pastor of Winthrop Charge, while working on a church building at Winthrop last Friday fell and broke his leg. He is in a hospital at Texarkana and amputation may become necessary. He is our heroic home-missionary, who has never taken thought for himself. He now needs our aid. Let contributions be promptly sent to Rev. J. D. Hammons, First Church, Texarkana, who has been appointed to receive funds for Bro. Taylor.

Mr. W. H. Baker of Clovis, N. Mex., accompanied by his granddaughter, Miss Dorothy Baker, called last week. He is the father of Rev. Clem Baker and formerly lived in Arkansas. He reports that the N. Mexico Conference will meet in his city and gives the editor a cordial invitation to visit the Conference and promises entertainment in his own home. The editor had the pleasure of visiting the Conference some years ago when it was held at Clovis and enjoyed the experience. It would be a pleasure to repeat it.

Last Tuesday Rev. J. W. Harrell, presiding elder of Camden District, called. He has not been well for some weeks, but is now better. He is greatly pleased with certain developments in the oil field. Backed by an oil man, he started a new church building at Louann Monday. It will soon be finished, and early in June Rev. Paul D. Reed, who takes his degree at S. M. U., will take charge of the church. Arrangements are also being made for Miss Florence Whiteside, deaconess, to do missionary work in this field.

Rev. W. H. ("Wild Bill") Evans was an appreciated visitor at the Prescott District Conference. He helps the speakers by his hearty "Amen's." He is now at Hot Springs, and hopes to open a city mission there where he can preach to the visitors who are not habitual church-goers and help them to come in contact with the churches of the city.

With his unique evangelistic power and attractive personality, Bro. Evans will undoubtedly become a spiritual asset to Hot Springs. When you go to Hot Springs for pleasure or for health, be sure to get acquainted with "Wild Bill."

PLAN OF EPISCOPAL VISITATION.

First District—Bishop W. A. Candler: Alabama, Mobile, November 11; Baltimore, Winchester, Va., March 24, 1926; North Alabama, Huntsville, October 25; Virginia, October 4.

Second—Bishop Collins Denny: Western North Carolina, Statesville, October 14; Upper South Carolina, Abbeville, October 28; North Carolina, Fayetteville, November 11; South Carolina, Darlington, November 25.

Third—Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon: Holston, Trinity church, Chattanooga, Tenn., September 30; Memphis, Dyersburg, Tenn., November 11; Tennessee, Nashville, October 7.

Fourth—Bishop John M. Moore: East Oklahoma, Hugo, November 4; Indian Mission, Salt Creek church, near Yeager, Okla., September 18; North Texas, Greenville, October 14; Texas, Jacksonville, November 11; West Oklahoma, Ardmore, Okla., Oct. 21.

Fifth—Bishop W. F. McMurry: Denver, Beulah, Colo., Oct. 19; Missouri, Fayette, Mo., Sept. 9; Southwest Missouri, Warrensburg, Mo., Sept. 23; St. Louis, Bonne Terre, Mo., October 7.

Sixth—Bishop U. V. W. Darlington: Centralia, Ills., August 19; Western Virginia, Clarksburg, W. Va., August 26; Kentucky, Covington, Sept. 2; Louisville, Greenville, September 23; North Georgia, Griffin, November 18.

Seventh—Bishop H. M. DuBose: Northwest, Spokane, Wash., August 26; Arizona, Prescott, Oct. 15; Pacific, Berkeley, Calif., October 21.

Eighth—Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, November 4; North Mississippi, Grenada, November 25; Mississippi, Hattiesburg, Nov. 11; Florida, St. Petersburg, December 3.

Ninth—Bishop James Cannon, Jr.: Congo Mission; Cuba, Mexico, Texas Mexican Mission, Western Mexican Mission.

Tenth—Bishop W. B. Beauchamp: Belgian Mission, Brussels, Belgium, June 24; Polish and Danzig Mission, Warsaw, Poland, Sept. 8; Czechoslovakia Mission, Sept. 22.

Eleventh—Bishop James E. Dickey: New Mexico, Clovis, N. M., Oct. 21; West Texas, San Antonio, October 28; Northwest Texas, Canyon, November 11; Central Texas, Waxahatchie, November 18.

Twelfth—Bishop S. R. Hay: Louisiana, New Orleans, November 4; Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Ark., Nov. 18; North Arkansas, Conway, Ark., Nov. 25.

Thirteenth—Bishop H. M. Dobbs, Brazil, Juiz de Fora, Brazil, August 6; Central Brazil, Pieraciaba, Brazil, August 13; South Brazil, Cruz Alta, Sept. 17.

Fourteenth—Bishop H. A. Boaz: China Mission, Japan Mission, Korea, August 25; Korean Conference, Seoul, September 3; Siberian Mission, Russian Department, Harbin, September 17; Siberian Mission, Korean Department, Harbin, September 21; Chinese Mission, Harbin, September 23; Japan Mission, Kobe, October 24; China Mission, Soochow, October 23; China Conference, Shanghai, October 28.

SMACKOVER.

When Rev. Guy Murphy of N. Arkansas Conference entered Hendrix College some twenty-eight years ago I first learned of Smackover, his home village; but not until last Saturday was it my privilege to visit that now famous community.

En route from El Dorado to Camden the Arkansas Press Association stopped for two hours at Smackover and enjoyed a number of welcoming and informing addresses and a delicious luncheon served by the ladies of that town. Returning Saturday night, I spent Sunday with Dr. B. A. Few, visiting the Sunday School and preaching at eleven and at night.

A little over two years ago Smackover, before that a quiet country village of a dozen families, leaped suddenly into fame as a great oil field. The center of attraction for a year, it dropped out of the focus and went rapidly down; but again with the discovery of oil in the deeper sands, it has risen to the top. Now it is claimed that Smackover is in the center of the greatest oil-producing field in the world. In a single day it has produced as high as 400,000 barrels. Although the developed area in our state is small, Arkansas is today the third state in production, being surpassed only by California and Oklahoma.

At first Smackover was only a huddle of temporary shacks. As it is in the edge of a creek bottom where there were no hard-surface roads, travel was almost impossible and sanitary conditions were unspeakably bad. Then, as ten-thousand people rushed in within a few months, the local government was not able to cope with the situation and morality was at a low ebb. It was a typical oil-boom town with all of its concomitants, and thus gained an unenviable notoriety. However, as the excitement ebbed and the transient element drifted away, the better and more permanent element asserted itself. Now, with the prospect of large and

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS.

All the active bishops were present at the annual meeting of the College of Bishops. For parts of five days the bishops were in session. More than has been customary, the bishops gave detailed accounts of the work of the Church in the several Annual Conferences, setting forth the successes of our work as well as the obstacles.

Work in China.

Bishop Boaz, who has just returned from the East, was requested to make a statement to the Church touching the doctrinal belief and teaching of our missionaries in China as he had found that belief after careful inquiry.

Fraternal Messengers

At the request of one of the bishops of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ that a fraternal messenger should be sent from our Church to that General Conference, the College elected Bishop Du Bose as our fraternal messenger.

At the request of Dr. S. D. Chown that a fraternal messenger should be sent to the Joint Church Union of Canada on June 10, 1925, Dr. Franklin N. Parker was elected.

Lincoln College, Oxford

The two hundredth anniversary of the admission of John Wesley to his fellowship in Lincoln College, Oxford, is to be celebrated March 26-28, 1926, and Bishops Beauchamp, Mouzon, and Hay were given power to select the delegates and alternates to represent our Church.

Bishop Hendrix

As it is customary when any of the bishops are absent from our meetings for the College to send greetings to the absentees, a telegram was sent to Bishop Hendrix to assure him of our regret that he could not be with us and of our prayers on his behalf.

Memoir of Bishop Murrah.

Bishop Mouzon was appointed to prepare a memoir of Bishop Murrah to be presented to the College at the fall meeting.

Our Mission Interests.

A time was set aside to hear statements from the Missionary and Centenary Secretaries in the interest

of our missionary work, and Drs. Russell, Rawlings, Pinson, and Cram came before the College and gave detailed information concerning our missions at home and abroad.

Hospitals

Bishop McMurry presented the report from the Trustees of Barnes Hospital, and a committee of three was appointed to consider and report on the hospital work of the Church.

The committee appointed to consider the general work of the hospitals made a verbal report that, since already a communication touching this work had been printed in the Church papers, further action at this time was not needed. Bishop McMurry was requested to publish a summary of the work of Barnes Hospital.

Resolutions Adopted.

The College adopted the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That it is the judgment of the College of Bishops that it is competent for an Annual Conference, in accordance with the law of the Methodist Church, South, to determine for itself by vote in advance of taking action on a particular question what method it will adopt in taking the vote on such question and that where no previously established parliamentary procedure or action exists in said Conference such method of voting shall be determined by a majority vote."

"Whereas the law in our Church in paragraph 45 of the Discipline provides that no one who is under twenty-five years old and who has not been for six years next preceding his election a member of our Church can be a lay member of an Annual Conference; and whereas no lay member who does not meet these requirements is qualified to vote in any Annual Conference; therefore be it

"Resolved, That any vote cast in any Annual Conference by any lay member who is not qualified under the law of the Church as set forth above, if challenge is made and sustained, should not be certified by the President and Secretary of said Conference to the Secretary of the College of Bishops and to the General Conference."

"Resolved further, That in the event any vote shall have been certified and subsequently the fact of ineligibility is established it will be when reviewed by the bishops held null and void."

"Resolved, That it is the sense of the College of Bishops that it is not in harmony with the usage and spirit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, for Church Conferences, Quarterly Conferences, District Conferences, or Annual Conferences to undertake to bind laymen by instructing them to vote in a certain way, and that if such Conferences do pass resolutions with a view to instructing their delegates such delegates must, nevertheless, be free to follow their own conscience when voting on any question."

"Be it further resolved, That it is the sense of the College of Bishops that all such Conferences have the right to express their views by resolution on any question at issue."

Address Concerning the Present Missionary Situation of the Church

The address touching the present missionary situation adopted by the College of Bishops appears under the title, "Our Missionary Situation," following this article. (This was published last week.—Ed.)

Plan of Episcopal Visitation.

The Plan of Episcopal Visitation was published in the issue of the Christian Advocate for May 8. Since the Board of Missions is to hold in December a meeting in Nashville, that city was selected as the place of our fall meeting, the exact date of the meeting of the College to be determined later.

Methodist Young People's Convention
Communications from Dr. F. S. Parker, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Methodist Young People's Convention, were presented to the College, and the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas there has come officially before the College of Bishops a communication from the Executive Committee of the Methodist Young People's Convention signed by Dr. F. S. Parker, Chairman of the said committee, setting forth the plan and program of this Convention, to be held in

Memphis, Tenn., December 31, 1925, to January 3, 1926; and whereas we have considered this plan and program in our session; now therefore "Resolved by the College of Bishops, That we give our cordial approval and indorsement to this Convention and its program and direct a copy of this resolution be sent to the officers of this Convention."

Superannuate Endowment Fund

The committee appointed to consider this important interest of the Church reported as follows:

"The bishops have heard with deep satisfaction of the sustained interest throughout the Church in the Superannuate Endowment cause. A creditable payment has been made on the \$10,000,000 subscription during the first year, and reports from all our bounds indicate a real enthusiasm in all our Conferences, coupled with a deep purpose to see that the full pledge is redeemed in cash by every charge. It is an occasion of deep gratitude that the calls for a more adequate care for our retired heroes has found such generous response from the whole Church."—Collins Denny, Secretary of the College of Bishops.

