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## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Wastefulness and carelessness are terrible twins which both rob God and destroy man.

If you would live long and well, then work and pray, and rest and play, and pledge and pay.

When a man disturbs your thinking on theology, denounce him as a heretic, and you have re-established your equilibrium at the expense of your intellectual integrity.

Saintliness causes an ugly face to shine with spiritual beauty, while sinfulness disfigures that beauty which is superficial and ephemeral.

You get what you diligently seek. If you work for money, you win worldly wealth. If you seek heavenly treasure, it will be in heaven's bank when you arrive.

You cannot afford to live a fast life unless your life is made fast to God. Then you speed heavenward.

## A HAPPY SUGGESTION.

Rev. W. M. Pearce, writing in the Texas Christian Advocate, makes the following happy suggestion:

"I am in favor of Unification according to the Plan. This has been my attitude from the Alpha and will be to the Omega. There is no compromising in my nature. But it is clear to my mind that whether the proposition is defeated or is successful we will have the same preachers, officials, members and neighbors. People are not going to sell their holdings and move either to the South or to the North just because this issue is settled. Therefore aside from keeping our own consciences clear, I wish to offer a plea in behalf of such a spirit and manner in writing and speaking in this controversy that it will not be necessary for us to repent and confess to each other in order to live together with respect and appreciation afterward."

## HIP FLASK TOTERS.

The enemies of prohibition are trying to make the people believe that prohibition is responsible for the fact that a few wild youth in this country are supposed to be carrying flasks of liquor in their hip pockets.

In England, where the public houses, or saloons, are found everywhere, it ought to be different. The youth there ought to be strictly sober. That, however, is not the case. In a recent issue of the Saturday Evening Post, Kenneth L. Roberts, writing on the subject, says: "Our English cousins are in a state of nerves over the persistence with which the younger Britons are toddling around to dance clubs at all hours of the day and night with flasks on their hips, and doing exactly the same things that young Americans are doing. The English feel so bitterly on the subject that great numbers have yielded to the emotional urge of writing to the London Morning Post on the subject, and from their letters it may easily be seen that the British differ widely as to the cause for all this loose living. Some blame it on the housing shortage, some on the America cinema films, some on American jazz, while the rest vacillate between an alteration in the position of the Gulf Stream, the Labor Party and various other things that have recently come among the British to make life hideous for them. But none of them blame it on prohibition for the excellent reason that there is no prohibition in England and consequently prohibition can not have anything to do with it."

## INDEPENDENT THINKING.

In this day many arrogant and supercilious writers, take pride in their independent thought, when as a matter of fact, their independence consists principally in freedom from the limitations of logic and fact. To them we commend for consideration the following wise words from the St. Louis Christian Advocate:

"Learn to think independently, but know this well that independent thinking is not dogmatic assertion. Independent thinking comes through much study and investigation. None may call himself an independent thinker, who ignores the opinions of his fellow man. We know neither the weakness or strength of our own position until we know the best, and sometimes the worst, other men have thought. The independent thinker is fair and patient with all who may differ with him. While listening to the opinions of others he best perceives the strength of his own position and is best able to defend himself in controversy. The beginning of the solution of all problems now in controversy

YEA, THE STORK IN THE HEAVEN KNOWETH HER APPOINTED TIMES; AND THE TURTLE AND THE CRANE AND THE SWALLOW OBSERVE THE TIME OF THEIR COMING; BUT MY PEOPLE KNOWETH NOT THE JUDGMENT OF THE LORD. HOW DO YE SAY, WE ARE WISE, AND THE LAW OF THE LORD IS WITH US? LO, CERTAINLY IN VAIN MADE HE IT; THE PEN OF THE SCRIBES IS IN VAIN. THE WISE MEN ARE ASHAMED, THEY ARE DISMAYED AND TAKEN; LO, THEY HAVE REJECTED THE WORD OF THE LORD; AND WHAT WISDOM IS IN THEM?—Jeremiah 8:7-9.

will come through patient consideration by all men of the opinions of their fellows. He whose opinions cannot be hammered out in the anvil of debate where men strenuously contend may have no assurance of either force or worth in his own opinions."

## SOMETHING MORE NEEDED.

Many of our people have the daily-newspaper habit. Practically all they know is derived from their hasty reading of a daily. Certainly the daily papers are useful. We would not have any one stop reading them. They get much accurate news; but, on account of the haste with which news is gathered and the difficulty of verification, it is evident that much misinformation is circulated.

Commenting on the newspaper, the Youth's Companion says editorially: "It is all informing, all educative, in a sense; but it is pitifully superficial. The newspaper's information in itself is not always accurate, and the scraps and shreds of it that we carry away cannot be said to form a mental foundation of substantial validity. We are doing our best, and the varied character of our knowledge may in some degree make up for its lack of solid basis. All the same it is a good thing to have at least one subject that you know more about than the newspaper does. It makes little difference what it is. It may spiders, or old china, or the history of music or printing, or anything you please. But have more than a mere newspaper knowledge of something, and you will find it gives additional significance to life."

We are quite sure that the secular editors themselves would indorse that exhortation. They do not expect their readers to confine themselves to the papers alone for information, and they do not claim to be infallible. Read your daily paper, but read something else. Read something of permanent value, something that will enable you to know that you really know something worth while.

## EARNs ANOTHER CREDIT.

Again Arthur Brisbane, writer of much piffle and syndicated nonsense which he tries to pass off as sense, has made a statement of a truth that deserves notice. In a recent issue of the Arkansas Democrat, in the midst of a bushel of chaff, is the following grain of wheat: "Reading history, you find that 300 years ago, when Ravallac, the fanatic, stabbed Henry IV to death, or when Calvin, the stern Protestant, ordered the burning alive of Servetus, or today when racial and religious prejudices play so prominent a part in many nations, a religious fight is the most bitter of all fights."

We doubt whether Brisbane's motive was good, because he seems to take delight in discrediting the churches; but, nevertheless, he stated a sad, but stubborn fact.

Today we see men who call themselves brethren wrangling bitterly over a mere plan for church organization, when it ought to be possible for good Christians to be happy together under almost any form of church organization. We Methodists claim no Scriptural authority for our form of government. If any of us, for business or health, should be thrown into a community where our own church did not exist and a church of any branch of Methodism should be there, we would unite with it and be perfectly happy in our religious life. If any of us should go to live in Canada or England and continued to be Methodists, we would be in a church

that differs greatly from our own church, and yet we would almost certainly be happy in our church life.

Few people know the doctrines of their own church. Few know its history. With most people it is a pure accident of family or neighborhood relation that they belong to a certain church. Born in a different neighborhood, many would belong to another church with a different form of government. Then why grow bitter and quarrel about a mere plan of church organization? Why not fight sin?

Yes, Brisbane is right, and deserves a second credit, although we are humiliated over the fact that he states. Does some particular form of organization mean more to us than Christian fellowship and brotherhood?

## ARE YOU UNFAIR?

In this day of heated controversy, when unbrotherly epithets are being freely exchanged between those who call themselves "brothers in Christ," it would be well to consider the following pertinent passage from the St. Louis Christian Advocate: "When you speak about another being unfair, do you really mean unfair to you or to the question or proposition under consideration? The cry of unfair in this world is common. It comes out of the world of business, all marts of trade, all industrial realms, society and the church. When these cries are analyzed, it will be found he who raises the cry is more often the offender. The man who knows his cause is just is generally the more willing to yield a point. Should justice be delayed he will wait; he knows that truth and right will ultimately prevail. He who calls another hard names and cries unfair, is generally without reason on his side. The way of progress has always been by new paths and re-adjustments. It is always difficult for man to give up the old and take a new way. Inertia, indifference and obstinacy always cleave to the old. The cry of let good enough alone is raised. But pioneers of truth, prophets of reform and saviors of men have ever been hewing out new paths and climbing new Calvaries where the Cross turns not back. Let him who cries unfair analyze his own opinions, consider his own interests, and study his own motives. If he is sure of himself, go forward, cease crying unfair, ask no quarter, contend for truth, carry the battle to the opposer's field. The world admires a good fighter. Good fighters never cry unfair. They propose to fight so vigorously that the other fellow will cry, 'Enough,' and acknowledge his defeat. The cause of liberty and righteousness is not advanced by epithets, but by wisdom's words and reasonable propositions for which patriots and prophets are willing to die."

## PRAIRIE VIEW.

Prairie View is a village in the northeast part of Logan County about two miles south of the new town of Scranton. Some twenty-six years ago I had attended a session of the Dardanelle District Conference there, and had been favorable impressed. I remember well a pleasant trip with Dr. J. E. Godbey, then editor of the Arkansas Methodist, as traveling companion, in the old-fashioned hack from Dardanelle, and the trip out by way of Spadra. The last trip was more easily made on the Rock Island Railway, requiring only four hours from Little Rock to Scranton. There Rev. J. W. Harger, pastor, was awaiting me and soon we were in Prairie View and after a good supper, I had the pleasure of lecturing on "Education" to a very good Saturday night audience.

Sunday morning I attended the well organized Sunday School and preached at eleven, and again at three I preached, and then with Mr. A. M. Shelton, principal of the School, was carried in Bro. Harger's Ford by way of Tokalon, Dublin and New Blaine, to Delaware where I preached at night to a large congregation. Spending the night there, I was able to reach the office at 11:30 Monday.

My trip to Prairie View was at the urgent invitation of Bro. Harger and Mr. Shelton to view the situation and co-operate in advancing the educational interests.

While Prairie View is not much larger than it was a quarter of a century ago, it is much improved. It has many beautiful modern homes and a good high school building. Then, wonder of wonders! it has an abundant supply of natural gas which is used for both light and fuel. The sur-

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## METHODIST CALENDAR.

Camden D. C. Hampton, June 9-12.

## PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Dr. J. H. Reynolds, president of Hendrix College, delivered the closing address at the Prescott High School last week.

Rev. W. M. Edwards, pastor of our church at Newark, is holding a revival meeting at Branch. He reports splendid progress.

Dr. P. C. Fletcher, pastor of First Church, this city, preached the commencement sermon for the Malvern High School, May 24.

The Fordyce Lumber Company has selected a tract of its cut-over land and will experiment in forestry with a view to conservation.

Dr. J. H. Reynolds, president of Hendrix College, this week delivered the baccalaureate address for the State Teachers' College at Conway.

Rev. H. H. McGuyre, Stephens, sent in a good club of subscriptions from his church this week. He also sent check to cover. We thank him for his loyal support.

Rev. Coy Whitten, pastor at Grady, preached the commencement sermon for the Grady High School, May 17. Dr. C. J. Greene of Hendrix College delivered the address to the class on May 22.

According to the Church Bulletin of Van Buren, First Church, they have the largest Woman's Missionary Society in the Fort Smith District. They have some fine workers and are doing a great work.

A man's ideal of happiness may be to drift down the stream of life without touching an oar, but he will be of less value than a dead dog when he gets there—a dog's carcass can be used for fertilizer.—Religious Telescope.

The report comes from Marion that Rev. W. C. Yancey, Conference evangelist, has had a great meeting. It closed Sunday. The people are loud in their praise. He preached the closing sermon of the High School on May 24.

The Texas Christian Advocate reports the death of Rev. J. D. May, who has been for many years a member of the West Texas Conference, but who began his ministry in Little Rock Conference. He had been in failing health for several years.

Last Sunday at Henderson-Brown College Rev. W. A. Smart, professor of Religious Education at Emory University, preached the commencement sermon at eleven and Rev. Paul W. Quillian of Camden preached before the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. at night.

Oftentimes activities in religious matters are so multiplied that meditation and communion with God find no place in our lives. Organizations may be so increased that prayer has no chance to bring its uncounted blessings into our souls. Some one has said that the one concern of the devil is to "keep saints from praying." He has nothing to fear from prayerless studies, prayerless work, and prayerless religion.—Christian Observer.

Married, in this city, May 28, George Dana Millar of Little Rock and Miss Minta Bond of Fayetteville, Rev. A. C. Millar officiating. Miss Bond is the daughter of Supt. and Mrs. J. L. Bond, of the Western Methodist Assembly, and Mr. Millar is the son of the editor.

Rev. C. F. Hively of Midland Heights Church, Ft. Smith, reports that a great meeting has just closed at his church. Rev. A. E. Holloway of Morrilton did the preaching. There were twenty additions to the church and it was a great uplift to the church and community.

Rev. R. F. Shinn, evangelist, whose postoffice has been Conway, will hereafter make Decatur, Texas, his headquarters. Let his correspondents take notice. Bro. Shinn has just closed a meeting with Rev. E. J. Slaughter at Hulbert, resulting in 70 additions to the church.

Dr. O. E. Goddard left Conway Wednesday night, June 3, for Pryor, Okla., where he will attend a family reunion. From there he will go to Washington for a few days, then to New York where he will sail, June 9, for his trip to the Holy Land. He expects to return about Sept. 1.

Married, at Dardanelle, May 25, Rev. C. C. Gray, of Zwolle, La., and Miss Laura Corrinna Parker, of Dardanelle, Rev. Eli Myers, of First Church, North Little Rock, officiating. Bro. Gray, who has just taken his B. D. degree at S. M. U., has been appointed pastor of our church at Maysville, Mo.

Rev. B. C. Taylor, a student of Southern Methodist University, has been appointed assistant pastor of our Church at Conway, to take the place of Rev. O. C. Lloyd, who was recently appointed to Tuckerman. Bro. Taylor will have charge during the absence of Dr. O. E. Goddard on his trip to the Holy Land.

Van Buren, First Church, has organized a training class for church workers and held its first meeting May 21. It is for all who are interested in Sunday School work, Epworth League work or any who are interested in doing special work. They are studying for their first book "What Every Methodist Ought To Know."

The alumnae of Greensboro College, Greensboro, N. C., propose to endow the Chair of Religious Education in honor of Mrs. Robertson who was the first woman in the South to hold the office of college president. Let us hope that the friends of other institutions of the Church will likewise endow a chair of Religious Education. There is no more important work being done in the educational world at this time.

It is reported that Rev. W. F. Dunkle, presiding elder of the Jacksonville District, Florida Conference, has been elected president of Southern College at Lakeland, Florida, to succeed Rev. R. H. Alderman. There is no greater educational opportunity in the entire Church than that of Southern College in the Florida Conference. Dr. Dunkle has a great task before him which is worthy of the best effort of any man.

Mr. N. M. Whaley, for some years assistant state superintendent of public instruction, has prepared a new book, "The Natural Speller," which should render the acquisition of words much easier. It is a practical treatise and should be adopted by many states and schools. It is published by the Bobbs-Merrill Co., Indianapolis. Mr. Whaley is a Hendrix College graduate who has long engaged successfully in educational work.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, general secretary of the Board of Education, has recently called attention to the importance of raising the educational standards of our schools. He says: "The school that fails to organize, standardize, and correlate will, in the near future, drop out of the running." The completion of the Christian Education Movement will solve this and many other problems that our institutions of learning are struggling with.

Ground was broken at Birmingham Southern College, May 15, for the new Student Activities Building, which is to provide headquarters for all student groups, religious, social, dramatic, etc. The building is to cost over \$50,000 and will also contain an auditorium and cafeteria. One-half of the funds was raised in a Brick Selling Campaign by the students last year, the remainder being contributed by trustees, alumni and friends of the college.

On May 26 Dr. E. D. Burton, president of the University of Chicago, died at the age of sixty-nine. Since the founding of the University in 1892 Dr. Burton has been a member of the faculty, succeeding Dr. H. P. Judson to the presidency two years ago. While well known for his scholarship, Dr. Burton was also an able administrator and was leading successfully in a campaign to raise \$17,500,000 for endowment and enlargement. His ambition was not to make his university the biggest but to have it lead in certain departments of education.

Mrs. W. P. McDermott has been elected president of the Little Rock School Board, and thus will be at the head of the Board in carrying out its million dollar building program. Mrs. McDermott is one of the leaders of our Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society. She has served on the Board for three years and during that period has been its secretary. For several years she was chief probation officer of the Juvenile Court of Pulaski County.

## DEATH OF VICE PRESIDENT MARSHALL.

On Monday, at Washington, former Vice-President Marshall passed away at the age of seventy-one. A grand-nephew of the distinguished Chief Justice Marshall, he was born and educated in Indiana, and engaged in the practice of law until he was made governor of his state in 1908; making a fine record, he was a strong candidate for the presidency in 1912, and after the nomination of Woodrow Wilson, Mr. Marshall received the nomination for the vice-presidency, holding that office two terms. Not a great man in the sense of unusual achievement, he was great in meeting fully the responsibilities of his high office and in so conducting himself that he won the affection and respect of all people. As a lecturer and writer of syndicated articles he had made a reputation for his homely, sane philosophy of life and his wise comments on the vagaries and follies of modern life. He was a good man and a useful citizen, and will long be remembered by his countrymen as one whom the honor of public life did not spoil.

## THE EDITOR'S PERPLEXITIES.

The editor wants contributions, field notes, and news for the several departments. It takes all of these to make a paper that meets the needs of our readers. Then space must be given to the announcements, the quarterly conference rounds, and the obituaries. We appreciate the efforts of all who supply us with these items.

However, for nearly three months, we have received more from week to week than the paper would hold if there were no extra demands on our space. Because some items must appear promptly, or lose all of their value, we have necessarily given them first place. Those that could wait a few weeks have been held, and some matter has been in type for three months, because, before it could be used, other matter that must, as news or announcement, have precedence, has come in.

In order to give ample space to the departments and news, we have cut down the Contribution's space to two pages, and yet we have always enough for four. We are holding many contributions on Unification because they throw no new light on the subject, and the communications from our great Boards and secretaries are urgent. We are holding obituaries simply because the news matter must come first or it has no value, while an obituary will keep and often does more good after delay. Often, at great cost of labor to the editor, obituaries and other articles are shortened in order to give space for others that are just as worthy. It would be much easier to let them go in as written, but it would be unfair to others that would necessarily be crowded out.

The volume of advertising in recent weeks has been large; but that is necessary. If we had no advertising the paper could not be published, and from May until October the income from subscriptions does not pay for the white paper, to say nothing of the other expenses. We simply must have this advertising, or suspend publication. The advertising that we carry now is the kind that we have long desired. It is of home companies and institutions and is unobjectionable; but it takes space, and consequently certain articles must wait until the departments and news items require less.

Of course, there is a remedy for this situation. If every pastor would do what the Conferences decided ought to be done—put the paper into every home in his charge—the income would be sufficient to pay expenses or enlarge the size of the paper. It is within the power of pastors and official boards to settle the question. Until they do, the paper must either suspend or carry a large amount of advertising, which means that the editor will constantly be perplexed by the problem of trying to use fifty per cent more matter than space will permit. Brethren, please be patient, or provide the funds to increase our space.

## SUNDAY AT NASHVILLE AND BINGEN.

Some weeks ago, Rev. H. A. F. Ault, the enterprising pastor, arranged for a Sunday School rally program for the fifth Sunday in May. It was to be at Bingen, not "Fair Bingen on the Rhine," celebrated in poetry, but fair Bingen on West Fork of Ozan. He expected to have Governor Terral, and invited me to take a part on his program. Always glad to reach the people with a special message, I accepted and also arranged to be at Nashville in the morning.

It was a lovely day and Nashville's beauty and chivalry were at the Methodist Sunday School. With the inspiration of the popular and scholarly pastor, Rev. O. L. Walker, and under the guidance of Mr. C. G. Hughes, the wise and thoughtful sup-



CONTRIBUTIONS.

WHO WILL PREACH FOR US TOMORROW?

By R. H. Bennett, Secretary of Department of Ministerial Supply and Training.

Many of our preachers are writing me for the facts given below. They ought to be read by the whole Church. They are culled from the record of my year's work ending March 31, 1925. There should be material in them for that annual sermon on the claims of the Christian Ministry required by the Discipline in every pulpit, and for other exhortations along similar lines in Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, Young Peoples Assemblies, the Church Press, etc.

The year has been one of encouragement. The statistics given below show a general advance in nearly every feature of the work.

The Volunteers.

The total enrollment of volunteers in our office last year was 7,010. During the present year 364 new names have been received, making a grand total now on our rolls of 7,374 volunteers. Of these new names received this year, 236 are offering for the Christian ministry, 60 for Foreign Missions, 41 for Home Missions, and 27 for other work or undecided on their field.

There are 280 presiding elders in our home Conferences. The Discipline requires them to send in to our office the names of all ministerial candidates and licentiates. 174 presiding elders have kept the law and sent in their lists. We have written to the other presiding elders for these lists several times, but in vain. Our office could be much more effective in reaching and helping our young preachers if the other 106 presiding elders would give us this slight and easy assistance. Of our 83 school and college presidents, 72 have sent us the lists of volunteers among

their students. In the schools heard from, and the list covers nearly all our schools, we have 478 students for the ministry, and 694 volunteers for other forms of Christian service, a total of 1,172 volunteers reported in our schools. Complete returns from all our schools would probably give a slightly larger figure.

Methodist Students in Other Schools Than Our Own.

In addition to the visitation of our own schools, I have visited a number of state schools and universities, one special trip having been given to the institutions of the far West. The same cordial welcome is noted there as in the East. Our fellow Christians in the State School faculties realize their responsibility for the religious welfare of their pupils and welcome the help of the Church. Thousands of our own children in the state colleges need our help. We cannot neglect them. Various methods to this end are being tried out by the churches and Boards. This must be done, as I trust it will be done, without neglecting our own institutions whose foundation and maintenance have been achieved at the price of such sacrifice, toil and self-denial.

Student Aid Funds.

From the different loan funds a total of \$11,060 has been loaned to our students for the ministry and other forms of Christian life service. One hundred and three students have been helped. This is an advance over last year of eleven in the number of students aided and of \$598 in the amount loaned. A much larger amount could be worthily applied if it were available. It will be, if our people will hasten the payment of their pledges to the Christian Education Movement. We commend this most needy and worthy cause to our people for their gifts and bequests. If our young people offer their lives to the cause, it is a small thing for the rest of us to furnish the few dollars need-

ed to equip them for that life work.

Three-Hundred New Preachers Received on Trial.

Examination of the records for a number of years shows that the number of preachers received on trial varies with a range of some 75 to 100. This year the number has been considerably above the average. Three-hundred have been received during the year. We give the list of those Conferences receiving ten or more: Western North Carolina 19; North Alabama and Central Texas, each 16; Virginia 14; North Georgia 13; Texas 12; Florida and Holston, each 11; Baltimore, North Arkansas, North Mississippi, and South Georgia, each 10.

Number of Supplies Used Still Decreasing.

We are glad to note a steady decrease in the number of supplies used to fill our appointments. We much appreciate the work of these brethren. All honor to them. But a well equipped ministry is demanded more and more, and we are pleased to believe that our Church is moving steadily in that direction. Some years ago we had to use about 1,200 supplies. Last year this number had decreased to 809. This year the number has been still further reduced to 744.

Sinking Ever Deeper on the Two-Thirds Rule.

The abuse of the two-thirds rule by which men of insufficient education can be voted into an Annual Conference is one of the few items in which we do not show an advance. On the contrary there is a steady decline in this unhappy matter. Two years ago we admitted 22 out of 262 under this nonchalant and easy going regulation, about one in twelve, last year 37 out of 340 entered this wide gate, about one in nine, while this year we opened that door easily swinging on ball bearing hinges to 34 out of 300, or one in 8.8. If it is thought wise, some one might compose a form of

sound words to insert in the Ritual for the use of those wishing adequately to comment on this situation. With our many strong colleges and seminaries and our Aid Funds in hand for students there is no reason in sight why Annual Conferences should not establish the principle of requiring certainly their younger applicants to come up to the very modest standard set by our Church, viz., a high school course or its equivalent. Let the figures speak for themselves. Baltimore admitted 6 under the two-thirds rule; Central Texas 5; North Alabama 4; North Mississippi 4; Louisiana 2; North Arkansas 2; South Georgia 2; Southwest Missouri 2; Virginia 2; Alabama 1; Illinois 1; Kentucky 1; Northwest 1; Texas 1.

A Slight Increase in Number of Preachers Mastering Their Studies.

There has been an improvement for several years in the number of undergraduate preachers passing in their grades to a higher class. Two years ago out of 1,310 undergraduates 407 failed to pass, one out of every 3.2. Last year out of 1,591 undergraduates 335 failed, one out of 4.75. This year out of 1,684 undergraduates 331 failed, one out of 5. We are thankful for this improvement, though slight. It were a consummation devoutly to be wished that our young brethren throw this improvement into high and step on the accelerator. Shall we not vigorously assist them in this improvement by every legitimate influence?

March Another Parasang.

Let all our young preachers who can (and where there's a will there's generally a way) take a full college course at one of our Church colleges and a theological course at Emory or at Southern Methodist University. It is not a square deal for our young preachers to go afield for their studies when our Church has such excellent institutions, built at such sacrifices out of the blood and toil of our consecrated heroes. For those

erintendent, that Sunday School is making a wonderful record. The day before, the Woman's Class under the leadership of Mrs. Estes had raised nearly \$300 for the church, and on Sunday 87 men were in Bro. Walker's class. There is a membership and attendance contest which is creating unusual interest.

I had the privilege of addressing Bro. Walker's great class and then preached at eleven to a fine congregation, and immediately was carried by Bro. Estes in his big car to Bingen. Expecting to return that night, I did not gather accurate data, as I would otherwise have done, but I learned that the people are highly pleased with their pastor and that he is leading them into great activity. The new church building, erected in the happy pastorate of Rev. J. E. Cooper, is a gem and is adding much to the efficiency of the church and Sunday School. Some work remains to be done in the basement, but it is confidently expected that it will be completed this year. Nashville is a delightful town and our church there is strong and growing stronger all the time. Not the least delightful feature of a visit to Nashville is the opportunity to meet many old friends and former students.

As I was expected to be at Bingen for dinner, I was rushed across the intervening six miles without delay, and arrived just in time to save a few of the many fragments that were left after feeding a great multitude, possibly 2,000 people. The street and groves were jammed with automobiles, and the benches from three churches were arranged to accommodate an immense crowd of listeners.

Detained by unexpected official duties, Governor Terral had been unable to reach Bingen; but Dr. Lange, representing Near East Relief, delivered a strong address in the morning. Re-assembling after the bounteous dinner, the crowd listened attentively to my address on Christian Literature and Forest Conservation, and to Mr. Austin, the able county superintendent, who made a strong and logical plea for better and more sympathetic instruction in the Bible. Mr. Austin, a Baptist and a graduate of Ouachita College, is rendering great service not merely in organizing and developing the public schools of Hempstead County, but in promoting morality and religion by teaching and speaking on Sundays.

Since Mr. Austin was going immediately to Hope in his car, I accepted an invitation to ride with him, and so did not return to Nashville to spend the night. This gave me opportunity to see parts of Hempstead County that I had never observed closely before. It is a fertile country, fair-

ly well settled, with many good farm houses and well tilled farms. Corn and cotton are looking exceedingly well. A fine rain a week previous had refreshed and invigorated all vegetation. Near Bingen is some of the best cotton in the state and in that neighborhood are many peach orchard and truck farms. The prospect for a peach crop is unusually favorably. This is near the great Bert Johnson orchard, and his influence is seen in improved farming. He is highly honored in the community and deep regret is expressed over the financial misfortune that overtook him and compelled him to sever his connection with the orchard. He is now in Florida, but he is not forgotten in the community where he has worked for the last twenty years. He is a noble Christian character and a very useful layman.

Bro. Ault deserves credit for planning this inspirational occasion, and it is evident that he is doing fine work and is greatly loved and appreciated by his people. To me it is a real pleasure to get out among such people as I met at Bingen. They are the solid, sane, industrious farmers, with their wives and children who, in this fast age, are holding our country in the middle of the road. I met many old friends, and was introduced to scores of people who said that they had been reading the Arkansas Methodist for a life-time, and enjoyed it. It does a tired, over-worked editor much good to have people whom he has never seen, say, with apparent sincerity, that the paper had been a blessing to them. I shall not soon forget Bingen on Ozan. —A. C. M.

PRAIRIE VIEW.

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rounding country is an unusually good upland farming country, and is well improved. The red soil and gravel and contour of hills suggest the peach-growing country of Nashville and Highland, and the people are beginning to plant commercial orchards.

Tokalon (Greek for "the beautiful") is a settlement about five miles northeast near old Dublin. There the Presbyterians are building a beautiful concrete-block church for community use. Nearby is the preacher's manse, and a few rods away is an unusually fine rural high school building. Mr. Shelton has a farm nearby and will have charge of the school next year. The outlook from Tokalon and other elevations is charming. Across the intervening valleys to the south Mount Magazine is seen and north across the Arkansas River is Ozone Mountain where thirty-five years ago I attended a session of the Clarksville District Conference when the sainted Geo. W. Hill was presid-

ing.

Prairie View and Tokalon are trying to combine their interests and secure each half of the time of a Smith-Hughes teacher. With the type of youth and the character of the farmers in these communities such an instructor would find a ready response and the instruction would quickly bear fruit in modern farm life. It is to be hoped that their purposes may be carried out. Mr. A. M. Shelton, whom I first knew at Sardis on Bryant Circuit, when I was presiding elder, is an aggressive and inspirational leader and is deeply interested in promoting the schools of this neighborhood. It is my purpose later in the year to visit Tokalon and study the community church and school.