A STATEMENT FROM BISHOP H. A. BOAZ RELATIVE TO RUMORS OF HERESY IN CHINA.

Since my recent return from the Orient I am informed that in certain sections of our Church rumors continue to persist concerning heresy among our missionaries in China. It is not my purpose in this statement to enter into controversy with any one, but to state the facts in the case as they appear to me.

Since my doctrinal soundness has never been called in question, so far as I know, I am sincerely hoping this statement will satisfy all members of our Church and give a much needed rest to the question of heresy in China.

I can not understand the motive that prompts our friends who persist in circulating these rumors. Surely there must be some misunderstanding somewhere. I do not know what has been taught in China in the past, but after careful inquiry

continued production, Smackover is building for the future. Several substantial brick blocks have taken the place of burned frames. The streets have been graveled, a good supply of pure water from a deep well is available, and a sewer system is in prospect. Comfortable houses are taking the place of the temporary shacks, although many of the latter are still necessary to provide shelter for the large population.

One of the best evidences of morality and stability is the completion of a thoroughly modern brick school building costing some \$40,000, and the maintenance of a well organized school. Then there is a good school for negroes. The head of the system is Supt. H. E. Ruff, a Hendrix College graduate. The principal of the high school is Mr. W. L. Humphrey, a Henderson-Brown man. In addition are six other teachers. The enrollment is over 500, and next year with the improved facilities it will run far beyond that. The building would be a credit to any city in the state. The auditorium is large and well lighted and ventilated, and is at present used by our church.

From the beginning the Baptists and Methodists have had organizations, but church work was maintained under great difficulties. Now the Baptists have a commodious frame tabernacle and an excellent home for their pastor. The frame building used by the Methodists was burned last fall, and now a fine brick is in process of construction. It will have a basement arranged for Sunday School work and an auditorium with capacity of 300. The cost will be \$18,000, and it will probably be out of debt when completed.

Dr. B. A. Few, as an evangelist, held a meeting at Smackover last year and was invited to become pastor. When he was appointed there were only 27 members. Now there are 125, with a good Woman's Missionary Society, fine Sunday School, and a very large Epworth League, and Boy Scouts and a Cokesbury Club. All of these are functioning actively. A fair salary is paid and finances are in good condition. Last fall a small house was purchased for a parsonage. A better one will doubtless soon be secured. Dr. Few is vigorously and faithfully pushing the work of the church. He is hopeful and has reason to believe that a good foundation has been laid for permanent organization. The building will be ready for occupancy by

August. Meanwhile, on June 7, Evangelist (Judge) Frank Morris will begin a meeting in a tabernacle.

Saturday night a large crowd was on the streets. Everything was orderly. I was entertained at the Abbott Hotel and saw and heard nothing unusual. Indeed, I have seldom spent two more quiet nights. The mayor and police are enforcing the law and are backed by the substantial citizens. Good reports will undoubtedly come from this progressive community, and our church there may become one of the most desirable in the Conference.

Mrs. Few was visiting in Little Rock, but I enjoyed the fellowship of Dr. Few and his daughter, Miss Ella Ware, who as an accomplished musician is instructing a class in music. I had a pleasant visit and left Monday morning feeling that I had been well repaid for the time spent in this famous oil community.—A. C. M.

A LOOK AT HELENA DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

As Bro. Glenn could not reach the Helena District Conference, it was my privilege to represent him for a few minutes before that body. Since I arrived at one o'clock and had to leave at four p. m., I saw the Conference in session in the church at Wynne for less than two hours.

Dr. James A. Anderson, veteran presiding elder and wise leader, was in the chair and held everything in hand. On account of the order of the day I had only ten minutes to present the "Club Plan," but the hearing was attentive and the response satisfactory.

The lay delegates were voting for their representatives, but had elected only two, Judge A. L. Hutchins and Mrs. Critz, before I left. About forty laymen were present. The attendance of pastors was good and their reports were said to be encouraging and hopeful. The Conference session was harmonious and spiritual.

Rev. J. F. Glover, principal-elect of Sloan-Hendrix Academy, represented that good institution. It is the only school of its class in Arkansas belonging to our church, and since all of the colleges have abolished their preparatory departments, the need for this academy is great. It offers the best of preparation at very moderate rates. Prof. Eaton, who has been for many years an educational worker in North Arkansas, will remain with the Academy where he has been faith-

fully working for fourteen years. Dr. Anderson spoke of the value of such a school.

At 3 p. m. Mrs. J. A. Looney, District secretary, had charge of a program representing the work of the Woman's Missionary Society in that District. She showed that it had made a wonderful record. There were many testimonies to the worth of the labors of Miss Eidson, deaconess, in the Shiloh neighborhood near Clarendon.

The Conference was shocked by the news of the sudden death just before noon of the efficient superintendent of the Wynne Schools, Prof. J. H. Patterson, who was a valued teacher in our Sunday School.

I did not have opportunity to see the town, but in the business section there are evidences of progress and prosperity. Our church under the leadership of Rev. E. T. Wayland, strong preacher and tireless pastor, is doing well and was royally entertaining the Conference.—A. C. M.

DANGEROUS TENDENCIES.

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Education is a good thing, and very necessary, indeed, daily becoming more necessary; but any law or policy which weakens local responsibility and initiative may cost more in loss of self-respect than it is worth in banishing illiteracy.

Nature's method, God's method, if you please, seems to be to allow large liberty and punish for mistakes. Paternalism with infants is practical love; but paternalism with maturity is character-destroying. It is not easy to discriminate; but it is our duty to weigh and measure and discover the proper boundaries of social authority and refrain from infringing upon imperial personality.

As physicians of the public mind and morals let us rededicate ourselves to this high and sacred task. Let us study the tendencies in the light of history and apply only remedies which have validated and approved themselves. Let us not be blind leaders of the blind, lest all fall together into the ditch of error and ingloriously perish. Let us have the courage to oppose the adoption of trivial laws, and demand that all measures be thoroughly and openly digested; and then let us relentlessly and incessantly insist upon the enforcement of the law. Thus may we overcome some of the evil tendencies of our fast-moving age.

I am of the opinion that no heresy is now being taught in China by our missionaries. I do not pretend to say that all our missionaries in China think exactly alike on all doctrinal points. That is not the case at home among our preachers or thinking laymembers. Methodism does not require any such uniformity on non-essentials.

In China they are as near in agreement in doctrine as in any of our Conferences at home. I have talked in the most intimate and heart-searching way with every missionary in China whose doctrinal soundness has been called in question and each one has assured me that no heresy is being taught by our missionaries anywhere in China. They assure me that they are in harmony with our doctrines in the great essentials and that no heretical doctrines are being promulgated by them in our Church in that great field.

Soon after taking charge of the China Conference in February, 1924, I had a long conference with the Executive Committee of the Mission and asked to know who were the supposed offenders in the teaching of heresy. I promised to deal promptly with any one found guilty of offending in this way. I made diligent inquiry, but failed to find any one teaching doctrines contrary to our accepted standards.

If anyone in America, or anywhere else, knows of any one of our missionaries in China who is teaching heresy and will give me privately that information, I pledge myself to look after the offender as soon as I return to the field. Send such information to me at Box 510, Nashville, Tenn.

I am not asking for published rumors to be sent me. I have run all of them down and find nothing.

I am not asking that accusations be made in the church papers. That is not the place to try missionaries accused of heresy. But I am asking for facts, if there be such, to be sent me by mail. I shall not pay any attention to published rumors, but carefully consider any private information sent me. I do not hesitate to make this request because I think I know the situation in China. I have visited every mission station there once or twice during the past few months and talked with all that heroic group of noble Christians on that field. I believe them to be true and tried Methodist missionaries.

At the last session of the Mission held in Changchow, November 3 and 4, 1924, I made a statement about as follows:

"I am under the impression that the most of our trouble in China about modernism has grown out of misunderstandings. I call your attention to the statement sent out by the Secretaries of the Board of Missions, accompanied by the statement of faith adopted by the General Conference of 1922, and the statement issued by the college of Bishops in May, 1923. I take it for granted that as honest, sincere Christians, you are in agreement with our Church, or you would have reported before this. However, if any missionary here knows of any other missionary who is teaching doctrines contrary to the doctrines of our Church, if you will kindly let me know of such teachings, I shall make careful inquiries into such teachings and if I find any one guilty of disseminating heretical doctrines, I shall see that such teachings cease at once. If the offender, (should there be such), will not desist, I shall bring such offender before the Executive Committee of this Mission for consideration. I feel sure, however, that no heresy is being taught by any of our missionaries on the China field."

I had already conferred with all who had been accused in the press of heresy.

Up to this good hour I have not found it necessary to accuse anyone of heresy.

I sincerely hope this statement will allay all fears in the Church

about heresy in China and that our friends will give the subject a much needed rest.—H. A. Boaz, Bishop in charge.

GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

The annual meeting of the General Sunday School Board for 1925 is history, and while the reports of the past year's work that were presented to the meeting on April 22 and 23, bore testimony of the best and largest year's work in the annals of that organization, and registered record achievement beyond anything heretofore, yet the whole tenor of the recent meeting seemed to be to plan for greater things and set in motion agencies that would make the plans effective. There was manifest a sincere desire and serious purpose to strengthen every department of the Board's various phases of work, and it is the opinion of those closest connected with it that the "best yet" is in the year just beginning.

In his report as Sunday School Editor, Dr. E. B. Chappell made a splendid exposition of the Sunday School literature issued under his supervision, noting encouraging gains in the circulation of nearly every one of the periodicals, the four story-papers now enjoying a circulation of more than 300,000 copies per week. The periodicals carrying lesson material are gaining constantly. Our Adult Student having a circulation of 290,000 monthly—"the largest of any periodical of its kind in the United States."

Dr Chappell reported that the re-writing of the Graded Lesson Courses was under way and progress being made. He noted an increase of over sixty-one thousand in the circulation of these courses.

Material in tentative form has been prepared for use in Week-Day Religious Education work, and a careful study of the whole subject is being made.

The last paragraph of Dr. Chappell's report was the following, which ought to be printed in large black-face type: "I fear that the awful conflict through which we have passed a few years ago has left us with a kind of vague impression that we must bring about the triumph of the Kingdom of God by something closely akin to physical compulsion rather than by the power of love and the practice of the principles illustrated in the life of the Prince of Peace. If so, we are doomed to an awful and bitter disappointment. Nothing short of Christ himself, Christ incarnated in human life, Christ exemplified in the life of the Church, Christ enthroned in all of our social and industrial relations, is going to win back these young people who are drifting away from us. And the supreme task which I see before me today as Sunday School Editor is to carry this great message to our people and to seek them in the spirit of the Master in a common effort to make him known to the boys and girls who are to determine the future of the Church and the future of our civilization."

In his report as General Secretary, Dr. J. W. Shackford presented what a careful reading discloses to be a really astonishing array of work done, upon which is based confident expectation of a still greater array of things accomplished at the end of the new year. The doctor says: "The last year has been one of increasing activity and progress on many lines. All the older and better established phases of our work have been carried forward, some with remarkable rapidity, while the several new phases of work that have been projected present a most encouraging outlook."