Bro. Harger is also deeply concerned and is co-operating heartily to advance all of the interests of his people and the community. He gives two Sundays a month to Prairie View, one Sunday to Delaware sixteen miles east, and one Sunday to McKendree and Union two small churches west of Prairie View. All told, he has only about 200 members, but he is cultivating the field and is hopeful of progress. At Prairie View a Sunday School building is badly needed and will probably be built this year to accommodate the growing school. The parsonage is a good cottage on a whole block, which affords excellent pasture and garden. Bro. Harger has one of the best gardens I have seen this year. His boys are raising a small crop of cotton. The Baptists have a fair church building, and the Roman Catholics have a large church and a parish school. They are strong in Logan County. Their great school, Subiaco, is not far away, but I did not have time to visit it.

Delaware is a small but attractive village half way between Seranton and Dardanelle. Church interest there is growing under Bro. Harger's care. Going through New Blaine, I saw a fine stone church building which Bro. J. F. Jernigan had built during his pastorate. It is a credit to him and the community. As there is a quarry there almost all the buildings are of stone. Between Tokalon and New Blaine we passed through the Narrows of Shoal Creek, a picturesque spot where travel would be almost impossible in bad weather.

Although the rain-fall had been short, it was surprising how well the crops appeared. The fields were clean and well tilled, and corn and cotton were growing beautifully.

I was delightfully entertained in the parsonage home and had meals and fellowship in several other homes. I was thoroughly impressed with the bright prospects of this country and with the fine pastoral oversight of Bro. Harger. Unless all signs fail he will have a good year.—A. C. M.

who cannot study in residence, there are those excellent Correspondence Schools at Emory University and at Southern Methodist University, and also the very helpful summer Institutes. Each of these agencies is of large value and supplementary in its usefulness. The best results are obtained by those of our young preachers who enroll in both the Correspondence School and the Summer Institute.

There has been organized during the year at Dallas, for more advanced work in correspondence study, an Extension School for Pastors, a department of the School of Theology at Southern Methodist University in cooperation with the General Board of Education, the Board of Missions, and the Sunday School Board. The response to this new agency of help has been unusual and the progress is very gratifying. It is hoped that many of our preachers will write for fuller information on this matter. "Study to show thyself a workman approved unto God that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of God."

#### LETTER FROM CHINA.

Dear Friends:—An occasional letter may help you to remember China a little more regularly, and we need this to be done.

We are back just now from our District Conference (Shanghai). It met at Haimung, "Gate to the Sea." We reached the place by a night's trip on a steamer. These steamers have small accommodation for first-class passengers, and so our party swamped the boat, some of our party slept upright, if not outright. But all were in good spirits. After landing we had still something like eight miles to go to reach the "Sea Gate." People generally expect to find it on the bank of the "Long River," the great Yangtze Kiang, on which our water journey had been made. We traveled first then by a "baby" railway that reached from the port village to an inland cotton yarn factory, one of a string of a dozen or so such plants established and run by the great Chinese industrial magnate, Chang Chien. I have never before traveled on so diminutive a train, but it brought us through in jolly style. Then we were rushed in regular Ford cars to our destination. The brethren has conducted us all the way from the boat to the place of meeting.

We were given a great welcome. We had a great conference. Several Chinese ladies went with us, and Mrs. Cline and Miss Wasson of McTyler School made the representatives of non-Chinese ladies. I am of the opinion that perhaps these were about the first Christian worker ladies of the American type that have ever visited this place, at least to do work. This is a strong Roman Catholic section, and ours is the only Protestant church working there, and we have not been there many years. Our work was opened only a very few years ago under the leadership of Rev. T. A. Hearn, who is known generally throughout the country.

We had "fixed up" a small Chinese building right on the street in a quite attractive way that would hold comfortable at most not more than a hundred people. It is needless to point out that during the conference it held many more than that number.

Preaching was made the main item of business from first to last. The day preaching was to the church principally and its chief note was evangelism; at night the preaching was to the outside people particularly. We used our best preachers and they did their best. The town was gripped as it is said never to have been before. Prominent men came to the services and said they had found something entirely new. They returned, and some of them became "enquirers." At night the house was filled to the point of great discomfort, and outside all the windows and doors row after row of people stood to hear. This was true largely again

every afternoon when the ladies held special services for the women and children.

The two largest schools of the town gave a one afternoon holiday to allow opportunity to invite speakers from the Conference to address them. One of our most gifted Chinese preachers was invited to go and Bro. Anderson went. They were given a most enthusiastic hearing. The P. E. was invited to have part, but the business of the Conference would not allow attendance. Sunday afternoon a mass meeting of students was arranged in the largest club hall of the town and Bro. Kaung, pastor of our Allen Memorial Church in Shanghai and I addressed a crowded hall of students from the several schools. They listened for an hour and a half with unbroken attention. The addresses were not colorless and general, but were out and out a setting forth of the need for Christian character in life, and the source of it all. It was "new" to many of them.

A feature of the Conference of prominent interest was the visit of one of our Chinese preachers, Rev. Tsoh, who is a member of our staff at Harbin of the Manchurian Mission enterprise by our China Conference. He is a splendid man and made a splendid report of the work the brethren are doing there. We are doing our best to keep up the spirit of support of our Chinese brethren for this first enterprise of "Foreign" mission work. I am a member of this "Board of Missions," and it encourages me to meet with the native brethren and sisters on this board and to share their deep interest in this matter.

The reports at the District Conference brought out the fact that 159 had been received into the church by baptism since Annual Conference. Almost every charge in the District shares in this. This is quite hopeful. In 1886, the year the Annual Conference was organized, we had in all the China mission 146 church members, and it was reported at the Conference that six adults had been baptized that year and received into the church. It will need to be recalled that our church began mission work in China in 1848.

In 1897, the year of our arrival in China, the membership of the church in the entire Annual Conference was reported as 751, an increase of 38 over the former year, and there had been 58 adult baptisms for the Conference, and for the Shanghai District 22. Then we had two Districts, now we have seven, not counting our work in Manchuria. The Shanghai District reported at the recent Conference a membership of about twenty-five hundred. In spite of all anti movements the work goes on and people are believing the gospel as they have done always where it is preached and lived.

On Monday morning, after the close of the Conference, we took a motor car—an American Ford—and visited Tungchow, the Chinese "model" city, distant about twenty-five miles. This is quite a modern city in many ways, and it is off away from foreign concessions and direct foreign influences, the product of the work and the influence of one Chinese, the great industrial magnate and scholar, Chang Chien. The streets are modern and well kept, many of the houses are modern. There are several large banks after the western style, and the Chamber of Commerce building would do credit to our middle-sized cities of America. Motor roads run in several directions and have opened up travel greatly. Off the river route of this part of the country there are three modes of vehicle only: the motor car, the wheelbarrow and the jinricksha. Before these modern developments were brought in the only one was the wheelbarrow.

Millions of money have been spent here the last ten years or so by this enterprising man. He has done much to improve agriculture. A few years ago a fatal wave of "futures" gambling struck the place and has

left its mark in business failure and stagnation. There are several good parks, considerably modernized, but along Chinese lines. They have unusually good schools. There is a large museum. It is stocked with all kinds of things; many specimens of European Old World art are to be found there; and all manner of Old China art.

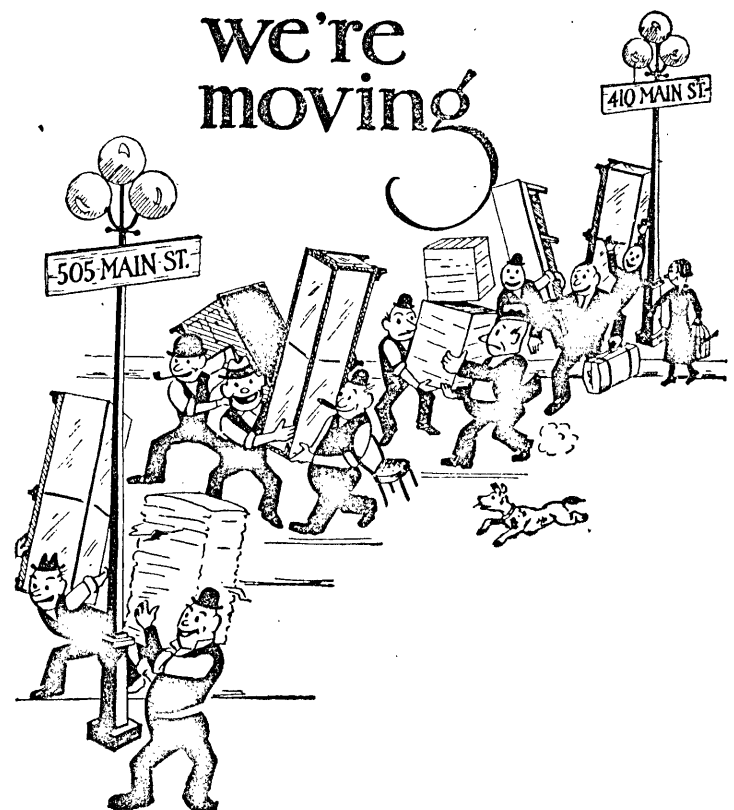
Chang Chien is a great Chinese scholar and a strong moralist of the Old School. There are many fine mottoes in Chinese about the city, in parks and public buildings. Two struck my attention and stick in my memory: "Two tomorrows are not equal to one today;" "No public morality implies no private morality." In various public places are either exhortations or prohibitions against cigarette smoking. I noticed on one wall along the street streaks of black paint in a very disfiguring way, as if boys at home had undertaken a lot of "night work." On examination at close range it could be discovered that it was the work of covering up large form advertisement of a brand of cigarettes.

I was very much impressed with this section of the country that lies along the great Yangtze River, on the northern bank, near its mouth. For the lower part we alone are responsible for mission work, and we are able to do it in a most meagre way. My heart was heavy all the way with the burden and the desire that we might find means in men and finance to link up this fine country in a larger work; one that would grow in a few years into a new Presiding Elder's District over across the "long river," one that would be self-supporting. It ought to be done.

I came home from the trip of a week thanking God for a part in a gospel that can put moral purpose and moral power into men and into society. Some of us sometimes need to learn the confidence—and the ground of the confidence—that Paul expressed in Romans 3:16. With the growing world of knowledge and of power we shall have to be ashamed of a gospel of less power. Given a fair trial. I know of no place where ours has failed; if I did know truly of such failure, I should want to give it up.—John W. Cline.

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Acclaimed the promised King at last.

An unnamed man supplied the room  
Where once the Saviour broke the bread  
And gave the wine—his flesh and blood—  
His life—by which our lives are fed.

And unnamed crosses mark the spot  
Where common soldiers chance to lie,  
Who for the world's true brotherhood  
A Sacrifice, feared not to die.

O grant me, Lord, the grace I pray,  
If I the quiet paths must lead,  
To give my humble gift to thee,  
And know I, too, have met thy need.—Philip H. Ralph, British Weekly.

## THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

Text: "I am the light of the world."—John 8:12.

No man, by his natural powers, has ever found his way to God. The apostle Paul tells us "that in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom knew not God." Once having separated ourselves from God through sin, it is only by means of a power more than human and outside of ourselves that we can come back to Him.

"In the fulness of time" Jesus, the promised one, came out of the heavens, sent from God and being God. He came to be a light in the midst of the world's darkness, a darkness that was hopeless without a heavenly illumination. What the sun in the heavens is to the natural world, Jesus came to be to the world of the spirit.

Let us for a little while think about "In what senses of the world Jesus is the light of the world." He is the light of the world with respect to our THEOLOGY. I am not using this word in a classroom sense as implying a study of a sometimes very dry subject, but rather in the sense that the man and woman on the street or the boy and girl uses it. In its etymology, theology signifies "God" and "to speak." Hence my theology is what I speak, or rather what I think of God. In this sense every person who thinks at all has a theology and it is simply "his thought of God." Now, Jesus is the light of the world in that He came to give us light concerning our thought of God. He came to teach us to think straight and right about our Heavenly Father. Before Jesus came to this earth, the world at large was not acquainted with the true God, and even the Jewish nation, which was His chosen nation, knew Him only in part. To know the character of Jesus is to know the character of the very and eternal God, the maker of all things.

Again, Jesus came to this earth to give us light with respect to CONDUCT. Jesus not only wants us to think straight and right about God, but to act straight and right based on this thinking. Before He brought light to the world its moral standards were very inadequate and there was little connection between morality, as we understand it today, and religion as the world then understood it. Mothers along the Ganges and the Nile have torn their own babies from their bosoms and cast them into the gaping mouths of crocodiles, thinking that thereby they were pleasing God. Nations have completely destroyed other nations, murdering men, women and children, thinking that in so doing they were pleasing God, and even His own chosen people were not always blameless in their treatment of other peoples. The standard of Jesus lifts us to a higher plane, the plane of universal brotherhood, both

for men and nations. We are all children of a common Father and have been redeemed by a common Savior. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus teaches us that not only does sin consist in a bad act but also in the evil that is cherished in the heart. The one practical rule of life that he gives us is "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them."

Jesus also came to this earth to give us light on the way that we are to be DELIVERED FROM THE POWER OF SIN. The track of sacrificial blood down through history, some of it human blood, abundantly proves the pungent consciousness of sin and the felt need of a power to deliver from it. Jesus did not come to bring a sense of sin to the world, but He came to save us from our sins. He himself being the power that breaks the chains of our captivity.

The human devices used to break the power of sin and bring a consciousness of deliverance are both pitiable and tragic. Man has never fully comprehended the deeper nature of sin as it relates to God in His majesty and all the schoolmen's attempts to give us a philosophy of the atonement have fallen short; yet there is a real and vital relation between the death of Christ and our salvation. St. Peter, addressing the rulers of the people (Acts 2:12) says: "And in none other is there salvation for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved;" and St. Paul, with like emphasis, through his whole ministry holds up the death of Jesus Christ as the one atonement for sin. If we refuse to accept this atonement we permanently alienate ourselves from God and render our case hopeless.

To sum up, Jesus not only came into this world to teach us to think straight and right about God; to live right based on this thinking; to show us how we are to be delivered from the power of sin but also by His life, death, and resurrection, He PROJECTS A RAY OF LIGHT BEYOND THE GRAVE INTO THE UNSEEN WORLD. He has not revealed to us all that we would sometimes like to know; yet He did triumph over death and did break the bonds of the tomb and came forth to a deathless life and upon leaving this world left word to those who love and trust Him that He has gone to prepare a place for us and some day, at the close of this checkered, transient life, will take us to that celestial home.—William Stevens in Baltimore Southern Methodist.