Dr. Shackford reviewed the work of the Department of Sunday School Administration, the Department of Elementary Work, the Department of Intermediate-Senior-Young People's Work, the Department of Adult Work, Home and Parent-Teacher Work, Department of Missions and Sunday School Extension, Week-Day and Vacation Work in Religious Education.

Leadership and Teacher Training, Business Office and Service Department—in every case with great credit to the workers in the department considered.

Among the statistics mentioned in Dr. Shackford's report were the following:

	1923	1924
Number of organized churches	18,618	18,567
Number of Sunday Schools	15,894	15,718
Number of Sunday Schools (Mission Fields)	1,382	1,330
Number of officers and teachers	164,493	163,925
Number of officers and teachers (Mission Fields)	4,872	5,095
Number of Cradle Roll	135,491	136,712
Number in Home Department	84,053	83,753
Total Enrollment	2,025,427	2,018,982
Total Enrollment (Foreign Fields)	62,798	66,563
Number of Sunday School pupils joining church	88,385	88,920
Additions to Church on Profession of faith		128,008
Net gain in church members		51,484

*Amount raised for Missions	\$ 447,729	\$ 403,968
*Average per capita for Missions22	.20
Sunday School Centenary Payments	252,754	145,970
Sunday School Day Offering	84,442	85,052
For other objects	2,426,879	2,499,803
Aggregate for all purposes	2,988,636	3,065,390
Average per capital aggregate	1.48	1.52
Assessments for Conference Boards	216,926	226,463
Amount paid on above	140,790	

*Baltimore not included.

Number of Standard Training Schools	185	259
Number of credits issued in Standard Training Schools	28,536	42,697
Number of Colleges and Universities in which the General Sunday School Board is cooperating in its work of offering courses in religious education	22	41

The report of the Business Manager and Treasurer showed the Board in good condition financially, \$205,999.30 having passed through the treasury during the year. The service Department has a record of 1,246,741 pieces of free literature being sent out during the year.

The Board's Committee on Architecture made a good report of its year's work. The committee expressed the opinion "that the era of church building is not yet at an end in our denomination."

The Committee on Buildings and Camps reported that four additional rooms had been made available for use as class rooms in the Educational Building at Lake Junaluska during the year, that a cottage for servants' had been erected there, and that they now had in process of construction what was to be the best equipped camp in Western North Carolina for boys and girls.

The Joint Committee on Religious Education in the Colleges reported, among other good things, that forty-one educational institutions are now co-operating with our office of training work, and that during 1924 there were 13,395 units of credit issued on the basis of work done in those institutions.

The Committee on Summer Schools, headed by Bishop Beauchamp, reported that they had carefully examined all names of speakers and teachers for our Summer Schools, and concerning them said: "It is not an easy matter to secure a group of teachers and speakers who are to do special service, demanding expert knowledge. Many of the speakers and teachers are of our own church; some of other evangelical denominations. So far as we are able to determine, the group of speakers and teachers for our Summer training schools this year ought to be able to do most efficient service and at the same time be acceptable to our church. We think it is well to state that the Secretaries are just as concerned to select speakers who shall be acceptable to the church and at the same time with the equipment for the special service to be rendered, as our Committee."

A new training course, "Methodist Young People's Training Course," especially for young people 18 to 23 inclusive, and embracing the three types of work, Principles and Methods, Enrichment, and Personal Problems, was authorized and plans adopted for putting the same into effect. Another course, "Older Boys and Girls Camp Conference Course," was also authorized.

The Board gave an emphatic endorsement to the plan of the Motion Picture Betterment League, the promotion of which was made a part of the regular work of our Elementary Department.

The Board adopted the suggestion of the Department of Adult Work

that a week, preferably in May, beginning or ending with Mothers' Day, be observed as Home and Parent Week.

A strong paper urging more careful Sabbath observance was adopted.

Quite a number of encouraging experiments in Week-Day Religious Education were reported, and the Board was a unit in determination to continue and enlarge its work in this field.

It was reported that Southern Methodist Sunday School Workers had assisted in five training schools for the C. M. E. Church during the year.

Decided advance and enlargement were planned in the Mission and Sunday School Extension Department, and this year promises to see more accomplished in those fields than any year passed. Dr. Ed F. Cook heads now the work of Missions and Sunday School Extension in the foreign fields, and Rev. J. L. Ferguson heads the work of Missions and Sunday School extension in the home field.

The following Administrative Staff was elected for another year: Secretary of Foreign Work and Missionary Education, Dr. Ed F. Cook; Assistant, Miss Otie G. Branstetter; Secretary of Home Missions and Sunday School Extension, Rev. J. L. Ferguson; Director of Training Work, L. F. Sensabaugh; Assistants, Rev. J. Q. Schisler, Miss Florence Teague, Miss Frances McLester, Miss Cora Perkins, Mrs. H. M. Henry; Superintendent of Sunday School Administration, M. W. Brabham; Superintendent of Department of Elementary Work, Miss Minnie E. Kennedy; Assistant, Miss Marie Parham; Superintendent of the Department of Intermediate-Senior and Young People's Work, O. S. Gates; Assistants, Rev. Forest E. Dudley, Miss Alleen Moon; Superintendent of Adult Work and Director of Home and Parent-Teacher Work, Rev. W. C. Owen; Assistant, Mrs. C. T. Court; Assistant Director of Week-Day and Vacation Work in Religious Education (Under immediate supervision of Gen. Secretary), Mrs. V. R. McDonald; Business Manager, A. L. Dietrich; Assistant Superintendent Western Work, Dr. C. D. Bulla.

Mr. John R. Pepper, the much-loved president of the Board, presided at the recent meeting, and Miss Florence Teague, of the Training Department, most efficiently served as assistant recording secretary.—A. L. Dietrich.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE.

THE SEED IS IN THE CLOD

The seed is in the clod, my Friend,
The sun is in the sky,
The world may reek with rotteness
But God is still on high!

The fog has settled down, Oh World,
The traveler's trail is dim;
The night is starless as a tomb
Along the world's wide rim.

But Faith is still alive, alert,
And love is everywhere;
In every broken heart that lifts
Amid the gloom, a Prayer!

And Hope still strums its lonely
string;

A single star still gleams;
And music such as Angels sing
Still drifts along our dreams.

Still, Kindliness unfolds her wings
Along Life's somber skies
And Charity wipes wistful tears
From this world's weeping eyes.

World-Brotherhood is still alive
Though stricken to the sod;
It waits amid the muck and mud
To hear the shout of God!

"Arise, ye stricken dreams of men!"
God calls from shore to shore;
"A Brotherhood of human kind
Shall reign on earth once more!"

The seed is in the clod, my Friend,
Nor shall it ever die,
Though weak and worthless human
wrecks
In abject sloth we lie.

The seed of Hope and Faith, and
Love,

Of Brotherhood, sublime,
Was shot into our frames of Faith
Before the dawn of Time.

The Rose shall blossom from the
muck

"In His good time and day;
The seed is in the clod, Oh World,
And God shall have His way!"—Wil-
liam L. Stidger in The Christian Ad-
vocate (New York).

HANDICAPS HELP.

The lame take the prey.—Isaiah
33. 23.

In other words, the defeated are victorious. Here is a vivid picture of the triumph of the vanquished. Assyria and Israel are opposed to each other—the hosts of Assyria against the remnant of Israel; the power of Assyria against the weakness of Israel; the wealth of Assyria against the poverty of Israel. But deliverance is at hand. Mighty Assyria, like a rudderless ship, is at the mercy of the waves. Isaiah, seeing Assyria in the grip of the storm, encourages Israel with the words: The tacklings are loose; the mast is broken at the base; they can not spread the sail; the prey of the great spoil is divided; the lame take the prey. There recurs to my mind the chorus of an old gospel hymn:

"Not to the strong is the battle,
Not to the swift is the race;
But to the true and the faithful,
Victory is promised through grace."

Strength means nothing to God. He is the monarch of strength. Mere physical or material strength must have an added quality if it is to win the approval of the Almighty. God is not on the side of the heaviest artillery—the lame take the prey. In the long run, might does not make right—the lame take the prey. Wealth, of itself, has no standing with God. For the earth is the Lord's and the cattle upon a thousand hills are His. Riches are utterly powerless when we match them with the essential forces of the universe. Wealth never yet built a nation, established a home, founded an institution, wrote a book,

gave a young man an education, never achieved success, never gave satisfaction to the heart of man, nor peace to his soul. The philosophy of the power of possessions was eternally disproved in the life of Job—the lame take the prey. Beauty is not the watchword of God. He is the creator of beauty. Out of chaos he brings order; out of blackness he brings whiteness; out of foulness he brings fragrance; out of awkwardness he brings grace. "Flower of purity of color; of fragrance of breath, of grace of form, whence came your perfect beauty?" "Out of this soil." "What, out of that foul, black muck!" "Yes," answers the flower, "but I did not do it, He did it." The lame take the prey.

"Beautiful faces are those that wear—
It matters little if dark or fair—
Whole-souled honesty there."

"Beautiful eyes are those that show
Like crystal panes where hearth-fires
glow,
Beautiful thoughts that burn below."

A handicap acts as a spur; that is, it does to the indomitable spirit. A thorn in the flesh reminds one of his frailty, urges him to do his best, to conquer in spite of his drawback. Fanny Crosby was totally blind. Her inability to see with physical eyes caused her to turn her gaze inward, to see with the eyes of her soul. Out of that affliction came a wonderful experience that enabled her to write more than 7,000 gospel hymns—the lame take the prey. The pampered have never been great producers. Slipped ease hinders one in the long, hard march to achievement. To be born with a "silver spoon in one's mouth" is a blessing of doubtful value. Look upon this picture. Yonder is a triumphant hillside. In the midst of the hillside is a throne. Gathered about the throne is a vast multitude of people, of every nation and every kindred and every tongue. They are all happy, for they are singing for very joy. Some one, looking at the throng, inquires, Who are these who are so gloriously arrayed in white? The one questioned answers, These are they who have come up through great tribulation. Yes, he is right. One comes up only through tribulation—the lame take the prey. It is true everywhere, in art, in music, in toil, in business, in religion—the lame take the prey. The sinner becomes the saint. Augustine is transformed. Paul right about-faces. The converted harlot enters the kingdom ahead of the self-righteous Pharisee. Our greatest weakness becomes, under God, our noblest strength. Be ye therefore encouraged. You who have much to contend with, you who have known poverty and loss and pain and sorrow and sickness, take courage; in the Saviour's name, be heartened for the lame take the prey.—Bruce S. Wright in Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

WHAT IS THE MATTER?

We are told that the home is disintegrating; the children are growing up unrestrained and lawless; the parents are so money-mad or pleasure-mad that they have neither time nor inclination to take proper care of their children. The sanctity of marriage is disappearing, divorce is increasing, and the family ties are being broken in every direction.

The school also is said to be a dismal failure. There is no religious training in it; and the training it does give is woefully inadequate and out of date. Faddists have tinkered with a decent school system until it is an exception now to find a school graduate who can read, write, talk, or figure correctly. We are spending millions of money upon education, but from the kindergarten to the university true education is very much lacking.