## DR. JOWETT'S SECRET.

For twenty years and more Dr. J. H. Jowett walked among us as one who dwelt apart. He ever seemed appareled in royal robes. He knew the "secret of the Most High" and had found the "shadow of the Almighty." He lit his torch at celestial fires. He came bringing water from the mountain springs of God. Evermore we are bounden debtors unto him for golden words once spoken to a group of brother preachers. They admit us to his inner chamber and give us place at the glow of his own fire. They disclose the secret of the prophetic fervor and mysterious power that were his.

He said: "The force of water is determined by the height from which it flows, and the force of our message is determined by the height at which we live! If we live with Paul in the 'heavenly places' we will speak with the power of the Holy Ghost. But if we live just an inch above the world, our words will have little power. If we have lost our close relationship with God, the problem is, how can we recover it? The first thing we have to do is this: I have got to hold fast firmly and steadily the principle that of all things that need doing by me this thing is supreme—to keep near God. We cannot allow ourselves to drift. We cannot leave the matter to chance or accident. I have got to affirm to my soul, 'Now, my soul, thou

hast this, that, and the other things to do today; but my soul, thy supreme work is to live near God.' In the presence of details you lose the sense of the relative value of things. Use ten minutes every morning to write down the program of the day; then take the size of those things. Use the quiet moments to make the estimate. I say: 'My soul, everything on thy program will be futile and ineffective unless thou shalt live near God.' Have a fixed season for communion with God. The early morning is the time for me. 'My voice shalt thou hear in the morning.'"—Selected.

## CRUMBS.

We like to believe that we are generous, but what do most of us really give? Crumbs! Merely crumbs! Crumbs of money—what proportion of our incomes do we really give away? Crumbs of kindness—how many of us give of our time, our consideration, our appreciation, our thought, and our love to a love-starved world? Perhaps we give a little money, but we are most of us misers in little courtesies, little kindnesses, and little attentions to the sad and sick and lonely. We are misers in appreciation where appreciation is due, and that is what makes life so abominably commonplace and what makes most of us so commonplace and uninteresting. We are commonplace, uninteresting, and unattractive in proportion to our lack of imagination; for imagination, and imagination only, enables us to put ourselves in the place of the other fellow; and just as soon as we put ourselves in his place we will understand him, pity him, and love him, and he will love us and become worthy of our love as we become correspondingly worthy of his.

Therefore, for our own sakes, if for no higher motive, and to render ourselves attractive and beloved, let us look to it that our neighbors, our friends, our business associates, the world, old and young, rich and poor, receive something better from us than mere crumbs.—Henrietta Lee Coulling, in Christian Advocate.

## CLOISTERED VIRTUE

It is wholesome for the Christian to oft recall great Milton's line on "cloistered virtue." What a breath of the very God it is! What a bugle call is blowing through his unforgettable words. The eternal seems at dawn. The soul must rise to greet it.

"I cannot praise a fugitive and cloistered virtue unexercised and unbreathed, that never sallies out and sees her adversary, but slinks out of the race where that immortal garland is to be run for, not without dust and heat. Assuredly we bring our innocence into the world; we bring impurity much rather; that which purifies us is trial, and trial is what is contrary."

## HE READ IT

The Old Testament was the Bible of Jesus. He treated it as a Divine Message. He used its promises to justify His Mission, its light to illumine the mystery of his Cross. He sustained his soul upon it as words out of the mouth of God. He won his conflict with the tempter with arrows drawn from its holy quiver, and shielded his breast with its divine commands. He used it trustfully, triumphantly. Its prophecies portrayed his agony and the glory of his Cross. Its songs lingered upon His lips at the final supper and in the unspeakable agonies of Calvary phrased the dying cry of his soul: "Into Thy hands I commend my spirit."

Peter and John were bred upon the law of Moses, the Psalms and the Prophets. They were cradled amid the majesties of Israel. Her history was an iron in their blood. The fire of her heroes, the hope of her prophets, the shield and shout of her victors, the song of her triumphs, the sacrifice of her saints, were to them as the passing of Jehovah in flame and cloud.

Do we not impoverish our souls and dwarf our spirit-stature if betrayed or beguiled, we live with mind closed to the pages of the Old Covenant?—Selected.

## PATIENCE.

Patience is the guardian of faith, the preserver of peace, the cherisher of love, the teacher of humility. Patience governs the flesh, strengthens the spirit, sweetens the temper, stifles anger, extinguishes envy, subdues pride; she bridges the tongue, restrains the hand, tramples upon temptations, endures persecution, consummates martyrdom. Patience produces unity in the Church, loyalty in the State, harmony in families and societies; she comforts the poor and moderates the rich; she makes its humble in prosperity, cheerful in adversity, unmoved by calamity and reproach; she teaches us to forgive those who have injured us, to be the first in asking forgiveness of those we have injured; she delights the faithful and invites the unbelieving; she adorns the woman and improves the man; is loved in a child, praised in a young man, admired in an old man; she is beautiful in either sex and every age.—Selected.

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The Patriotic Roll is not an organization; there are no fees or membership obligations. It is simply a great call from the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union to the youth of our land, who are our hope, and upon whom we must depend to "carry on" what has been so sacrificially vouchsafed to them. This is our big task—to enroll millions of young people for law observance and total abstinence.

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## LUTHER BURBANK—THE PLANT WIZARD OF AMERICA

There is no little romance buried in a seedman's catalogue. All the bewildering and enticing varieties offered are some one's handiwork. They did not just happen. Truly, like Topsy they "grewed," but there was more in it than that. They are the result of experiment and of quest. A grower will experiment for ten, or it may be twenty years, before he gets the result he seeks, the particular shade, or size, or flavor or fragrance that he has in view.

For the most part these plant creators work in secret, known only to the elect. Their fame is often limited to the distinction of having some variety, say of rose or chrysanthemum, christened after them. One such creator has, however, achieved wider fame. His name, though probably less widely known than the names of his two friends—Ford and Edison—is known. There may be other plant creators equally or hardly less deserving. There probably are. Luther Burbank is, however, the best known. In California where he lives, his birthday is kept as a public holiday. That shows, at least, the esteem in which he is held and the boys and girls, having a whole day's holiday, are pretty sure to appreciate the fact of Luther Burbank.

Burbank had always wanted to be a plant creator. Even as a boy that was his ambition. From earliest childhood he was passionately fond of flowers. He chose plants for his pets instead of animals. He used to carry a cactus about with him in a pot, much as a child carries a doll. Strange, that one of his greatest triumphs in after years should have been with the cactus, this plaything of his childhood! Though his ambition was to work among living things, he found himself at an early age working in a factory in Worcester, Massachusetts. His wage was small and the work hard and irksome. He soon learned also, that as there were seven days in the week and as it cost him at least fifty cents a day to live, he could not get along very satisfactorily on a six-day wage of fifty cents a day. It left one day unprovided for.

It was in trying to solve that so-persistent problem of making ends meet that he invented a machine which would do away with the work of half a dozen men. His delighted employers gave him a substantial increase of pay. They could afford to. His friends, seeing his skill, urged

him to an engineer's life, on the inventor's side. They prophesied a brilliant future for him in that groove. But Burbank knew what he wanted to do. And presently he began market-gardening and seed-raising in a small way. That was, at least, in the line of his desires.

It was, however, an uphill road. Partial sunstroke made it necessary for him to seek a climate where he could live an open air life without fear of a return attack. It was in that quest that he migrated to California, where now his birthday is a state holiday. He was twenty-one years of age, friendless, practically penniless and not over strong. He found difficulty in getting work. In the end he took a job of cleaning out chicken coops on a chicken ranch. Unable to afford lodging he made his bed for months in a chicken coop. Later he got work in a small nursery at a miserable wage, and slept in a bare, damp room above the steaming hothouse, where for days and nights his clothes were never dry.

Through all these trials he never let go his purpose, which was to be not merely a raiser of plants, but a creator, a maker of new things to transcend the old. Had he not been rather persistent he would never have won through. Presently he started a small nursery and one day opportunity knocked at his door. He saw it for what it was, and with daring promptitude seized it. An order came for 20,000 young prune trees, from a man who was going to start a prune ranch. In the ordinary course of things, it would have taken a nurseryman two or three years to raise the trees, but these were wanted in nine months. He took the order. He scoured the countryside for men and boys to plant almonds. It was late in the season, the almond seed was the only one which would sprout at that time among all the trees suitable for his plans. The almond grows rapidly, and before long the young shoots were big enough for budding. Twenty thousand prune buds were in readiness, and were budded into the growing almonds. At the end of nine months the twenty thousand young prune trees were ready for delivery. Nature, as his biographer says, had been led to outdo herself.

Burbank has been aiding Nature to do that ever since. The baldest account of his achievements is amazing. Plant life is seen to be under man's control and pliable to his knowledge and will. He has developed a chestnut, that normally needs fifteen to twenty years to come into full bearing, till it bears nuts in six months from the planting of the seed nut, and is in full bearing in two years. He has developed a small, hard, and bitter quince into a fruit larger than the largest apple, juicy and sweet when eaten raw and fine in flavor as the most delicious apple when cooked. He has produced a blackberry without thorns, oranges without pips, plums without stones, walnuts with practically no shells. The cactus, that grows in desert places and covers itself with spines as with an armour plate and, which is useless either to man or beast, he has converted into a most respectable and useful plant citizen. By breeding out spines and poisonous juices, he has produced a cactus of real food value, and large herds of cattle are now kept on many a desert plain in America where formerly no livestock could live. It looks as though the Saharas of the world may yet become granaries for beasts, if not for men.

Most wonderful of all in some ways is the control he has won over fragrance, that most elusive of flower qualities. There are some lovely flowers that just lack the one thing—perfume. He has produced a dahlia with the fragrance of the magnolia, and a verbena with the perfume of the trailing arbutus, the plant the Pilgrim Fathers first set eyes on in America, and whose scent is to Burbank the most beautiful in the world.

As in the case of Darwin, what

## FOR CHILDREN.

## HOW COOKIES CAME TO BE FLAT.

Rainbow was a little forest child. Once upon a time she had heard her mother tell about the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, and, like all the rest, she did not find the gold, but lost her way instead, so that she was compelled to live all alone in

stands out most impressively is the amazing patience of the man. He studied and experimented with the dahlia for twenty-five years, before he discovered how to release it from its disagreeable odor and endow it with fragrance. He experiments with scores of thousands of plants, selects, crosses, recrosses, selects again and goes on doing that year after year, it may be decade after decade. He has an almost uncanny power of selection. He knows, as by a sixth sense what to take. "I have looked down," he says, "upon a forest of 240,000 plum seedlings, of so many distinct varieties, from which I was to make a selection of one tree. The other 239,999 trees were to be discarded."

He considers that his greatest achievement is in demonstrating to the world the principle that plant life will respond to the needs of man. Plants are pliable and under man's control, and can be bred and trained and developed at man's bidding. Some prejudiced folk object to man "interfering" in that way with the processes of Nature. He tells of a preacher who once invited him to church and when he arrived denounced him as working in direct opposition to God in creating new forms of life. Yet, why are the possibilities there if they were not intended to be developed? Why do not such objectors pass a self-denying ordinance on themselves never to eat anything in the way of apples, except crab apples, or in the way of plums, except sloes. They have by such principles no right to grow anything but wild roses and certainly no modern forms of chrysanthemum or sweet peas should be found in their gardens. To what purpose is man a co-worker together with God, if he may not increase the beauty of the world and make even the desert to rejoice. Burbank has done something in that direction and has known the creator's joy—that exquisite emotion after years of patient labor, of seeing some new form of beauty come to earth. That is his greatest reward. "He works," he says, "not to make money but to help humanity." His ideal is one of service.

He is an old man now, but he is still dreaming dreams, still experimenting and looking in hope towards the future. He believes, for instance, that we shall some day make sugar direct from sunlight, that deserts may one day be great centers of life. His success, he thinks, has been due to his love of plants. Plants and children are his supreme hobby and love. He is fond of comparing a child to a plant. "The most sensitive plant of all," he says, "is a little child." You can breed into a child's life just what you want—honesty, purity, love, gentleness, faith, religion. And what is more, once get a trait established in a child, it is as with a plant, it sticks for ever." As he has bred beauty and perfume into plants, so he believes lovely things can be bred in the life of a child.

Burbank is a simple, unassuming character and very human. The hardest thing in the world is to get him to stay away from home overnight. If he thinks there is any such plot afoot, he refuses to take his nightgown and that gives him an excuse to go home. He has a strong predilection also for having his meals in the kitchen. Such is the man whose name is a household word, honored wherever gardens and flowers are loved and in whose honor the children of California have a holiday—the "plant wizard of America." —F. C. Hoggarth in Christian Guardian.

the forest. That is how she happened to be called a forest child, and the name "Rainbow" she gave herself, because she was not overly fond of her old name.

Rainbow was happier than most folks would think. She made many friends in her beautiful forest home. She got many wonderful nuts from the squirrels; the bunnies brought her tender turnips, cabbage leaves and young, curly lettuce. Mr. Fox, who was king of the forest, was usually kind to her and brought her many very nice things to eat. Then she had great fun picking and eating berries, until her lips and fingertips would look as red as roses.

Early one autumn day, Rainbow and Mr. Fox had a quarrel. Bunny and Gray Squirrel sided with her, so that Mr. Fox became more angry.

The cause of the quarrel was this: Rainbow was unusually hungry that day, for the nuts were not quite ready to eat, the cabbages and lettuce were all gone, and Mr. Fox had not given her a donation for several days. So when Mr. Fox had gone for a stroll, Rainbow had helped herself to a bunch of his grapes and a delicious apple. She did not mean to steal—she just saw them, and being very hungry took and ate them.

Now Mr. Fox was simply furious when he found it out. The more Rainbow tried to reason with him, the angrier he became. This scared Bunny and Gray Squirrel, for they were always taking Rainbow's part, and they thought Mr. Fox would surely have it in for them, so they sneaked off to the edge of the turnip patch for several hours.

Rainbow stayed away from Mr. Fox as long as she could, but finally she became so very hungry that she made up her mind to try to talk it over with him somehow. She made herself look as nice as possible, and, smiling her sweetest, made her way through the woods.

"Please, dear, kind Mr. Fox," she said, "I am so hungry! Will you not give me one apple today?"

Mr. Fox, thinking it great sport, made six balls of mud and placed them in a row, saying as he did so, "There, little Rainbow, try my new brand of apples!"

Then away he ran, laughing hilariously as if it were a great joke to tease her in this ungentlemanly fashion. But no sooner was he out of sight than the child fell at the foot of a tree, crying as if her very heart would break.

Suddenly she felt a touch on her shoulder, and, jumping up in great fear, she saw a dainty little fairy godmother, by the name of "Peachbloom," who quieted her and dried her tears.

"I see you and Mr. Fox have been having trouble, my child. Tell me all about it," she said.

Rainbow gladly told her the whole story, and the fairy then told her what a serious wrong it was to touch things that belonged to others. Rainbow promised not to do such a thing again, and then proceeded to show the fairy the horrid mud-cakes that had been given her for apples.

"Tut, tut," cried Peachbloom, and she tramped each mud ball into a flat mud-cake. Then she took her wand, touching lightly each of the six, and immediately each turned into a big, round, sugary cookie.

Now Rainbow had never eaten cookies before, and did not know what they were; but when Peachbloom commanded her to eat, she was most happy. Oh, how very good they tasted! She had never had anything so deliciously sweet and soft in her mouth before, they really melted right away. She ate them all; then Peachbloom tapped the ground lightly with her wand, each time bringing another beautiful big cookie, until there was a whole basket full. These she placed on the child's arm as she was fairly jumping for joy.

"You are a lost child, are you not?" she asked of Rainbow.

Then the girl told the story of how

she had lost her way so long ago, and had made the forest her home ever since. When the fairy asked her if she would like to go back home, it almost made her cry from homesickness.

Peachbloom then called a little sparrow, which she told Rainbow to follow, and she was sure to land in her cozy home. After thanking the fairy, Rainbow saw her no longer, and she set out to follow the tiny guide, who hopped from aster to goldenrod-on and on through the forests and meadows beyond, eating cookie crumbs as Rainbow threw them to him.

Finally they came to a familiar road and soon they were at the cottage door. Can you imagine how happy the parents were to see their child again, and how glad she was to see her people?

She told them, of course, the story of the sugar cookies, and passed around her basket. They thought they were the most wonderful things they had ever eaten.

Oh, yes, I must tell you Mr. Fox wasn't really as angry as he was pretending, after all. He came back with a big armful of grapes and good things for Rainbow. He hunted for her everywhere. He was very much perplexed, and felt sorry indeed when a tiny little sparrow whispered to him that he had taken her home.—Marie H. Dawson in Pittsburg Christian Advocate.

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"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me."  
—John 14:1.

### PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. Jno. F. Taylor our friend and brother, appreciates our expressions of sympathy and writes: "Tell the good women to continue to hold me up to the Throne of God." He is doing well in the Texarkana hospital, but it may be a long time before he can resume his work in the ministry. He says: "I will not begrudge all of the pain that has come to me because I know God's glory will be had." It is within our power to brighten these days of suffering for this godly man who has given himself in many years of devoted service for the extension of God's Kingdom.

Mrs. Jas. Rice, L. R. Conf. Supt. Children's Work, calls attention to the "Recommendations" adopted at Annual Conf. meeting in El Dorado published in this Department today. The auxiliary Supts. Children Work would do well to preserve this paper, and all our adult members should learn the goals that have been set for our children and then help the little ones to go "over the top."

### Y. P. CONF. HENDERSON-BROWN COLLEGE, JUNE 8-13.

#### Conference Thought

"Every student needs a wider life and a deeper life. Christ did those things for His disciples. He widened the circle of their ideas and He deepened the intensity of their convictions."—Selected by Mrs. J. C. Moore.

Miss Bess Combs, new Field Secretary of the Young People's work, will be with us the entire time. We may expect a real treat in having such a brilliant, enthusiastic speaker with us.

Miss Catherine Cobb, daughter of our Council Superintendent Y. P. M. S. will be another inspiring guest. She will teach the Mission Study class.

Mrs. E. R. Steel, president L. R. Conference Woman's Missionary Society, and several other Conference officers, will please the girls with their splendid talks.

Every afternoon will be spent in recreation. Miss Ruth McKean of Belhaven College, will be in charge and is planning some interesting features. Come prepared for tennis, swimming, hikes, etc.

Miss Annie Stark Foster will have charge of the music, assisted by Mrs. Grady Smith at the piano.

The "fun feature" of the Conference will be Amateur Afternoon.

Pageantry Night bids fair to be instructive as well as entertaining.

Poster Day and the poster contest will interest all.

\$1.25 per day will be made to guests. Each one must bring sheets and towels.

Your registration may be made now. We are expecting a large crowd. Do not delay, send your request for room to Superintendent Y. P. M. S., Mrs. J. G. Moore, 1402 Seventh Street, DeQueen, Arkansas.—Henderson-Brown College Bulletin.

### L. R. ANNUAL MEETING AT EL DORADO

Recommendations of the Committee on Children's Work.

1. That each individual adult auxiliary in the conference meet its obligation to give the children of the church missionary training by providing for them a wide-awake Junior Missionary Society.

2. That the Conference Executive Committee appoint an assistant to each District Secretary to promote

the Children's Work in auxiliary, in group, and in district meetings.

3. That the District Secretaries, assistants, and auxiliary superintendents make a definite and determined effort to reach the following goals in 1925:

a. 14 New Baby Divisions.  
b. 21 New Junior Divisions.  
c. 700 New Junior Division Members.  
d. \$350 balance on Belle Bennett Fund.

e. \$1,750 pledge to Council.  
4. That stewardship be taught to the children in such a manner that they may understand and practice it.

5. That cooperation of parents be urged to enable children to earn their offerings.

6. That leaders of Children's Work cooperate with Daily Vacation Bible Schools wherever they are held.

7. That "The Task of the Pansy Gardener" be presented before the adult auxiliary during the second quarter of this year.

8. That each Junior Auxiliary assume a Prayer Special.

9. That adult superintendents of Mission Study, Social Service, and Supplies instruct and assist the leaders of Children's Work in their respective departments.

10. That these recommendations be explained to each adult auxiliary by some one vitally interested in the training of our children.

### TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH

Clippings sent Mrs. Dibrell give evidence of the continuance of the grand work and regular missionary meetings of the women of Texarkana First Church. They always have interesting programs, plan work well and then "go to it" with energy which brings success.

### CARLISLE AUXILIARY.

"This auxiliary has started out to make this their best year, and we may expect much from those consecrated women. Their pastor Rev. Jesse Galloway and Mrs. Galloway are helping them. Lately "The Writing of the Gospel" was presented by Mesdames Woolsey, Brend and Griffin, and this "playlet" was followed by readings and refreshments.

### EUDORA AUXILIARY.

The Sec., Mrs. E. H. Thach, sends program used by her auxiliary in Elza Memorial service on May 26.

Leader—Mrs. Ward.  
Hymn—"Sweet Hour of Prayer."  
Prayer—Mrs. Mellard.  
Scripture—7th Chapter, Matthew.  
Song, "Building Day by Day,"—Mrs. Thach and Mrs. Lansing.  
Our Ascended Leader—Mrs. Coppage.

Lovely in Childhood—Mrs. Lansing.  
Wise Young Womanhood—Mrs. Thach.

A Leader in Methodism—Mrs. West.  
Abounding in Good Works.—Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Hymn—"Work for the Night is Coming."

Woman's Building on Mt. Sequoyah—Mrs. Wafford.

Reading, "The King's Highway."—Ruth Fitzgerald.

Song, "Somewhere,"—Eulita and Odessa Mellard.

A free will offering was taken for Woman's Building on Mt. Sequoyah, amount \$9.00.

### TILLAR

A member of the Tillar Auxiliary writes: We observed Elza Memorial day with a well prepared program as outlined in the Methodist of April 30. We met at the hospitable home of

Mrs. J. H. Ballard with Mrs. V. A. Peacock, our Supt. of Mission study leader. Our quota for Elza Memorial to be used in Woman's building at Mt. Sequoyah was subscribed at this time. Our Pres., Mrs. S. V. Clayton, was with us at this meeting but leaves us this week for a 3 weeks' stay in Hot Springs seeking relief from suffering. We pray the trip may prove beneficial to her and she may return soon to the various activities she discharges in our church and community. After the program cake and ice cream was served by the hostess. We were dismissed feeling inspired by having learned more of the life of our beloved departed Conf. Pres., Mrs. C. F. Elza.

### STEPHENS AUXILIARY

Since the return of our delegate from the annual conference at El Dorado the ladies of the Woman's Missionary Society of Stephens have taken on new life and under the leadership of our capable and wide-awake President, Mrs. J. R. Hammond, we hope to keep up our "pep" through the summer months.

We meet every Monday the 2nd and 4th we have our Mission Study class. We have a fine Mission Study leader in our pastor's wife, Mrs. H. H. McGuyre.

The classes are well attended and every one thoroughly enjoys the lessons. We are studying "Adventures in Brotherhood" now.

We are very anxious to see a new church for Stephens and have begun raising funds for it.

The society will have the Elza Memorial Service soon.—Mrs. Roy Smith, Supt. of Publicity.

### TO THE YOUNG LADIES.

Dear Girls:—

I am to be "House Mother" in the girls' dormitory again this summer at Mt. Sequoyah and shall be delighted to have many of you come there and spend your vacations with us. I will look after each one personally, giving the very best attention in case of illness (folks don't get sick up there very often, however.)

We would like for all those who play any of the small instruments to bring them with you for we want to have an orchestra. We find it such a great pleasure when the evening services or concerts are over to gather in front of the cottages or in the park and sing hymns or the good old-time songs that cheer our hearts.

Those who play best will often be used on the stage at the opening of the sessions or at the splendid evening entertainments where the programs are not already arranged.

Our young lady teachers, stenographers and clerks cannot find a more delightful place to spend a few weeks resting and hearing splendid lectures, music, etc.

If you need a "Sequoyah Mother" just write me at that place after June 23.

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## Lesson for June 7

### PETER'S BROADENING VISION

LESSON TEXT—Acts 10:1-11:18.  
GOLDEN TEXT—Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons.—Acts 10:34.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Strange Sight Which Peter Saw.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—Why Peter Went to Caesarea.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Peter's Broadening Vision.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Gospel Intended for All Men.

Through the conversion of Cornelius, the "middle wall of partition" was broken down (Eph. 2:4).

#### I. Cornelius (10:1-2).

1. His Official Position (v. 1).

He was a Roman officer over a company of 100 soldiers.

2. His Character (v. 2).

(1) A devout, pious man.

(2) He was a praying man.

(3) He was charitable.

(4) He was respected by his family. The Lord chose Cornelius for the transition of the gospel to the Gentiles because of his character and position.

#### II. The Supernatural Preparation for the Transition of the Gospel to the Gentiles (10:3-33).

In order to bring this about:

1. Two Visions Were Given.

(1) The vision of Cornelius (v. 3-8). While engaged in prayer, an angel of God announced that his prayer and alms had come before God as a memorial, and instructed him to send to Joppa for Peter who would tell him what to do.

(2) The vision of Peter (v. 9-16).

He saw a certain vessel containing clean and unclean animals let down from heaven. This vessel let down from heaven and taken back indicated that both Jews and Gentiles were accepted on high.

2. A Messenger Sent From Cornelius (vv. 17-22).

Peter was greatly perplexed over what he had seen, but not for long, for messengers from Cornelius made inquiry at the gate for him. The Spirit informed Peter of the matter, and bade him go, nothing doubting. Thus we see that both had been prepared for each other by God.

3. The Meeting of Cornelius and Peter (vv. 23-33).

(1) Peter took six witnesses along (v. 23).

He had the good judgment to know that on a matter of so great importance, he must have witnesses.

(2) Cornelius waiting for Peter (v. 24).

He called together his kinsmen and friends.

(3) Cornelius about to worship Peter (v. 25-26).

Peter repudiated his act and protested that he was but a man alongside of Cornelius.

(4) The reciprocal explanation (vv. 27-33).

Peter explained to him how God had taken from him his Jewish prejudice, and asked that Cornelius state the purpose of his having sent for him. Cornelius explains how God had appeared unto him and instructed him to send for Peter.

#### III. Peter's Sermon (vv. 34-43).

1. The Introduction (vv. 34-35).

He showed that God is no respecter of persons, but that in every nation those who fear God and work righteousness are accepted of Him.

2. His Discourse (vv. 36-43).

In the discourse he touches briefly upon the mission of Jesus showing that by means of His baptism and anointing with the Holy Spirit, He was qualified for His work as mediator. He then exhibited the work of Christ:

(1) In His life (vv. 36-39).

He went about doing good, even casting out demons as a proof that God was with Him (v. 38).

(2) In His death (v. 39).

The just suffered for the unjust that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh (I Pet. 3:18).

(3) In His resurrection (vv. 40-41).

God raised Him up the third day showing openly that Christ was His Son (Rom. 1:4), and that His sacrificial work was satisfactory (Rom. 4:25).

#### IV. The Holy Spirit Poured Out (vv. 44-48).

As the gospel was entering upon its widest embrace, the Spirit came in new power.

#### V. Peter Vindicates His Ministry to the Gentiles (11:1-18).

Being called to account for visiting and eating with Gentiles, Peter rehearsed the whole story in such a way that his narrative took the form of logical argument, and showed how that God had set His seal upon the work by the miraculous gift of the Spirit.

#### A LETTER FROM CHARLEY GOODLETT.

Your letter and a report on all Districts was received this morning and sure was glad to hear from you. Just had a letter this morning from Sister out home and where St. Paul Sunday School raised last year \$6.00, she had her program Sunday and made the offering this year \$15.14, so you see somebody is looking for the Bible other than Brother Hamilton. I see that Oden comes in with \$15.00 instead of \$4.50 as last year and two more schools to hear from so you had better watch Hamilton and Blevins Circuit too. Well, let the good work go on for we need the money. Your report shows only 17 out of 60 schools paying \$414.20 which is nearly 50 per cent of our \$840.00 apportionment, I call that going some. Nashville observes next Sunday and you will see some more fine reports soon I think. We mean to take the Banner again and break our record for 1924 or make others do better than ever before. I mailed a copy of my letter to Brother Steel and others of other Districts and not a single one has written one word, so I guess it did not set well with them but I am going on just the same.—Chas. H. Goodlett.