The Church also is very wrong. The music is jazz, the sermons are mediocre; there is neither righteousness, friendliness, nor religion to be

found in it.

Then the state is in bad way. Democracy is powerless, and auto-cracy is defunct, and red revolution is just over the horizon. The legislators are time servers, of little or no ability, and putty in the hands of a shrewd politician. Intelligence is lessening and liberty is departing the earth.

Business is bad; agriculture is on its beam ends, and national bankruptcy seems but a short distance ahead. In short, everything seems to have gone to the dogs, and there seems no possibility of saving anything worth while from the general wreck.

Did you ever hear anything like this? You don't usually get it all in one dose, but you get it. The pulpit, the press, the evangelist, the man on the street, sing the same tune, only with a little variation in the words. The preacher talks about the decadence of the home; the editor hits at the decadence of the Church; the man in the street tells of the failure of the schools and of politics. Wherever we go we hear the same sad song.

Don't think, however, that it means the end of all things! Don't imagine for a moment that it means that this old world has at last struck the down-grade, and that the ultimate catastrophic collapse may come at any minute! And don't imagine either that it is all a lie. The fact is that there is truth in all the complaints. But this does not mean that everything is going down hill. Not a bit of it! The truth is that if present conditions could have been produced a few hundred years ago they would have looked like paradise. But we are awake, keenly awake, to the defects in the home, the school, the Church, and the state; and we insist upon the need of improvement. And we are right. But our very consciousness of glaring defects is usually more a tribute to an enlightened Christian sentiment than it is a proof that our age is corrupt. The defects are there, and it is ours to remedy them; but the fact that they are visible to us in many cases means a distinct advance over the past.

There is a wholesome dissatisfaction with things as they are, which leads, or should lead, to such changes as will produce the things that ought to be. We believe in progress and progress necessarily means leaving the things that are behind and pressing toward the goal we have clearly visioned before us; and long before that goal is reached we shall have overleaped it and be earnestly aiming at something beyond. And so, when we hear people querulously asking what is the matter let us recognize in it not a token of general degeneracy, but a token of righteous and wholesome dissatisfaction which is divinely intended to usher in a new heaven and a new earth.—Christian Guardian.

LEARNING TO FORGET

There are few things that are worse for a man's soul than remembered wrongs. They may only be imaginary wrongs, or if real, very small and of little moment, it doesn't seem to make much difference; if they are cherished in the heart they become as cankers that eat their way through all the wholesomeness and happiness of life.

A grudge is a thing no living man can afford to keep. It is the foe to good will and to all the lovely and beautiful things that grew in the soil in which good will is one of the chief elements. Remembered enmities and slights are among the cruellest of burdens that any man may lay upon his life.

And what is true of an individual must be largely true of a people or a nation. Is there anything much worse than a nation can do for herself than to enshrine her hatreds and enmities toward a sister nation in the books of history that her sons have written, to be studied by the youth of the land generation after generation?

And yet this has been done, over and over and over again, and done in the fine name of patriotism, too. Surely this is sowing dragons' teeth with a vengeance!

And surely the one way to world peace is the way of a wise and a Christian forgetting. But are the nations and peoples of the earth learning of that way and beginning at all to walk in it? Slowly, very slowly, it would seem. And yet there are indications here and there that fill one with hope.

Mr. G. P. Gooch, the well-known British scholar and author, has written a book on Germany which has just been published. It is only a little over six years since the Great War closed, and yet an outstanding British scholar writes of the former arch-enemy of the Empire, at length and in the fullest and most comprehensive way, without, so far as we can see, one trace of bitterness or narrowness or prejudice. We can speak well of the volume from every point of view, but surely the significant thing about it is this fact, that the writer of it has been able to forget, that all the grudges and enmities and hatreds have died out of his soul in the process of the years. And is not that a truly hopeful fact?—Christian Guardian.

A PRAYER.

Most gracious God, who governest the world with infinite wisdom and goodness, teach me contentedly to submit to the dispensations of thy Providence, how contrary soever they may be to flesh and blood. Thou knowest the surest ways of making me happy, and art infinite in loving-kindness and mercy; therefore let thy blessed will in everything be my choice and satisfaction. Let all my dangers awaken me to a careful performance of my duty; that I may serve thee quietly with a devout mind, through Jesus Christ. Amen.—Robert Nelson, in the Congregationalist.

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FOR YOUTH.

HAVE YOU HEARD?

Have you heard the voice of Jesus
Whisper, "I have chosen you?"
Does he tell you in communion
What he wishes you to do?
Are you in the inner circle?
Have you heard the Master's call?
Have you given your life to Jesus?
Is he now your all in all?

—Selected.

THE GLORY OF HIS CROSS

There is a story of a company of men who had been gathered in the earliest days of our participation in the war. The whole group could not be sent over to the other side at once, and every man was eager to go. At last they decided that they would put a lot of papers in a hat, one for every man, and they would put crosses on as many papers as there were men who might be sent, and every man who drew a paper with a cross on it was to be allowed to go. When it was all over one lad who belonged to the group wrote home to his father: "Father, if I ever prayed in my life, I prayed today that I might draw a cross." He wanted the life that bore that symbol and mark and all that it opened up in the possibility of service and of sacrifice.—Robert E. Speer, in *The Christian Century*.

THE TOUCH OF THE MASTER HAND

The owner of a new farm was showing a friend from the city over the place, when they came upon a large old walnut tree with a big unsightly knot growing on the side of it. The huge wartlike growth marred the tree, and the owner spoke of it contemptuously as he passed it. "I intend to have that tree cut among the first things to be done for this woodlot," he said.

But the friend examined it intently. He said to the man that if he burned up that unsightly bulk something very beautiful would be lost to the world. He explained that it was a burl, or kind of excrescence from which the beautiful wavy-grained wood for veneer for expensive furniture was obtained. Carefully the burl could be sawed to furnish sheets of waving wood to cover less expensive lumber in the manufacture of furniture or pianos.

"That's what comes of knowing things," said the owner of the tree, rather sadly. "I often think of the many fine things destroyed as worthless that somebody with the master touch might convert into things of beauty and usefulness. I have been proud of the straight, beautiful trees in these woods, but thought that one marred the whole, when in truth it is more valuable than all the rest, from what you say."

—The Baptist Young People.

WHAT REALLY COUNTS IN LIFE.

Theodore Roosevelt once said: "None need more to learn than we of the West, we of the eager, restless, wealth-seeking nation, that after a certain not very high level of material well-being has been reached, then the things that really count in life are the things of the spirit."

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FOR CHILDREN.

CHICKADEE

Somebody's up in the old pine tree,
Telling the world he is "Chickadee-dee!"
Yes, little bird, I know you are!
I hear you shouting it near and far,
But I'd like to ask, if it's all the same,
How many "dees" you have in your name.
Sometimes you spell it with only three,
Then you add a "dee" and a "dee."

"Factories and railways are good up to a certain point, but courage and endurance, love of wife and child, love of home and country, love of lover for sweetheart, love of beauty in man's work and in nature, love and emulation of daring and of lofty endeavor, the homely workaday virtues and the heroic virtues—these are better still. If they are lacking, no piled-up riches, no roaring, clanging industrialism, no feverish and many-sided activity shall avail either the individual or the nation."

"I do not undervalue these things of a nation's body; I only desire that they shall not make us forget that beside the nation's body there is also the nation's soul."

THE CHRIST IN HISTORY.

Christ is still with us, the most potent, fact in history. Man disappears; Christ lives. "Lo, I am with you always."

The orator's voice is silent; the singer is dumb, but, through the ages, One speaks to all mankind; it is the Teacher of men—the Christ.

Christ will never grow old. He alone is independent of time, locality or period.

His hand shapes the destiny of man; his spirit remodels and recreates society.

When Christ came, the earth was chaotic, degraded, and degenerate, so much so that Renan declared: "Christ created a paradise out of the hell of Rome."

Christ, through his intrepid followers, attacked paganism, and placed a Christian emperor on the throne. Christ encircled the old world with the halo of his glory, transfiguring and transforming hearts, lives, and society. Christ created a new world socially, religiously, morally. His spirit is among us today, and his majestic steps resound through the flying centuries. He rescued woman from bondage, set a value upon childhood, taught us the meaning of life, and the glory of moral agency.

Wherever Christ is, there is liberty, life, progress, freedom, power. The map of the world preaches an eloquent sermon on his all-pervasive power, majesty, and glory. Christ is in the center of his own world.

The Christ works through his body, the Church—the only purely spiritual power we have today. He is loved today as sincerely as in any age; men believe on him as implicitly, sacrifice for him as gladly as when he toiled in his personal ministry.

The infidel must date his calendar from Christ's birth, and must recognize the fact that he lives under the golden age of the Sermon on the Mount, and under the influence of the one great Pentecost that gave the Church to man. The unbelievers' opinions and dogmas count for nothing against the facts of the reign of Jesus, our Lord.

To take Christ from history is not conceivable; as well talk about blotting out the sun. It would be just as easy to take Christ out of society.

His sun rises; it is lighting up the valleys, beautifying waste places, and ushering in the dawn of peace, when man shall learn something better than war.

Fichte has well said: "Till the end of time, all the sensible will bow low before this Jesus of Nazareth, and all will humbly acknowledge the exceeding glory of his great phenomenon. His followers are nations and generations."—Arthur M. Growden in *Christian Standard*.

Sometimes you stop with a single one,
And it sounds like a laugh—that's just your fun.
When you're happy the "dees" are seven—
Only four more and you'd have eleven.

I guess there is never a forest nook
Where small birds study a spelling-book.

But always you're right enough for me,
Spelling your name in the old pine tree—Mabel S. Merrill in *Zion's Herald*.

THE USEFUL PARTRIDGE

Nanna, the water-carrier, sat on his doorstep, looking very sad. He was thinking that he was getting so old that he could not carry water much longer, but would have to spend his days taking care of his little grandchildren. He loved his grandchildren, but being a man, he thought carrying water was a more useful work than taking care of little children.

By Nanna's side, in a little straw cage, sat Tithar. Tithar was a cock partridge, and Nanna's pet. Tithar was sad, too, because he was getting old.

"O dear," sighed Tithar, "I am getting quite old and useless. I do wish I could think of something useful to do for my good master." So he humped himself up in a ball to think.

"Never mind, Tithar," said Nanna. "Do not feel sad. You may yet prove your usefulness."

Then Nanna picked up the cage, and went to his work in the city. He always took his pet with him wherever he went.

Now, to get to the city, Nanna had to go through a scrubby jungle. When they came to the middle of the scrubby jungle, Tithar saw a little partridge hen sitting on her nest.

"Good-morning Tithar," said the hen. "What are you doing today to make yourself useful?"

"Alas!" said Tithar, "I am no longer useful. I am too old."

"How silly!" said the little hen, "to think just because you can no longer be useful at one thing that you cannot be useful at anything. Surely, you can think of some way to be useful."

"Maybe so," said Tithar, but he did not sound very hopeful. All that day he moped in his cage.

"Did you do it? Did you do it?" asked a little bird.

"No," said the crow. "He never does anything. He is not a bit useful."

That afternoon when Nanna was going home through the scrubby jungle, the little partridge hen was nowhere to be seen. Only a lot of feathers were scattered about, and the five eggs in the nest were barely warm.

Nanna put the eggs in the cage with Tithar to carry them home.

Tithar, even if he was a cock, cuddled down, and covered the eggs with his wings, just like a mother hen.

For many days the other birds wondered and wondered what the little partridge cock was doing. But when they asked him, Tithar just smiled, and kept very, very quiet.

One day three baby partridges hatched out. All the birds were so surprised.

"Did you do it? Did you do it?" asked a little bird.

"Yes, he did it," said the crow.

But Tithar was too busy scratching for food to say anything himself.

"Ah, Tithar, little partridge," said Nanna, "you have taught me a lesson and given me an idea, besides. I will raise little partridges, and little love-birds, and little parrots, and sell them to the people of the Bazaar for pets. Even though I can no longer be a famous water-carrier. I can yet be useful. I think I can make the people as happy with birds as I used to make them with cool drinks of fresh water."

"Yes," said the crow, who loved to preach, though he did not practice

what he preached, "it is much greater to do what little you can, than to mope because you cannot do great things."

But the little partridge said never a word.—Anne Miltimore Pendleton in *Zion's Herald*.

FALLING STONES

Malcolm Hall had remained in one place so long that his older sister, Marjorie, came out of the house to see what had so interested the active little fellow. She found him dropping wee slivers of stone, hardly larger than coarse sand, down the holes that a colony of ants had made by the roadside.

"Oh, Malcolm, you mustn't!" she protested. "How do the poor ants feel when those great pieces of stone crash into their houses? They seem as large to them as those big rocks on the hill do to us."

Malcolm looked troubled. "It's lots of fun to see them carry them out again," he said finally.

"It's no fun for the ants; it's hard work," insisted Marjorie. "Why don't you put down some cracker crumbs and watch them carry them into the holes? That would be just as much fun for you, and the ants would enjoy it, too."

"Marjorie!" came a sudden call from the hill, where Mr. Hall and Marjorie's twin, Russell, were at work.

"Do you want me up there?" Marjorie called back.

"Yes, come up!" Russell shouted. "We need another hand on this rock."

Marjorie started obediently up the hill, and Malcolm ran after her. Mr. Hall planned to sow this hillside to field peas, and he and Russell were now clearing it of stones before they plowed it. Once started, the rocks rolled easily down the hill and piled up at the foot, where Mr. Hall could load them on a dray. But the ground was still soft from the spring rains, and the very large rock upon which they were now working sank into the earth as fast as Russell and his father could pry it out.

"Take hold of this lever with me," directed Mr. Hall, "so Russell can run to the woods for a larger one."

"Let me help!" begged Malcolm, as Marjorie grasped the pole behind her father, and Russell hurried away with a hatchet.

"No, keep out from underfoot!" warned Mr. Hall sharply.

Russell worked as fast as possible, but Marjorie's slender arms ached before he came back with a long, green pole and thrust it in beside the lighter one. Then all three pulled their best on the new lever. The great rock heaved and seemed about to topple over, but still stuck.

"Can you and Marjorie hold it as it is, while I hoe the dirt away from in front of it?" asked Mr. Hall. "I'm sure it will start then."

Russell and Marjorie obediently leaned on the end of the pole, while their father went around the rock. Just then, Malcolm, who was still eager to help, picked up the smaller lever that had fallen to the ground. It was too heavy for him, and he fell sprawling, pole and all, directly behind the wobbling rock.

"Oh, father!" screamed Marjorie, "It is coming back on Malcolm!"

Mr. Hall dropped the hoe and caught the top of the rock with both hands, at the same time shouting to Russell and Marjorie to lift. The rock swayed uncertainly, but finally pitched forward and rolled down the hill. Mr. Hall had sprung aside as it started, and now stooped and caught Malcolm out of the hole.

"Don't ever do that again, young man," he said sternly. "See how white sister is! I feel shaky myself. You'd better go down to the house, Marjorie, and make us all some lemonade. Russell and I are both hot and thirsty."

"And get me some cracker crumbs for the ants," called Malcolm from his father's arms. "I understand about ants better now."—Claribel Weeks Avery in *Zion's Herald*.

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"O, may these anxious hearts of ours
The lesson learn from birds and
flowers,
And learn from self to cease,
Leave all things to our Father's will,
And in his mercy trusting still
Find in each trial peace!"
—Joseph Austin.

Y. P. SUMMER CONFERENCES

Henderson-Brown College, June 8-13.
Petit Jean Camp, July 27-Aug. 1.
Send your girls to one of these!

PERSONAL MENTION

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. J. G. Moore Supt. Young People L. R. Conf. W. M. S. is not well, and we hope to have good news from her soon. Many friends and co-laborers will unite in prayer for her speedy restoration to health. She has arranged a splendid program for the Y. P. Summer Conference to be held at Henderson-Brown College and a large attendance is expected.

Mrs. H. King Wade, newly elected Supt. Mission Study of L. R. Conf. W. M. S., promptly came to Little Rock to Mrs. E. R. Steel, her predecessor in office, for instruction and record books and she has started her work with enthusiasm. Mrs. Wade did fine work as Supt. Mission Study in Central Church, Hot Springs Nat. Park and is well qualified for this Conference Dept.

Rev. Jack Taylor, our friend, brother and active co-laborer in W. M. S., had a bad accident a few days ago and is suffering with a broken leg. He is now in Texarkana hospital. Let us remember him, sending words of sympathy and cheer, asking the Great Physician to bless the means used for his restoration, and to comfort him and his wife in these trying days. For many years he has been contributing to two funds, one for the support of a missionary in foreign lands and the other for the support of a Deaconess or home Missionary, which he established in the L. R. Conf. W. M. S.—V. C. P.

SCHOLARSHIPS AT SCARRITT COLLEGE.

Little Rock Conf. W. M. S. is anxious to find two young women who have determined to do mission work and may soon be ready to enter Scarritt College for training.

At present the May McKinzie (Home) the Lon A. Hotchkiss (Foreign) Scholarships are available for students who can qualify for advanced classes at Scarritt.

Elza Memorial services (according to the suggested program of Ex. Com. L. R. Conf. W. M. S.) have been held at Capitol View, Winfield and First Church of L. R., and at Hope. They report adoption of the quotas assigned, and the expectation of Special gifts to the Elza Memorial Fund. Every Auxiliary will surely respond.

MINUTES OF THE N. ARK. CONF.

The women of the North Arkansas Conference have known for some time that they have the best recording secretary to be had, in the person of Mrs. Henry Hanesworth. She now comes forward with another feat worth mentioning. Fifteen working days after the Annual Conference was over the minutes were ready to be distributed. We wonder how such full minutes can be written and printed so quickly. The fact is due to two things, first, Mrs. Hanesworth had a contract with her printer before going to Conference that he forfeit \$5.00 a day for every day that he kept the

matter over the ten days agreed upon. Second, after she returned home from the meeting, she worked constantly and in four days had the written matter ready for the press.

The minutes are so attractively gotten up and so well worth reading that we hope every auxiliary will use them soon for their programs.

To show their love and appreciation of Mrs. Hanesworth and her beautiful service the officers and District Secretaries presented her with a small purse at the Annual Conference. Their regret was that it could not have been a larger amount.—Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Pub. Supt.

A CORRECTION.

Referring to her report of the recent Annual Meeting of N. Ark. Conference W. M. S. Mrs. H. Hanesworth writes: "See by the Methodist that in my write-up the printer says: 'Remitted to Conf. Treas. \$122,313.24. When it should be \$22,313.24.'" Evidently the printer took a part of Mrs. Hanesworth's dollar-marks for a hundred thousand dollars! Pardon the mistake.—V. C. P.

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

Miss Mary Fuller, Supt. Young People, N. Ark. Conf. W. M. S., has sent out attractive folders giving information about the Y. P. Conf. to be held in Petit Jean Camp, July 27-Aug. 1. She urges parents to send their girls for these days of helpful activity and enjoyment. She tells us:

The Student government plan will be used. Girls are expected to attend classes and enter into camp activities. Every girl is expected to keep her room straight, to assist in keeping the grounds tidy, to be on time for meals, to observe quiet hour and "lights out" bell. No girl can leave camp without permission from the leaders.

Every girl should bring tennis racket, musical instruments, books of games, songs, yells, Bible note book and pencil, heavy shoes for hiking, knickers or dark skirts and middies, two piece bathing suit, raincoat to wear to and from the pool. Several light dresses to wear in the evenings. toilet articles, sweater or light wrap. Knickers may be worn during the day, but girls must dress before supper.

A competent physical director will be in charge of the swimming with two life savers. There will be hikes, tennis and other out door sports.

A detailed program giving the names of speakers and leaders of classes will be sent out later.

The camp is in charge of the following committee and any information can be obtained from them.

Mrs. Preston Hatcher, Jonesboro, Ark., Pres. of North Arkansas Conference.

Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Batesville, Ark., Cor. Sect.

Mrs. W. A. Steel, Van Buren, Ark., Treasurer.

Miss Mary Fuller, Augusta, Ark., Superintendent of Young People.

Miss Fuller gives to our girls "Seven Reasons Why You Should Attend:"

1. To learn that play is a vital part of our Christianity.
2. To enjoy a week of wholesome out-of-door life.
3. To form friendships with fine Christian young people all over your state.
4. To meet some of the splendid leaders of your church.
5. To learn from them ways of service in your church.
6. To hear inspirational addresses on great themes.

7. To draw nearer God and be trained for His service.

L. R. CONF. W. M. S. REPORT OF SUPT. OF YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK AT ANNUAL MEETING.

In giving an account of my stewardship for the past year, I find many places where I might have done a much greater work with the Young People; but as statistics are only a shadow of the real work accomplished, we may feel great encouragement against our disappointments.

The burden of the work has been borne more generally over the conference, and has touched more young lives than ever before. Therefore, realizing as we do, that our young people "are the hope of the world," and on them rests the future of our church, this statement should mean much.

Our loss in auxiliaries and membership was greater than our gain, but we have every prospect in 1925, of regaining all lost ground and forging ahead for a great goal. Pray that we may be given more capable, more consecrated adult leadership!

It was my very great privilege to represent our Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, at that wonderful Temperance and Social Service Meeting, where also were gathered the Y. P. Supts. from eleven other conferences and our Council Supt. Y. P. M. S. Mrs. P. L. Cobb

Of especial importance always is our own Summer Conference at Henderson-Brown College. We were honored with some very fine speakers last year, and in every way the assembly met all of our high standards of success.

The auxiliaries receiving Honor Roll ribbons were Arkadelphia, Junction City, Lake Village, DeWitt, Hope, DeQueen, Hazen, Central Avenue (Hot Springs), El Dorado, Stamps, and Benton No. 2.

The following statistical record for the year is submitted:

No. of auxiliaries	44
No. of new auxiliaries	6
No. of members	746
No. of new members	236
No. of Mission Study Classes ..	67
No. of Bible Study Classes	43
No. on Honor Roll	11
No. of voice subscribers	68
No. observing week of Prayer ..	26
No. presenting Stewardship	17
No. using Bulletin	23
No. of reading circles	2
No. using secular press	14
No. presenting Social Service ..	19
No. new volunteers	3

FINANCES

Dues	\$ 552.88
Pledge	618.13
Retirement and Relief	40.70
Scarritt	12.90
Week of Prayer	177.95
Conference Expense Fund ..	55.40
Belle Bennett Fund	205.45
Total sent Conf. Treas.	1,663.41
Value (14) boxes supplies ..	101.50
Local Work	1,571.92

Grand Total\$3,336.83
—Mrs. J. G. Moore, Superintendent

RECOMMENDATIONS OF COMMITTEE ON YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

1. "Recognizing that there exists a great untouched field among the youth of our church, we ask that the year 1925 be known as 'Young People's Year'; that this phrase be used extensively in literature and on Conference stationery."