#### S. S. DAY OFFERINGS LITTLE ROCK CONF. UP TO MAY 30

##### Little Rock District:—

Previously reported .....\$430.50  
Hunter Memorial ..... 32.88  
Hundley's Chapel ..... 14.00  
Mt. Zion ..... 12.70  
Austin ..... 3.40  
Pulaski Heights ..... 35.00

Total .....\$528.48

##### Prescott District:—

Previously reported ..... 379.20  
Blevins ..... 35.00  
Antoine ..... 8.00  
Washington ..... 15.00  
St. Paul ..... 15.14  
Ozan ..... 10.00  
Midway ..... 15.00  
Pleasant Ridge ..... 2.50  
Glenwood (Additional) ..... 17.50

Total .....\$497.34

##### Texarkana District:—

Previously reported ..... 382.57  
Doddridge ..... 4.70  
Oak Hill ..... 1.50  
Fairview ..... 40.00

Total .....\$428.77

##### Arkadelphia District:—

Previously reported ..... 265.71  
Arkadelphia ..... 60.00

Malvern ..... 80.00  
Gum Springs ..... 14.35  
Ebenezer ..... 5.79  
Providence ..... 2.60

Total .....\$428.45

##### Camden District:—

Previously reported ..... 360.20  
Junction City ..... 9.93  
Harmony Grove ..... 6.00  
Harrell ..... 9.45  
Stephens ..... 40.00

Total .....\$425.58

##### Pine Bluff District:—

Previously reported ..... 327.46  
Star City ..... 10.30  
Wesley Chapel ..... 5.00  
Wabbaseka ..... 25.00  
Reydel ..... 12.00  
St. Charles ..... 15.00

Total .....\$394.76

##### Monticello District:—

Previously reported ..... 272.25  
Miller's Chapel ..... 7.50  
Mt. Tabor ..... 15.45

Total .....\$295.20

#### Reported by Districts, May 30.

Little Rock Dist. ....\$ 528.48  
Prescott Dist. .... 497.34  
Texarkana Dist. .... 428.77  
Arkadelphia District ..... 428.45  
Camden Dist. .... 425.58  
Pine Bluff Dist. .... 394.76  
Monticello Dist. .... 295.20

Total .....\$2,998.58

#### NINE MORE PASTORS ON L. R. CONF. HONOR ROLL.

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

Arkadelphia, Rev. J. L. Cannon.  
Hunter Memorial, Rev. S. T. Baugh.  
Washington-Ozan, Rev. S. C. Dean.  
Stephens-McNeil, Rev. H. H. McGuyre.

Pulaski Heights, Rev. F. G. Roebuck.  
Altheimer-Wabbaseka, Rev. M. O. Barnett.

Swan Lake, Rev. C. M. Thompson.  
Glenwood-Rosboro, Rev. W. C. Yancey.

Fairview, Rev. J. A. Sage.

#### LITTLE ROCK CONF. MISSIONARY OFFERINGS.

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

Fredonia .....\$ 3.10  
Olivet ..... 1.40  
Prosperity ..... 1.00  
Traskwood ..... 2.05  
Horatio ..... 4.20  
Malvern ..... 25.00  
Moscow ..... 9.43  
Winfield ..... 33.71  
Walnut Springs ..... 1.89  
Winthrop ..... 7.05  
Wilnot ..... 15.00  
Monticello ..... 9.50  
Wesley Chapel ..... 1.00  
New Hope ..... 1.00  
Friendship ..... .77  
Lonsdale ..... 5.00  
Mt. Ida ..... 3.21  
Altheimer ..... 12.32  
Bryant ..... 2.20

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

#### SCHOOLS ORDERING S. S. PROGRAMS SINCE OUR LAST REPORT, IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Salem Hill, Stuttgart, Deluce, Avon, Pullman, Wright's Chapel, Gardner's Chapel, Ultima Thule, Lakeside, Wesley Chapel—Clem Baker.

#### CONWAY DISTRICT, GROUP 5.

Rev. G. G. Davidson, Sunday School secretary, North Ark. Conference, will be with us in a Sunday School Institute June 15, 10 a. m. at Cabot. The Jacksonville, Concord and Austin Sunday Schools will be represented in this institute.

He will be at Gardner Memorial the 16th, 10 a. m. The 1st Church, N. Little Rock, Washington Avenue, Levy, Cato and Bethel Sunday Schools will be included in this one.

Each Sunday School will please have a large delegation present as the program will be very fine.

If you are interested in your church, Sunday School and your own efficiency you cannot afford to miss this opportunity.

Those on the program are Rev. W. B. Hays, P. E.; Rev. G. G. Davidson, Rev. G. C. Johnson, Rev. Chas. Franklin and Rev. Edward Forrest.—Edward Forrest, Group Leader, No. 5, Conway Dist.

#### S. S. DAY OFFERINGS IN N. ARK. CONF. FOR WEEK ENDING MAY 30.

##### Batesville District:

Tuckerman .....\$100.00

##### Conway District:

Mt. Pleasant—Quitman Ct. ... 5.00

##### Fayetteville District:

Huntsville ..... 5.00

Falling Springs, Gravette

& Decatur Charge ..... 1.00

##### Ft. Smith District:

Grenade Chapel—Ozark Ct. ... 2.50

##### Jonesboro District:

Marked Tree ..... 40.00

Trinity (Bono & Trinity) .... 5.65

##### Paragould District:

Mt. Zion (St. Francis Ct.) .... 4.00

Ravenden Springs ..... 3.25

Knobel-Peach Orchard Chg. ... 5.00

##### Searcy District:

Kensett ..... 25.00

Total .....\$196.40

##### Standing by Districts:

Ft. Smith .....\$645.61

Helena ..... 459.00

Paragould ..... 280.55

Batesville ..... 207.98

Searcy ..... 197.57

Jonesboro ..... 189.72

Booneville ..... 164.00

Conway ..... 34.45

Fayetteville ..... 30.39

Total to date .....\$2,209.27

—C. D. Metcalf, Treasurer, Batesville.

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EPWORTH LEAGUE  
DEPARTMENT.



MISS BEATRICE OVERALL  
of Birmingham who will direct re-  
creation at N. Ark. Assembly at  
Searcy.

REV. R. E. L. BEARDEN, BATES-  
VILLE.

Brother Bearden will have charge  
of the Consecration Service and also  
one of the platform hours at Assem-  
bly this year. He is recognized as  
one of the finest spirited men in our  
church today. No young life can  
come in contact with him and go  
away without being lifted to a higher  
plane of living and inspired to do bet-  
ter service. We are indeed very for-  
tunate in having Bro. Bearden with  
us this year.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF CONWAY  
DISTRICT.

The Morrilton Epworth League of  
the First Methodist Church was hos-  
tess to the Leagues of Conway Dis-  
trict at their annual banquet which  
was held in the basement of the First  
Baptist Church, Friday, May 15. The  
house was beautifully decorated with  
the League colors, gold and white.  
The women of the Missionary society  
served an elaborate dinner. All the  
Leagues forgot their timidity, joined  
in the fun, took part in the songs and  
yells and did justice to the eats. The  
following program was given:

Toastmaster—William Hays.  
Invocation—Rev. Charles Franklin  
of Russellville.  
Response—Rhea Williamson.  
Reading—Miss Jones.  
What We Are—Charles Gilmore.  
Organization to Be—Marie Howard.  
Pledges—Howard Johnston.  
Why Advertise a League—J. C.  
Glenn.  
From our Juniors—Edward Gordon.  
The Roundup—Ernest Roberts.  
Special Music—Charlotte and North  
Little Rock First Church.  
The Assembly, "Who & How"—  
Tom Reid.  
Conway District at Assembly, Prof.  
T. B. Manny.  
Assembly Class—Harney Chaney.  
Florence Dean of the Russellville  
League gave us several piano selec-  
tions.

A pleasant surprise was afforded  
the young people when Mr. Harney  
Chaney, the Conference president, ar-  
rived unexpectedly and added a new  
number to the program. The Leag-  
uers thank Rev. J. C. Glenn for this  
treat. With the good program and  
Leaguers present the banquet was a  
success. The Conway District Leag-  
uers realize that credit and praise are  
due their secretary, Miss Vivian Cler-  
get.—Ila Turner, Reporter.

NEW LEAGUE FOR PARAGOULD  
DISTRICT

On Sunday, May 17, I drove to Lynn  
and there met old friends whom I  
had not seen for some years. We  
met at their little new church and or-  
ganized a Senior League with four-  
teen members. These young people  
are all anxious to do their part and I  
am sure that when they get started  
off they will have a fine League. Bro.  
Gibson, their pastor, is much inter-  
ested in the League work and is do-  
ing a great thing by having Leagues  
in all his churches. He organized one  
at Smithville recently and soon will

have one in his other church. I feel  
that Paragould District is coming up  
to the front, for the people are work-  
ing up and realizing the real worth of  
training their young people.

On Tuesday, May 26, the Senior  
League of Walnut Ridge took their  
supper and went a few miles out of  
town. There we discussed the hand-  
book and talked of how we could  
make up the remainder of our pledge.  
Finally everybody began to offer a  
dollar or two and soon we had the  
rest of our twenty-five dollars. We  
are trying to work for a gold seal for  
next year and I feel my prayer is be-  
ing answered for I have pleaded with  
them to do their best.—Laura An-  
drews, Assistant Secretary.

CARTHAGE LEAGUE.

For our Epworth League Social at  
Carthage this month we decided to  
have a Fish-Fry. Using safety first  
as our motto, we ordered our fish  
from Little Rock. A happy group of  
seventy-five Leaguers gathered in an  
old field four miles from town. Af-  
ter playing numerous games we sat-  
isfied our appetites with fish and cof-  
fee.—L. Corine Key, Sec.

ANNIVERSARY DAY OFFERINGS

Following Churches have reported  
Anniversary Day offerings sent the  
Treasurer last week. Charges reach-  
ing their goal are in dark face type.  
Roe .....\$ 1.70  
Carr Memorial ..... 8.01  
Sparkman ..... 3.00  
Rowell ..... 4.45  
El Dorado ..... 32.53  
Camden ..... 31.00  
Hunter Memorial (Add.) ..... 3.40

Total this week ..... 84.09  
Previously reported ..... 318.51

Total receipts .....\$402.60  
The receipts by Districts are as  
follows:

Camden District:—  
7 Churches reporting .....\$ 96.33  
Prescott District:—  
14 Churches reporting ..... 75.51  
Little Rock District:—  
7 Churches reporting ..... 72.35  
Arkadelphia District:—  
15 Churches reporting ..... 66.75  
Texarkana District:—  
4 Churches reporting ..... 42.79  
Monticello District:—  
4 Churches reporting ..... 27.81  
Pine Bluff District:—  
5 Churches reporting ..... 21.41

There are less than two weeks to  
complete holding Anniversary Day ser-  
vices and sending in the money that  
your Chapter may receive credit on  
their Standard of Efficiency. If you  
send it in after the Assembly it will  
help us in our work, but your Chap-  
ter will fail to secure credit for it,  
and why not speed it up a little and  
see that they are credited with this  
service and offering sent in?—S. T.  
Baugh, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT  
Pledges Made and Amount Paid in  
Little Rock Conference

Following is report of Mr Helvie,  
treasurer for Little Rock Conference,  
showing pledges made and amount  
paid to May 30th. It is imperative  
that all pledges be paid in full if we  
meet our obligations. Please see  
that our pledge is paid in full on or  
before the opening of the Assembly  
at Arkadelphia June 15.

Arkadelphia District:—  
Chapter Pledged Paid  
Dalark .....\$ 5.00 \$ 5.00  
Holly Springs ..... 15.00 9.20  
New Salem ..... 15.00 3.10  
Malvern ..... 50.00  
Park Ave. .... 55.00  
Mt. Olivet ..... 10.00  
Gum Springs ..... 15.00 7.50  
Traskwood ..... 10.00 10.00  
Malvern Jr. .... 10.00 7.00  
Central Ave. .... 55.00  
Sardis ..... 10.00  
Oaklawn Sr. .... 25.00 25.00  
Oaklawn Inter. .... 10.00  
Princeton ..... 10.00 10.00  
Poyen ..... 25.00  
Sparkman ..... 25.00 8.00  
Arkadelphia ..... 125.00  
Icola ..... 15.00 13.50

Third St. Sr. .... 35.00 35.00  
Third St. Inter. .... 10.00 10.00  
Third St. Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
535.00 203.00

Camden District:—  
Strong Sr. .... 10.00 10.00  
Strong Jr. .... 5.00  
Camden Sr. .... 100.00 100.00  
Camden Jr. .... 15.00  
Kingsland Sr. .... 15.00  
Kingsland Jr. .... 10.00  
Fordyce ..... 35.00 35.00  
Junction City ..... 5.00 5.00  
El Dorado Sr. .... 125.00 125.00  
El Dorado Inter. .... 25.00 25.00  
Thornton ..... 25.00 25.00  
Magnolia ..... 5.00 5.00  
Smackover ..... 50.00 50.00  
Waldo ..... 15.00 15.00  
Bearden Sr. .... 50.00 35.00  
Bearden Jr. .... 15.00  
Huttig Sr. .... 10.00 10.00  
Huttig Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
565.00 445.00

Little Rock District:—  
England Sr. .... 30.00 15.00  
England Inter. .... 15.00  
Henderson ..... 20.00 12.00  
First Church ..... 100.00  
Highland ..... 75.00  
Asbury ..... 75.00 75.00  
Mablevale ..... 25.00 20.00  
Benton Sr. .... 15.00 15.00  
Bryant Sr. .... 20.00 20.00  
Bryant Jr. .... 5.00  
Capitol View ..... 30.00 30.00  
Winfield ..... 150.00 150.00  
Hunter Mem. Sr. .... 150.00 60.15  
Hunter Mem. Inter. .... 20.00 4.00  
Hunter Mem. Jr. .... 30.00 7.00  
Lonoke Sr. .... 15.00 5.00  
Lonoke Jr. .... 5.00  
Pulaski Heights ..... 35.00 35.00  
Carlisle ..... 12.50 12.50  
Bauxite Sr. .... 25.00 25.00  
Bauxite Inter. .... 15.00 15.00  
Bauxite Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
Mt. Tabor ..... 18.00 12.00  
Hazen ..... 15.00 9.00  
905.50 526.65

Monticello District:—  
Hamburg ..... 25.00 25.00  
Lake Village Sr. .... 25.00 25.00  
Lake Village Jr. .... 5.00  
Wilmot ..... 10.00 10.00  
Wilmar ..... 10.00 5.00  
Dermott Sr. .... 35.00  
Dermott Jr. .... 10.00 6.00  
Dumas Sr. .... 25.00 17.50  
Dumas Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
Crossett Sr. .... 30.00 15.00  
Crossett Inter. .... 30.00 18.00  
Warren Sr. .... 40.00 20.00  
Warren Jr. .... 30.00 15.00  
Monticello Sr. .... 50.00  
Monticello Jr. .... 10.00  
Hermitage Sr. .... 5.00 4.50  
Hermitage Jr. .... 2.00 1.80  
Rock Springs ..... 10.00  
Fountain Hill ..... 5.00  
Ladelle ..... 5.00  
Eudora Sr. .... 25.00  
Eudora Inter. .... 5.00  
Eudora Jr. .... 5.00  
McGehee Sr. .... 25.00 25.00  
McGehee Inter. .... 12.00  
McGehee Jr. .... 10.00  
Miller's Chapel ..... 5.00 10.00  
454.00 202.80