2. "That not only the growth but the perpetuation of the Woman's Work depends in some large degree on the training of the young women of the church. Therefore, in view of the distinctive service the womanhood of the church can render the girlhood of the church, in missionary training, in shaping ideals as Christian women, we solicit your cordial consideration, and earnest co-operation in developing the Young People's Missionary Society."

3. That we take for our goal for 1925, sixty auxiliaries, 1,200 members.

4. That the Young People's pledge to the Council be \$1,750.00.

5. That the pledge for 1925 be directed to the following: Home, the Wesley Houses in the Mill Villages; Foreign, Gingling College, Nanking, China.

6. That each auxiliary secure the set of record books, and lay special emphasis on the prompt sending of quarterly reports.

7. That every Young People's Auxiliary send two delegates to district meeting, one to Annual Meeting, and group of girls to Summer Conference at Arkadelphia.

8. "That Superintendents of Young People seek the co-operation of the pastors in preparing for a Young People's service quarterly, in which high ideals of life and service shall be presented by addresses, pageants, choruses, 'Mother and Daughter' services, etc. All unreached young people shall be invited."

9. Quoting Mrs. C. F. Elza: "We thank God for work, for the stress and strain of it, for the press and urge of it, and for the future of progress that such a labor in His name insures." In memory of this one, the great and inspiring leader of young life, shall we not give a solemn vow to make this, 1925, not only Young People's year in the Woman's Missionary Society, but in every department of church work.—Mrs. J. G. Moore, Chairman.

HELENA YOUNG PEOPLE

A member writes:
Our Young People's Missionary society is composed of business girls and others who can not conveniently attend an afternoon meeting. We have supper meetings at the church twice a month.

Our society is divided into three circles. We have added twenty new members this year and continue to have good attendance. Once a month we have mission study. This year we are studying two books, "How We Got Our Bible" and a "Japanese Mission Study Book."

Our society was one of the first in the Conference to report the Belle Bennett Memorial paid in full.

Last year we raised four hundred and twenty-five dollars and fifty cents for all purposes. We recently made forty-two dollars on Parcel Post Sale and are planning to have another soon.

RURAL WORK IN N. ARK. CONF.

Some call me preacher, some elder and others things far less flattering. I am no authority on rural work, having had but eighteen months experience in a limited field. When I came to this work I had only two ideas of what I needed to do, one to develop leaders, the other to build community life around the church, and I still consider these of first consequence.

Our little community called Shiloh where I have spent most of my time and energy, is a compact rural community several miles from any railroad.

When I came to Shiloh the church was one on a five point circuit and had a preacher once a month except during the revival season. Since that we have been changed and have services twice a month, but with the four pastors we have had in eighteen months, all have been too busy with a full program elsewhere to do more than preach for us.

Nevertheless we have done a few things.

First (beginning with the children) we organized a Junior Missionary Society which means even more to the children of the country than of the city. It is the only thing they have, in which they take a leading part, and help to direct its business while at the same time getting training themselves in appearing on programs before an audience, conducting a service, leading in public prayer etc. They have had many happy and pleasant social times along with this training. Depending upon the weather and place of meeting the attendance ranges from sixteen to sixty.

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point of attendance as well as in quality of work done.

Near the close of the afternoon session it was found that every charge and forty-two schools had been represented by 105 delegates.

Bro. W. C. Hilliard, pastor at Dierks, brought the last message of the Institute, a helpful one on Sunday School Evangelism.—F. C. Cannon, Secretary.

GARDNER MEMORIAL SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock, has next to the largest Sunday School of any in the city. The membership, including the Cradle Roll, is 600. This school is doing fine work. Recently we have built ten new S. S. rooms to take care of the vast growth and now more room is needed. We have two superintendents, 23 teachers, and our pastor, the Rev. Edward Forrest, is laboring faithfully with us. We have had him five years and hope to keep him quite a while yet.—Reporter.

PROGRAM FOR S. S. INSTITUTE BINGEN, MAY 31.

Sunday Schools delivering Program from 10 a. m. to 11 a. m. An address, "What the S. S. Means to Me and How Can We as Individuals Help to Enforce the Sabbath Law," by Gov. Tom J. Terrall. 12 o'clock luncheon.

1:15 p. m., "What America Is Doing for Near-East Relief," by Dr. Lang.

2 p. m., "Our Need of the Knowledge of the Bible," by County Supt. E. E. Austin.

3 p. m., "Christian Literature," by Dr. A. C. Millar.—H. A. F. Ault, P. C.

N. ARK. CONF. SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFERING RECEIVED FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 16.

Batesville District:—	
Evening Shade	\$ 10.00
Booneville District:—	
Oak Grove, Dardanelle Ct. ..	5.25
Abbott	9.00
Walnut Tree	8.00
Fayetteville District:—	
Zion, Goshen & Zion Chg.	10.00
Ft. Smith District:—	
Hayes Chapel, Clarksville Ct.	3.00
Coal Hill	3.00
Jonesboro District:—	
Yarbro, Blytheville Ct.	4.25
Paragould District:—	
Bard, East Side, Paragould Ct.	7.20
Searcy District:—	
Valley Springs	20.50
Bald Knob	12.00
Total	\$ 92.20

Standing by Districts.

Ft. Smith	\$ 518.11
Paragould	206.05
Searcy	164.15
Jonesboro	102.25
Batesville	90.00
Booneville	34.25
Fayetteville	24.39
Helena	16.00
Conway	0.00
Total	\$1,155.20

We have pastors' reports of Sunday School Day Offerings being raised in full, but withheld from use and at expense of the Conference Sunday School Board by certain officials of their Sunday Schools.

We will quit asking for location of each school as to charge and District, for it seems to do no good and will spend many hard working hours checking through hundreds of names of Sunday Schools in Conference Minutes trying to get proper credit to each District.—C. D. Metcalf, Treasurer, Batesville.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.

Brother Simmons and Miss McRae report that the Texarkana District Sunday School Institute which was held at DeQueen last Tuesday was a success in every respect. The program was excellent and all report that it was the best District Sunday School Institute ever held in this District. Presiding Elder Brewer de-

serves great credit for the fine way in which he is pushing the work.

The District Institutes this year have been the best that we have ever held in the conference.

NINE MORE PASTORS GO ON LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE HONOR ROLL

During the week nine 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: Carlisle, Rev. Jesse Galloway; Prescott, Rev. F. F. Harrell; El Dorado, Rev. P. Q. Rorie; Mineral Springs, Rev. Z. D. Lindsay; Third Street, Hot Springs, Rev. F. P. Doak; Fordyce, Rev. Rex B. Wilkes; Hope, Rev. W. C. Davidson; First Church, Little Rock, Rev. P. C. Fletcher; Lonoke, Rev. J. W. Thomas.—Clem Baker.

A GOOD DAY AT LONOKE

Sending a check for \$50.00 Sunday School Day offering from Lonoke. Superintendent Rule writes: "We had a very fine program rendered in a very pleasing and satisfactory manner. Had a big audience. At Sunday School we had 223 present which is pretty good for a church membership of less than 200."—Clem Baker.

CENTRAL CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS OVER THE TOP.

A note from Supt. F. E. Eggerman of Central Church Hot Springs says: "We had our Sunday School Day last Sunday and I have instructed our treasurer to send to Mr. Hayes a check for \$125. I hasten to advise you knowing how badly you are in need of funds just at this time." We thank Brother Eggerman. Mr. Hayes had not received the check in time to report it in this week's Methodist. but we know it is all right. Central never fails.—Clem Baker.

MT. IDA GOES THE SECOND MILE.

In a fine letter from Brother A. W. Hamilton of Mt. Ida he writes: We had a good day at Mt. Ida yesterday. Could not seat the people. Had the best offering ever reported from Mt. Ida. Asked for \$12.50 and got \$25. Will observe the day at Oden next Sunday. We are going after the Bible that Goodlet has offered as a prize to the charge that reports the largest per cent over its apportionment.—That sounds like "Doc." He has the habit.—Clem Baker.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT 100 PER CENT

We have our hats off to Charley Goodlet, Dedman, and the Prescott District this week. 100 per cent of the schools have ordered programs—the first in the Conference. It will be noted also that the Prescott District has played leap-frog with the Arkadelphia and Monticello Districts, and jumped from seventh to fifth place in the offerings sent in. Little Rock District has reached first place and the Camden District holds second. The offerings for the week were the best ever received in one week at this time of the year. It is a merry race. Watch the Little Rock Conference beat its own record.—Clem Baker.

S. S. DAY OFFERINGS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, TO MAY 16.

Little Rock District:—	
Previously reported	\$ 115.50
Carlisle	35.50
Tomberlin	10.00
First Church (L. R.)	200.00
Lonoke	50.00
Total	\$ 410.50

Camden District:—

Previously reported	153.00
El Dorado	150.00
Fordyce	50.00
Mt. Ida	6.20
Total	\$ 359.20

Pine Bluff District:—

Previously reported	262.21
Gillett	10.25
Humphrey	30.00

Total

Texarkana District:—

Previously reported

Prescott District:—

Previously reported	30.25
Prescott	60.00
Sardis	5.00
Mineral Springs	30.00
Hope	125.00
Center	5.05

Total

Monticello District:—

Previously reported	128.25
Hermitage	10.00
Rock Springs	10.00
Watson	10.00

Total

Arkadelphia District:—

Previously reported	65.26
Mt. Olivet	8.10
Third Street (H. S.)	41.17
Princeton	6.75

Total

Received by Districts, May 16.

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Monticello Dist.



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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

The following schools have reported Fourth Sunday Missionary offerings since our last report:

Liberty Hill	\$ 1.05
Sardis	2.00
Junction City	3.47
Capitol View	10.00

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

REPORT OF F. T. FOWLER FOR APRIL

April 5, we organized a school at Salem Hill on the Sheridan Circuit with an enrollment of 32. We have been with them in two sessions of their school and found the interest and enrollment growing. We have visited the officers and teachers and talked over the work with them. They appreciate their school very much.

We have been with the school at Cross Pike School House two Sundays. Their interest is growing but the lack of leadership in the community is their problem. We are trying to develop a leadership among the people of the community and need some help at this place. We have been unable to get anybody to help them yet.

We took a survey in the Laster community this month. This is a farming community about six miles west of England, and is within the bounds of the Keo-Tomberlin charge. Bro. Scott is preaching there once a month, having taken this place up since conference. We found 213 people here and only 27 were attending any Sunday School. We organized a school here April 26 with an enrollment of 39. The people are well pleased with the prospect of a Sunday School and are starting with good interest.

We have kept in touch with the other schools this month and find the interest good and their enrollment growing.

Mrs. Jones, teacher of the Junior Class in the Salem Hill School has purchased Bibles for all of her class who did not have one of their own.