Pine Bluff District:—  
Faith ..... 5.00 5.00  
Stuttgart Sr. .... 50.00  
Stuttgart Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
Star City Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
First Church Sr. .... 150.00  
First Church Inter. .... 25.00  
First Church Jr. .... 25.00  
Hawley Mem. .... 50.00  
Carr Mem. .... 75.00 75.00  
Sheridan ..... 20.00  
Sherrill ..... 15.00  
St. Charles ..... 5.00  
Rowell ..... 5.00 5.00  
DeWitt Sr. .... 15.00  
DeWitt Jr. .... 5.00 1.25  
Tucker ..... 15.00  
Good Faith Sr. .... 30.00  
Good Faith Jr. .... 5.00 3.00  
Bayou Meto ..... 5.00 5.00  
Humphrey ..... 25.00 25.00  
Gillett ..... 30.00 15.00  
Lakeside Sr. .... 150.00 100.00  
Lakeside Inter. .... 25.00 17.50  
740.00 261.75

Prescott District:—  
Womble ..... 25.00 10.00  
Hope Sr. .... 100.00 50.00  
Hope Inter. .... 15.00  
Hope Jr. .... 15.00 15.00  
Blevins Sr. .... 50.00 35.00  
Blevins Jr. .... 15.00 15.00  
Murfreesboro ..... 25.00 9.16  
Nashville Sr. .... 100.00 30.00  
Nashville Jr. .... 10.00 10.00  
Antoine ..... 10.00 7.00  
Highland ..... 15.00  
Friendship ..... 5.00  
Orchard View ..... 15.00  
Prescott Sr. .... 75.00 15.00  
Prescott Jr. .... 5.00 2.50  
Washington Sr. .... 5.00 3.00  
Washington Jr. .... 5.00 1.50  
Gurdon Sr. .... 25.00 25.00  
Gurdon Jr. .... 5.00 3.00  
Glenwood Sr. .... 15.00 15.00  
Glenwood Jr. .... 5.00 2.50  
Midway ..... 5.00  
Delight Sr. .... 15.00 15.00  
Delight Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
Doyle ..... 5.00 5.00  
Emmett ..... 25.00 25.00  
Center Point ..... 15.00 4.15  
610.00 302.75

Texarkana District:—  
Mena Sr. .... 25.00 25.00  
Mena Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
DeQueen Sr. .... 40.00 24.00  
DeQueen Jr. .... 5.00 6.00  
Lewisville Sr. .... 35.00 35.00  
Lewisville Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
Dallas League ..... 5.00  
Stamps Sr. .... 50.00 50.00  
Stamps Inter. .... 15.00 15.00  
Stamps Jr. .... 10.00 10.00  
Horatio Jr. .... 5.00 5.00  
Fairview ..... 25.00 25.00  
Richmond ..... 10.00 10.00  
Lockesburg ..... 10.00 10.00  
Gillham ..... 25.00 7.50  
Hatfield ..... 5.00 5.00  
First Church Sr. .... 75.00 75.00  
First Church Jr. .... 10.00  
Acorn Sr. (Mena) .... 5.00 5.00  
Acorn Jr. (Mena) .... 2.00 2.00  
367.00 319.50

Arkadelphia ..... 535.00 203.30  
Camden ..... 565.00 445.00  
Little Rock ..... 905.50 526.65  
Monticello ..... 454.00 202.80  
Pine Bluff ..... 740.00 261.75  
Prescott ..... 610.00 302.75  
Texarkana ..... 367.00 319.50  
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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES.

**CHURCH EXTENSION NOTICE.**  
Preachers of the Little Rock Conf.: The executive committee of the Little Rock Conference Church Extension Board will meet in the office of the secretary, 310 Home Insurance Bldg., (formerly Southern Trust Bldg.) on Tuesday, June 16, for the purpose of considering applications to the General Board of Church Extension in order that said applications may reach the General Board in time for consideration by the appropriation committee of the General Board. All applications to the General Board must be in the hands of the secretary, G. W. Pardee, Little Rock on or before June 16.—W. P. Whaley, Chairman, G. W. Pardee, Secretary.

TO CONF. MISSIONARIES, NORTH ARK. CONFERENCE.

The Conference Board of Missions will continue its custom of paying one-half the total expenses of all men serving Missions who attend the Summer School in Conway. The Board is anxious that every one of its missionaries attend this school. Only those who attend the entire session and take credit are included in our proposition. Rev. Jeff. Sherman will look after this matter during the school.—O. E. Goddard, Chairman Board.

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—Sebastian County—

Sebastian County is located in the western part of Arkansas. The land area is 339,840 acres, with an average elevation of 500 feet; the topography of the country is good for the most part, with much level valley land and prairie; protected on the north by the Ozark Range. Sebastian County is drained by the Arkansas and Poteau Rivers, both streams being navigable. The soil is fertile, alluvial, and sandy loam. The bottom lands produce from forty to fifty bushels of corn and a bale of cotton to the acre. Not a few of the farmers have harvested five cuttings of alfalfa and two crops of Irish potatoes a year; the lands are highly productive for grain, grasses, fruit and truck crops and are admirably suited to dairying and stock-raising. Sebastian County is situated in the center of the great Arkansas-Oklahoma coal field, gas field and an extensive lumber belt. The population of the county is 75,000, number of farms 4,000 and the value of farm property \$14,000,000 (1924). Lavaca, an ideal growing town is located in Sebastian County.

Lavaca.

Lavaca is on the Missouri-Pacific Railroad, fifteen miles east of Fort Smith and twenty-eight miles west of Paris. This growing, healthful town is two miles south of the Arkansas River and two miles north of the Bissell Mountains and also is situated between the Vachgras and Big Creeks. The town of Lavaca, formerly known as Oak Bower, was established in 1880. J. B. Harwood, the first post-master, was the man who named the town. J. M. Ingraham was Lavaca's pioneer merchant. His stock of merchandise was housed in a frame building fourteen by sixteen. The Arkansas Central Railroad Company, which was taken over by the Missouri Pacific Railway system some years ago and which was built in 1897, was Lavaca's first railroad. Among the earliest settlers of Lavaca and the surrounding community

were the Ingrahams, Greenlees, McClendons, Rays and Southerlands.

Climate.

The climate is almost ideal. Lavaca is far enough south to escape the terrible blizzards and the long, cold winters that the people of the Central and Northern States must endure and far enough north to escape the extreme hot weather that the people of the Southern States experience during the summer months.

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**Lavaca a Moral Town.**

The pioneer residents of Lavaca are unanimous in the statement that Lavaca is a good moral town. One of the pioneer settlers who has serv-

ed on the jury for many years recently stated that the Grand Jury never had any business of a legal nature from Lavaca. The citizenry is composed of honest, honorable, law-abiding citizens. The town of Lavaca was incorporated in 1919 with a population of four hundred. The administration is made up of the following outstanding citizens and business men: Mayor, N. J. Hunkapiller; Councilmen, S. E. West, A. K. Patterson, James Ingraham, M. H. Graham, Virgil Hickerson, R. E. Conder, J. E. Coker.

**School and Churches.**

No community would be complete if it did not have schools and churches. Our school has made a wonderful advance in the last few years. Our superintendent and teachers and citizens are devoting a great deal of time and money toward the betterment of the Lavaca school system. They realize that when they spend money for educational purposes they are making one of the best possible investments. In 1919 an adequate brick building, costing \$23,000 was erected. Lavaca has two live, forward-looking churches, the Methodist and Baptist. Lavaca is a church-loving and a church-going town.

**Lavaca Has:**

One bank, telephone exchange, up-to-date garage and filling station, modern drug store, two cotton gins, sanitary cafe, six mercantile establishments, two blacksmith shops, two gas and oil depots, one lumber yard, Baptist and Methodist Churches, High School building costing \$23,000, natural gas, healthful water, splendid citizenry, and two physicians.

**A Summary.**

This summarizes the things that Sebastain County and Lavaca offer: Ideal climate, healthful surroundings, splendid public school system, progressive churches, good homes, and unsurpassed agricultural opportunities for general farming, truck products, live stock, cotton, grain,

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**Lavaca High School.**

Superintendent B. H. Durham has charge of Lavaca High School as well as the Grammar department. Professor L. A. Chaffin is the capable assistant superintendent. They are assisted by Misses Minnie Corley and Shirley Moore. The enrollment at the High school is twenty-six and in the grammar school 224.

The Lavaca school is doing splendid work. Superintendent Durham recently announced that another grade would be added to the high school curriculum at the beginning of the 1925-26 session.

**LAVACA'S ENTERPRISING COMMERCIAL INSTITUTIONS.**

Not unlike other splendid business centers Lavaca is fortunate in having a number of progressive, live-wire commercial institutions.

**Citizen's Bank of Lavaca.**

One of the invaluable business assets is the Citizen's Bank with a capital and surplus of \$25,000. This bank is in charge of experienced bankers, men of integrity and honor. The officials endeavor to live up to the motto of the bank, "Safety and Service." Hon. J. F. Bugg is president. Mr. J. E. Coker, one of Lavaca's leading citizens, is active vice-president. Mr. Lawrence Wright, a large land owner and experienced banker, is cashier. Mr. Sam E. West, a member of one of the outstanding families of Sebastain County and a suc-

cessful young business man, is assistant cashier.

The Citizen's Bank of Lavaca is co-operating in every possible way with the merchants of the town and the farmers in Lavaca and the surrounding territory. It is a bank of which it can truly be said: "that it takes care of its customers." Sound banking principles are strictly adhered to in the management and operation of this bank.

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Mr. Dayton Brewer is proprietor of Lavaca's up-to-date drug store. He maintains an efficient, adequate prescription department. A complete line of standard drugs and druggist's supplies is handled. He carries a well advertised and widely used Nyal line. In addition to these he operates a sanitary soda fountain. He carries Greenfield chocolates, Eastman kodaks, cosmetics, school books and a complete line of school supplies, grafanolas and radios. Mr. Brewer also operates a filling station and garage at Lavaca and is also postmaster.

**White and Coffman.**

White and Coffman, general merchants, established their firm in 1913. Their motto is, "We buy and sell everything." The proprietors of this successful mercantile establishment are W. B. White, one of Lavaca's leading business men, and Dr. J. S. Coffman, one of Sebastain County's leading physicians. White and Coffman carry a complete line of groceries, dry goods, shoes and furniture. They are also official undertakers, carrying a complete line of caskets.

**T. H. Powers and Son.**

This is one of the well established firms of Lavaca, having been founded a quarter of a century ago. In 1913 it was re-organized and has since been operated under the firm name of T. H. Powers and Son. It is not only one of the oldest mercantile houses in Lavaca, but is one of the most prominent groceries. Garden and field seed, shoes and dry

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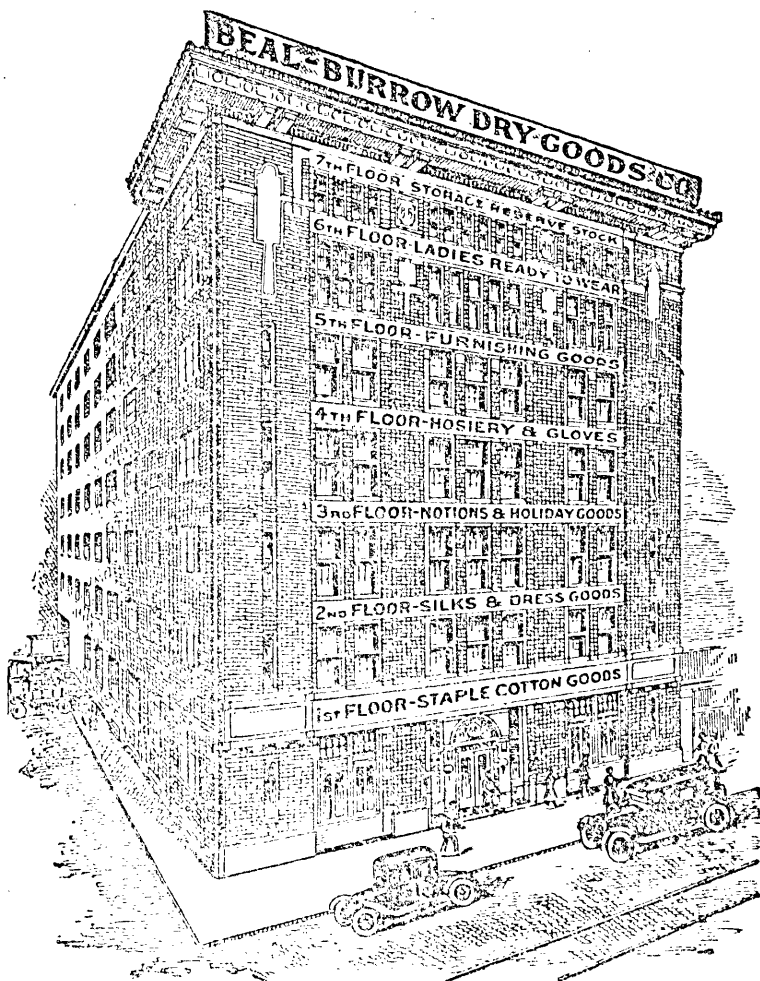
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Dr. J. S. Coffman has been a resident of Lavaca for seventeen years. He is a native Arkansan, having been born at Harrison. In addition to his twenty-five years' service as an active physician, he has also succeeded in financial and agricultural lines. He is a large land-holder and director of the Citizen's Bank of Lavaca. Brother Coffman was a medical student at Vanderbilt University and the Medical School of Little Rock.

#### W. B. Hickerson, Ginnery.

Mr. W. B. Hickerson, one of Lavaca's progressive young business men, operates one of the large gins. His plant is modern in every detail. The machinery was installed with the view of giving to the cotton growers of Sebastain County the advantage of the very best in ginning quality. The Hickerson Gin is a real asset to Lavaca and Sebastain County.

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The Citizen's Bank of Lavaca and the following leading business establishments made possible this display section for Lavaca: Dayton Brewer, druggist; T. H. Powers and Son; White and Coffman; Binkley and Stem; Dr. J. S. Coffman, banker and planter; Rev. Hoy M. Lewis; W. B. Hickerson, ginner; and W. D. (Dick) West, Jr., planter and ginner.

#### HISTORY OF LAVACA METHODISM

During the writer's recent visit to Lavaca some records of unusual historic value were discovered. Mr. J. E. Coker, one of the leading citizens of Lavaca, a banker and one of the outstanding members of our church, gave me access to a journal which contains data dating back to 1870.