The Olive Hill School is raising money to purchase a new organ for the church.

Halstead and Olive Hill schools have sent in their part in our Dual Missionary Program. Salem Hill and Bethel schools will also take a monthly offering for this work.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE DEPARTMENT.

NEW LEAGUE ORGANIZED AT URSULA.

Rev. Hoy M. Lewis, one of our most active pastors and now in charge of the Lavaca Circuit, organized an Epworth League at Ursula, Sunday, May 3. The following officers were elected:

President, Mr. Cline West; vice-president, Mrs. Orman O. Letbetter; secretary-treasurer, Orman O. Letbetter; corresponding secretary, Miss Mary Menzi; superintendent first department, Mrs. J. Cline West; superintendent second department, Otis Weir; superintendent third department, Chester Kincannon; superintendent fourth department, Mrs. Laura Blevins; Era agent, Mr. Cline West.

The assistant editor had the delightful privilege of delivering the initial address to the newly organized League at Ursula. There were about seventy-five young people present. Enthusiasm and interest ran high. I am confident that with such a splendid leader, Mr. Cline West, the Ursula League will become one of the most active and influential chapters in the North Arkansas Conference.

Too much cannot be said concerning the splendid work that Brother Lewis is doing at Ursula. He has but recently closed a most successful revival at that point. Rev. Robert Nance was Chorus Director.—J. C. G.

BOONEVILLE LEAGUE READY.

Hello everybody: Yes, we are going! Are you? Where? Why, to Searcy Assembly, of course. We want you there too. Last year we had a dandy meeting but this year will outshine it. Just wait and see. You had better send in your reservations early, 'cause we want you to have a place.

We just get all pepped up and can do ten times as much work when we get home from Assembly. You need to hear and see what will be done and we need you there. Don't forget the dates June 8-13.

Come on every one and do your part. Best wishes from Booneville Dist.—Eva Mae Carmichael, Booneville District Secretary.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT (Lower Half) TO HOLD BANQUET AT NEWPORT.

Announcement from District Secretary Cledice Jones of Batesville is made as regards District Banquet for the lower half of the Batesville District at Newport, Tuesday night, May 26. The purpose of the banquet is two-fold: First, to inspire the Leaguers to complete the year "in flying colors;" Second, to create an unquenchable spirit of loyalty and team work in the local chapters and throughout the District.

Batesville District leaguers, come out "in big numbers."

THE GALLOWAY ASSEMBLY IS CALLING YOU: JUNE 8-13.

Those who attended the Assembly last year will find it hard to believe the good news that this year's program is to be the best that we have ever had.

It was a perfect day in June. The bees were humming, and the birds were singing from every bush and tree. All nature was smiling at the Leaguers, as they went on their way to the Assembly.

For four full days these lively Leaguers met in various places on the closely-clipped lawns, or in the well appointed buildings of the college to study, to play, to sing, to eat, to yell, to concentrate, and to pray. The Intermediates overflowing with liveliness, and the Juniors with their songs, are going to make the fifth Assembly the best we have ever attended.

Back in the northwest corner of Arkansas lies the Fayetteville District, the best District in Arkansas, with the finest Leaguers in the

world, awaiting the 8th of June, to begin living anew, and to come back to the Fayetteville District to teach others the good work that was taught them at the Assembly, and to make the year 1925-26 the best year in the Epworth League Conference. The Fayetteville District has about 8 100 per cent Leagues at present, and is working hard for a few more before the Assembly in June. Now Leaguers, if you miss this Assembly you will miss half of your life, and if you don't believe me just ask Harney Chaney, or Dr. J. M. Williams, president of Galloway College.

Let's go to the Assembly.—Beverly Rakes, Dist. Sec.

GARDNER MEMORIAL LEAGUE.
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CAMDEN DISTRICT LAYMEN'S MEETING.

I have called a meeting of Laymen of the Camden District to be held Wednesday May 27, at Camden—1:00 o'clock p. m.

All church members, lay workers and pastors interested in our work will be most welcome at this meeting.—W. S. Cazort.

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HOT SPRINGS MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Methodist Ministerial Association of Hot Springs met May 11, Present: C. O. Steel, J. J. Stowe, F. P. Doak, L. T. Rogers, and B. F. Scott. Dr. Stowe was asked to discuss "Modernism and Fundamentalism" at the next meeting.

Reports were given by the preachers of their work for the last month. Dr. Stowe: The work of the church going forward nicely. Congregations large. Additional equipment, chairs and another piano bought for the Sunday School. Twenty-five additions to the church within the last month, mostly on profession of faith.

Dr. Steel: Attends church as often as he is able at Central Church. He can see to get about, but does not read much.

Rogers, Hot Springs Circuit: We have splendid interest in all the work of the church. All of the Leagues, three in number, have observed Anniversary Day with collections, and will meet their pledges for the year. Sunday School interest is good in that all are moving on toward a one-hundred per cent goal. We are planning and expecting good revivals throughout the charge.

Doak, Third Street: Large congregations during the month. Salary of pastor and P. E. paid up to date. Large Anniversary Day held and quota paid in full. Sunday School Day held and large congregation present, good program well rendered. collection for S. School Day in full. Everything moving well. The outlook for the church very encouraging. We expect a good year. We are sure going to grow.

Scott, Park Avenue: Good Sunday School Day with program well rendered, and collection in full. The Leaguers had charge of one service on Sunday night and a program was well rendered. Officers of League were installed. Good Mother's Day, the 10th. Have paid off a debt on League room of \$100.00 or more. We are expecting to begin a meeting May 24 and have secured Rev. A. W. Waddill, of Malvern, to assist.—B. F. Scott, Sect.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Fayetteville District Conference held its eighty-seventh session Wednesday and Thursday, May 6-7, at Siloam Springs. Presiding Elder John A. Womack directed the work of the Conference in so systematic a way that an unusual amount of work was completed in the two days. The attendance of laymen and preachers was far beyond the usual attendance of a District Conference. The spirit of the Conference was that of brotherhood. All enjoyed the fellowship of the Conference.

The work of the Conference was carried on through committees and

little time was given to the regular reports of pastors. All agreed that the plan was better than devoting so much time to reports.

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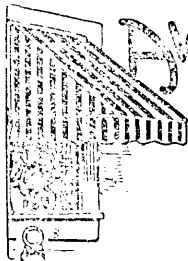
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The following were elected as delegates to the Annual Conference:

A. A. Backner, J. S. Ewalt, S. A. Diehl, G. W. Droke, Marion Wasson, A. C. Withrow, W. H. Martin, and A. L. Smith. The following were elected alternates: J. H. Gregory, J. H. Zelner, J. M. Hamilton and W. A. Dowman.

The first afternoon of the Conference was devoted to the Laymen's work and the Sunday School work. The following program on the Layman's work was directed by Conference Lay Leader, J. L. Bond:

The Special objective of the Layman's Work, J. L. Bond; The Lord's Sacred Truth, Paul Martin; How and Why the Laymen Should Stand by the Pastor, J. S. Ewalt; Boosting and Lifting all Methodist Causes, S. A. Diehl; How the Laymen can Help the Presiding Elder.—H. L. Wade.

The Sunday School program was directed by I. A. Brumley and the following program presented:

The Elementary Work of the Sunday School, Miss Bess Trout; The Program of Missions and Training, G. G. Davidson; Conference Superintendent of Sunday School Work, The Tenn Age, J. W. Workman; The Preparation for and Holding of Decision Day in the Sunday School, H. L. Wade.

The following were elected as the Sunday School Staff for the year:

Executive Secretary and Treasurer, O. M. Campbell; Elementary Supt, Miss Bess Trent; Supt. of Wesley Classes, M. A. Dorman; Supt. of Missionary Training, W. C. Dickson; Supt. of Teachers Training, I. A. Brumley.

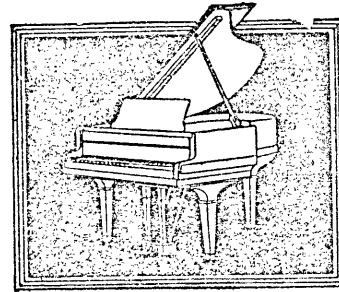
The District secretary of the Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. D. Y. Thomas, spoke before the Conference on the work of the women.

The various general interests of the church were presented as follows:

Sunday School Work, G. G. Davidson; Henderson-Brown and Galloway Colleges, J. J. Galloway; Valley Springs Training School, H. M. Lewis; General Education, R. C. More-

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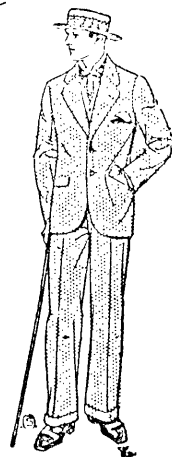
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The opening sermon of the Conference was preached by Rev. J. L. Evans of Bentonville. During the Conference J. L. Wilcoxson of Rogers, F. G. Villines of Gentry and J. W. Workman of Fayetteville preached. These sermons created a real spirit of devotion for the Conference session.

The entertainment furnished by the Siloam Springs people could not have been surpassed, Rev. and Mrs. A. L. Cline and their good people have made for themselves a warm place in the hearts of all those present.—Ira A. Brumley, Secretary.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Ft. Smith District Conference met at Greenwood May 5-7. There was a very fine attendance and the spirit of the conference could not have been surpassed. Our pains-taking Presiding Elder, Brother F. M. Tolleson, had the work well in hand and the business of the Conference was dispatched with unusual ease and rapidity. No interest of the church was overlooked. This is characteristic of F. M. Tolleson. Courageous, conscientious, and diligent, and withal a most brotherly man—his motto, "This one thing I do," his work on the district is successful and satisfactory.

One feature of the District Conference was several striking and impressive sermons delivered by Rev. Lester Weaver, our pastor from Clarksville. There was more than the usual number of visitors.

Among them were Rev. H. M. Lewis, representing the Valley Springs Training School; Rev. J. J. Galloway of Henderson-Brown College; Rev. H. H. Griffin, field representative for Galloway College; Rev. Leland Clegg of Mountain Home, representing the great Epworth League interest; Rev. R. C. Morehead, our Christian Education secretary; Rev. J. C. Glenn, representing the Arkansas Methodist; and Prof. T. B. Manny of Hendrix College. These brethren were all very happy in their speeches presenting the great interest near their hearts and so vital to our beloved Methodism in Arkansas. There were other welcome visitors, such as Rev. E. H. Hook of Booneville, and others.

Delegates to the Annual Conference are as follows: J. W. Johnson, J. E. Bryan, J. R. Chastain, D. L. Ford, Sam Galloway, Mrs. M. R. Harper, Rev. J. H. Ruble and H. A. Daugherty. Alternates as follows:



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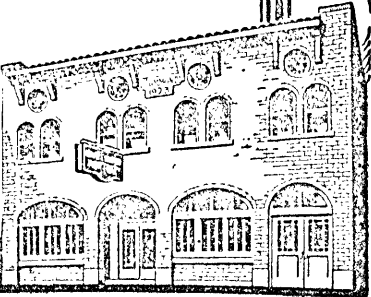
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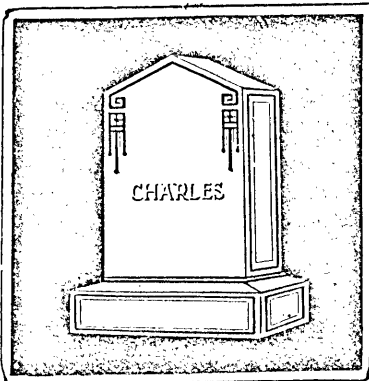
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ity; and of appreciation to the Pre-
siding Elder for his unremitting dil-
igence and efficient leadership on
our District. The next session of the
Conference will be held at Alma.—
J. B. Stevenson, Reporter.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT MEETING.

The Conference was well attended
by both preachers and laymen. Our
new Presiding Elder, Brother Ded-
man, conducted the business of the
Conference with ease and patience.
Many splendid speeches were made
by both preachers and laymen. Broth-
er H. M. Stephens made a straight-
forward and impressive speech upon
the Stewardship of Property. Broth-
ers F. F. Harrell and A. W. Hamilton
each preached thoughtful and helpful
sermons. The outstanding address of
the Conference was made by the lead-
er of the Layman's Movement in the
church, Brother Morelock, of Nash-
ville, Tenn. We wish that every lay-
man in the church could have heard
that soul-stirring message. He pre-
sented the subject of Stewardship and
Tithing in a vigorous manner.

Dr. Workman, President of Hender-
son-Brown College, and Dr. Morehead,
Conference Secretary of Education
brought us fine thoughts concerning
the education of our youth today.
Their words were much enjoyed and
appreciated by all.

On Friday night of the District
Conference the Epworth League met
and Rev. Fred Roebuck of Pulaski
Heights preached on the motto "All
for Christ." It was a well prepared
message and delivered in an effective
manner.

The Presiding Elder throughout the
Conference stressed the importance
of childhood evangelism through the
Sunday School and the importance of
the payment of the Conference Col-
lections, or Conference Claims, as they
are called. There is no church in this
District that is over assessed if men
would be true to Christ. It is just
as religious to pay the Conference
Claims as it is to pray.

The good people of Gurdon enter-
tained us so splendidly and with such
ease we will be glad to be invited to
stop in Gurdon again.—C. D. Cade,
Sec.

CHAIRMAN W. C. HILLIARD AND COMMITTEE SUBMIT EXCEL- LENT REPORT ON CHRIS- TIAN LITERATURE.

During the recent session of the
Texarkana District Conference held
at DeQueen, May 12-14, Presiding
Elder F. N. Brewer appointed the fol-
lowing as members of the Christian
Literature Committee: W. C. Hill-
iard, Chairman; Mrs. Kennedy Camp-
bell, Secretary; Rev. J. R. Rushing,
Rev. Mahlon Williamson, F. O. Stew-
art. This splendid committee func-
tioned beautifully. They submitted
one of the finest reports on Christian
Literature, with special reference to
the Arkansas Methodist, that the
writer has ever read. I give it in full
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"We, your Committee on Religious
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all the activities of our church.

"Your Committee on Religious Lit-
erature earnestly requests the co-op-
eration of all pastors and Official
Boards throughout the District to
make the Methodist a success.

"The Christian Advocate is a great
weekly periodical, and should be in
the homes of many more of our peo-
ple.

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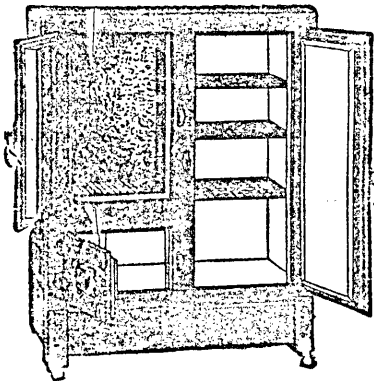
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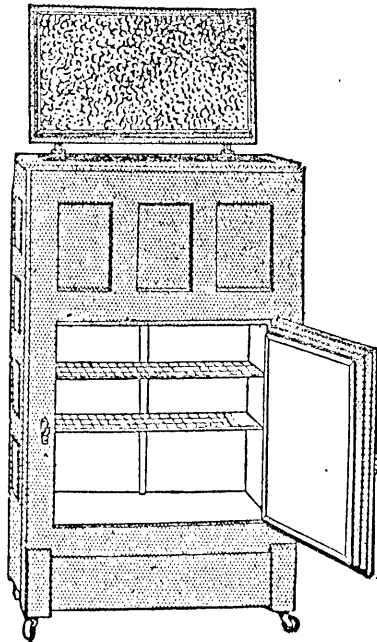
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PRINCETON.

The work on the Princeton charge is moving along nicely. The Sunday School at Princeton under the superintendency of Bro. C. T. Montgomery is gaining ground both in membership and interest. We gave our Sunday School Day Program at Princeton last Sunday and collected our apportionment in full plus. The other Sunday Schools are doing fine work. We have two splendid Epworth Leagues at Princeton Senior and Junior. The Senior League pledged \$10.00 this year and will have three delegates at the summer assembly. These Leagues are composed of a fine group of young people who are interested in the Master's work.

A 100 per cent list is our slogan for the Arkansas Methodist.

As a whole, the work is doing splendidly, and we are expecting to come up to Conference with a good report.—C. B. Davis.

NEW HOME

We have just closed a meeting at New Home Church with good success.

Had several conversions and reclamations; two accessions to the church, and the church greatly built up. One of the most helpful things that happened was the organization of a League of 20 or 25 members.

We feel that there was much and lasting good accomplished.—R. E. Robertson, P. C.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH AT ANTIOCH IN PISIDIA.

There are four definite orders of doctrine found in this Christian Church, that are identical with the doctrine of the Methodist Church today.

1. The Christian Church at Antioch believes in fasting; so do Methodists of today.

2. The Christian Church at Antioch believes in the Personality, and Supervision of the Holy Ghost; so do the Methodists of today.

3. The Christian Church at Antioch believes in a Holy-Ghost-called

ministry; so do the Methodists of today.

4. The Christian Church at Antioch believes in a Holy-Ghost-sent ministry; so do the Methodists of today. Acts. 13:1; 23:4. In the face of these similar, outstanding facts, "who's who" today as an apostolic New and Old Testament Church? Somebody answer, please.—Jas. F. Jernigan.

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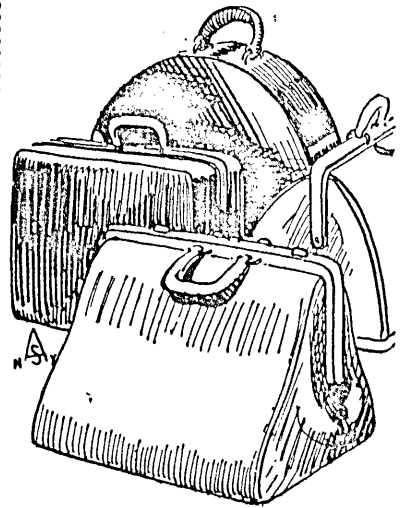
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BEHOLD the Special Effort Cupid! Po little fella! What's the matter? He emerges from his hiding-place, used-up bow in hand, unused arrows falling at his feet, and weeps in distress. It is not easy to understand all he says, but in substance this is the story of his discomfiture:—

He Missed 2,000 Out of 6,500

Cupy says: "I thought I could shoot straight, but I seem to have missed my aim on 2,000 Charges out of 6,500. At least, there are yet that many Charges which have not been Special-Effortized enough to cause them to pay even one little penny on their quotas for Superannuate Endowment. And, just think, I am now well into the second year of the movement shooting at them. I am sure my arrows are tipped with loving persuasion and arguments that should move to action, but as yet I have failed to make an impression. I must be nearing superannuation myself, or else these Charges have fortified themselves against my darts."

Is your Charge one of the 2,000? Have you caused the disquietude of Cupy? I do not blame him for weeping over such a situation. Think of nearly one-third of the entire Church doing absolutely nothing for this most appealing cause! If this condition continues, how will the pastors of these Charges feel when they superannuate? I cannot imagine a more terrible consciousness for a preacher than to look back to this Special Effort out of the deprivations of future superannuation and know that he failed to help when he could!

Not Real Hits But Scratches

Cupy says: "And, too, I seem to have been doing some scratchy shooting. I hate myself for that. I try to hit center, and not merely scratch the target. Half-misses cause much pain. What do I mean? Just this: Hundreds of Charges throughout the Church have to date paid very nominal amounts on their Special Effort quotas. I was reading the records today and saw where one Charge, with a five-year quota of \$1,200, had paid \$4.00; another with a similar quota had paid \$7.00; and many Charges with average quotas had not paid more than \$25 each. Then I knew if I had touched them at all, they were only scratched—just enough to make the whole process painful to them. O, why can't I shoot straight?"

Poor Cupy, I feel so sorry for you! No wonder you are sad. You wanted to draw red blood from great hearts, but you got nothing but skin-blisters in these cases. And you tried so hard—even broke your bow, didn't you?

O men, don't you see what I am trying to get across to you? Are you going to be content with merely playing at this Special Effort business? It is a real job we have on our hands, and it will take real effort to put it over. Turn to statistical tables number four in the back of your Conference Minutes of 1924, and see why Cupy cries. See the pitifully small amount

credited to some of the Charges for the first Conference year of this movement. Are you satisfied with the showing of your Charge? If not, you can change all that this year. Make an earnest try!

Shining Marks Completely Missed

Cupy says: "O horrors, how could I have missed a single presiding elder! But it seems I failed even to scratch a number of them. At the Annual Conferences I took dead-level aim at them closely assembled in small rooms, and I thought my arrows hit center. But, to make sure, I drew my bow twice on them afterwards. I have learned, however, that some of them at the Quarterly Conference do not dwell on the question concerning Superannuate Endowment (if they raise it at all), and some of them actually held their District Conferences without having a speaker on the program in behalf of the Forgotten Man! How could I have missed such shining marks?"

Cupy, Cupy, how could you! If I did not know you to be a faithful little fellow, I would say that you are not only a bad marksman but an awful prevaricator. Since, however, you evidently know what you are saying to be according to the facts, I must beg that you do not tell this to anybody else. It is a reflection on your efficiency, and an advertisement of the thoughtlessness of those who are my friends.

Brother presiding elder, is Cupy right? Did you really forget the Forgotten Man at your District Conference? If so, why? Is there anything else in the Church's program that has a better right to representation, than have the Church's preachers who work out her program? Of course, you did it inadvertently—just forgot, didn't you? Please don't forget again. Try to make up for losing such a good opportunity to help the cause, by personally urging your preachers and laymen to support it 100 per cent.

Perfect Hits But Bleeding White

Cupy says: "Even many of my perfect hits are bleeding white. I refer to hundreds of Charges that have been interested enough in the Special Effort to raise their quotas in subscriptions and cash, but are very slow about sending the money as it is collected to the Board of Finance, Security Building, St. Louis. They allow the cash to linger in local banks, unmindful of the fact that this endowment money has to be invested by the Board of Finance before it can earn income for the support of the superannuates. I reckon I did not shoot them deep enough to make their wounds bleed red!"

Brothers! Brothers! Is Cupy telling this tale about you? Are you permitting money raised in your Charge for the broken-down and used-up preachers of Southern Methodism, to lie around doing nothing when so many of these blessed old heroes are pleading for the commonest necessities?



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