#### Organizing of First Church at Lavaca

The first church to be organized at the place now called Lavaca was named Oak Bower. It will be of interest to many of our readers to quote from the records above referred to: "The citizens of the Oak Bower neighborhood built a box house to be used by both the Methodists and Missionary Baptists, during the year 1871. There had never been any Methodist society in all this vicinity nor any regular preaching by any of our ministers until, in August, 1870, Rev. H. M. Granade, pastor of the Ft. Smith Circuit, came and began monthly preaching. A society of 6 members was organized in October, 1870, and M. L. Ahault was appointed leader and also was elected steward. Rev. S. S. Key, pastor of the circuit for the year 1871, kept up regular preaching. The church conference was not organized during the year 1870.

#### Organizing of First Church Conference.

"Oak Bower, December 9, 1871. At the call of Rev. H. M. Granade, pastor of the Ft. Smith Circuit of the Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the society at Oak Bower met to organize a Church Conference. Rev. H. M. Granade in the chair, and after religious service by pastor, Dr. B. P. Coker was elected secretary. Members present, M. L. Ahault; W. W. Woodward, James Yarborough and many others."

#### First Church Conference Held at Oak Bower Church.

"The first Church Conference of Oak Bower church of Ft. Smith Circuit of the Arkansas Conference, was held October 25, 1873. Rev. P. P. Burke, pastor in charge, presided, Dr. P. B. Coker, Secretary.

"Received reports, (1) Brother Woodruff, C. L. (class leader) makes his report, says he has done service in visiting brethren and tried to encourage doing more and better service for time to come for the church of Christ, etc.

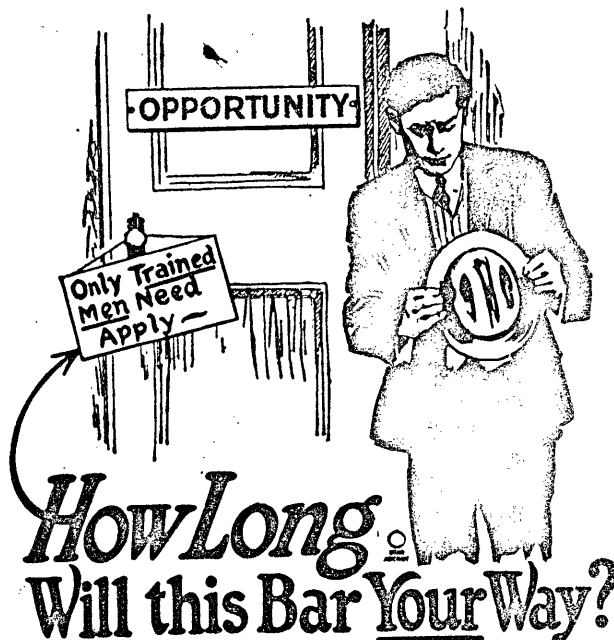
"Report 2: From Sabbath School. Brother Ahault said the school rather dropped more on account of church members than scholars.

"Report 3 Of the stewards says he has discharged his duties in full as regards his official duties.

"The Conference closed by religious service. By motion minutes were read and adopted. P. B. Coker, Secretary, P. P. Burke, Pastor."

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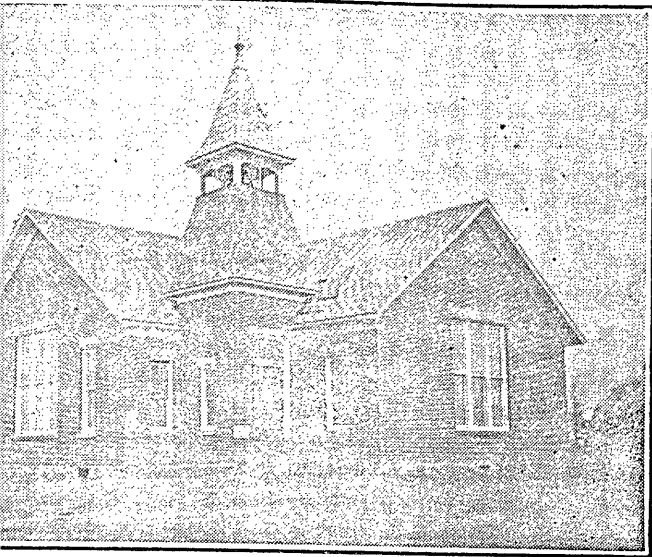
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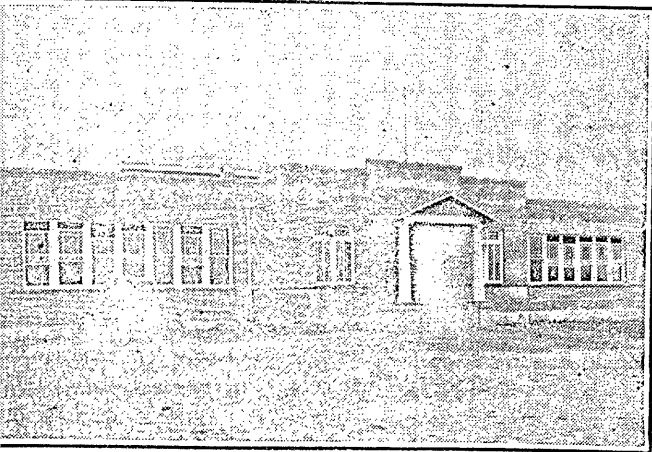
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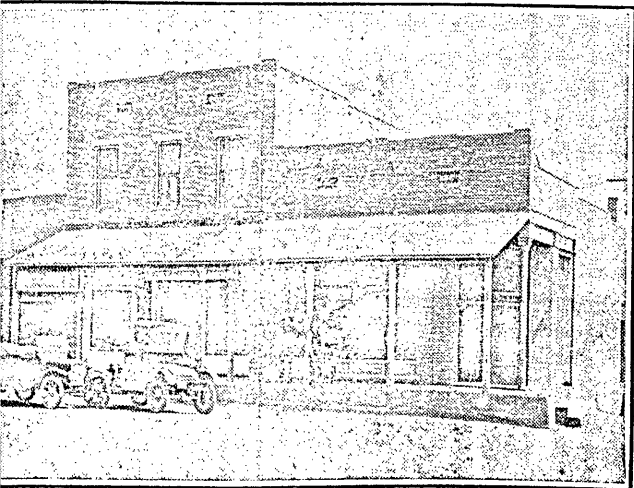
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### REV. HOY M. LEWIS HAVING A GREAT YEAR ON THE LAVACA CHARGE.

The assistant editor filled an engagement of long standing with Rev. Hoy M. Lewis, pastor of Lavaca Charge, Fort Smith District. Knowing Brother Lewis, I was not surprised to find well organized churches and a splendid interest in church affairs on the part of his people.

#### Lavaca Church.

Brother Lewis is doing a monumental work at Lavaca, the head of the circuit. He enjoys the unstinted confidence and whole-hearted cooperation of the entire membership of this splendid church. The officers at Lavaca are as follows: chairman of the board, W. B. White; secretary and treasurer, official board, S. E. West; Sunday School superintendent, J. E. Coker; president Woman's Missionary Society, Mrs. W. D. West, Jr.; president of Epworth League, W. D. (Dick) West, Jr.; recording steward, J. E. Coker.

#### Ursula Now Active

I considered it a privilege to assist the pastor, Rev. Hoy M. Lewis, in organizing an Epworth League at Ursula, Sunday, May 3. This helpful agency is going to render large service to that community. Elsewhere we are giving an account of the organization of the League together with the officers. Brother Lewis had just closed a wonderful revival at this point. Several infants were baptized, a number of children were received into the church, and many were re-claimed. Among the leaders of Ursula church are Cline West, Omar Letbetter, Delmar Sallis, A. T. Weir, and Carl Koontz, who is the brother of Mrs. E. T. Wayland, wife of our pastor at Wynne.

#### Oak Grove in Flourishing Condition.

One of the best organized and most active rural churches in our commonwealth is Oak Grove Church on the Lavaca Circuit. Mr. F. Prince Bassett, a princely layman, is superintendent of the Sunday School. He is also a member of the board of stewards and board of trustees. His fine son, Mr. Doyle Bassett, is president of the Epworth League. Oak Grove rightfully boasts of a number of loyal members. Of the long list space will permit me to mention only a few: J. L. Joyce, R. C. Richardson, W. O. McConnell, Albert Richardson, R. L. Hunkapillar, and Ed Scott.

#### Barling Methodism.

I regret that it was impossible to visit our church at Barling. With the exception of this church I made practically a house to house canvass of the entire circuit. The pastor informs me that the church is getting along well. He is planning to hold a revival there shortly and is endeavoring to build up a more effective organization. Professor Ronald Smith is superintendent of the Sunday School. Other leaders are: Mrs. N. K. Nance, Ed Moody, and M. E. J. Maddox. The pastor states that these officials are loyal and sympathetic. The church has no greater friend in Arkansas than is Mr. M. E. J. Maddox.

#### The Best Last.

I saved the best part of the story for the closing paragraph. Rev. Hoy M. Lewis and the Lavaca Circuit are now members of the Arkansas Methodist Honor Roll. Before leaving, Brother Lewis placed in my hands a list containing the name of every Methodist home within the bounds of his charge. So with this week's issue the Arkansas Methodist goes into the homes of all the Methodist people connected with the Lavaca, Ursula, Oak Grove and Barling Churches.

During my pleasant visit on the circuit I was delightfully entertained in the hospitable homes of the pastor, Cline West, S. E. West, W. D. West, Jr., J. E. Coker, T. P. Bassett, and J. L. Joyce. I register here and now my deepest appreciation for the many courtesies. I am also indebted to Prof. Chaffin of the Lavaca High School for courtesies extended me.—J. C. G.

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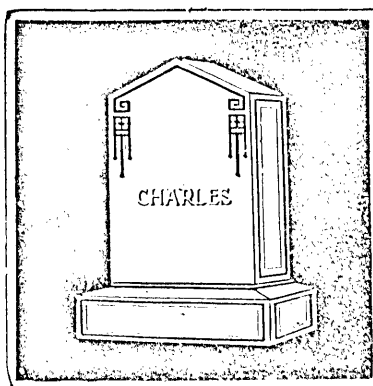
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Premium Notes .....	307,212.68
Cash in Office and Banks .....	316,521.27
Accrued Interest .....	243,705.24
Net Uncollected and Deferred Premiums ....	444,714.20
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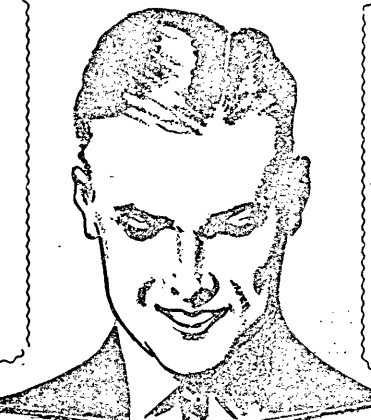
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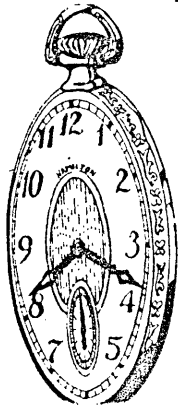
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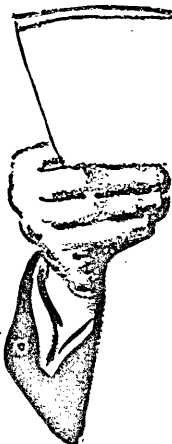
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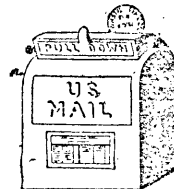


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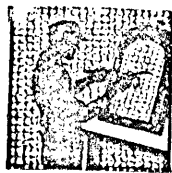
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## Southern Methodism's Greatest Debt is the \$10,000,000 She Owes Her Preachers on Salary Deficit for the Past 30 Years

If the deficit on salaries promised the preachers over the past 30 years for service would now be paid for the old-age support of these preachers, the amount would be more than \$10,000,000. This is not merely a wild guess, but a fact learned from a close study of the minutes of the Annual Conferences. What other class of men would suffer such injustice and still be loyal? Surely the Church ought to be willing now to raise this \$10,000,000 as a Superannuate Endowment Fund. It would simply be the payment of an honest debt.

### The Church Cannot Survive Without Preachers

It is possible to get along without great buildings and a lot of other things, but the Church would quickly perish without preachers. Given preachers and all other necessary things will come, but given everything else except preachers and all is "as a sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal." If preachers mean so much to the existence of the Church, should not the Church be more concerned about the existence of preachers? When they are paid barely enough for living expenses while in active service, and left in great deprivations when superannuated, the tendency is for preachers to feel that their sacrificial service is not appreciated. When time after time the Church makes a gesture toward providing a superannuate support, only to turn aside to raise money for other purposes, the conviction deepens that her preachers who are used-up in service cannot expect relief until all other causes are provided for. When will that be? Still, I say, the Church cannot survive without preachers.

### What Happens When the Church Does Right

The Protestant Episcopal Church is being acclaimed today by leading editorials in practically all of the great secular newspapers. Dozens of clippings of these editorials have been sent to me from all over the country, and I have read them with intense interest. Every writer begins by telling about the marvelous achievement of the Episcopal Church in securing a total of \$17,000,000 for Superannuate Endowment, which will make it possible for their superannuates to have an average annual per capita allowance of \$750 and for wives of deceased preachers each to have \$400 annually. One writer speaks of this matter as "tempering the Church's inhumanity to her preachers," and another states that "this long-neglected task has not been accomplished too soon." Practically every one of the editorials speaks of the great joy running through the Episcopal Church on account of this wonderful victory in behalf of her preachers, and the opinion is expressed that the preachers thus relieved of anxiety for old-age sustenance will be more efficient in their work than ever before. The writers furthermore commend the example of this Church to other denominations, and state that a similar victory by them for this appealing cause will do more than anything else to promote the success of their other work and to hold the respect and regard of the business world.

### Shall Southern Methodism Pay the Price?

Our Church has an opportunity right now to do something that will provide for the support of her superannuates equally as well as the Episcopal Church has provided for hers. We are in the midst of a Special Effort to raise \$10,000,000 endowment for this very purpose, and the Charges by official vote have promised to do it. Last year we secured \$1,270,000 of this sum, but 2,000 Charges did not pay a cent. Also about 1,500 Charges paid but a very small part of the portion they agreed to raise the first year. Thus out of a total of 6,500 Charges in the whole Church, the interest shown in this matter by 3,500 of them ranged from zero to but little more than nothing. I do not state this fact in criticism, but that the

Church may know just how half-hearted she is to date on this whole-hearted cause. When the pastors of these negligent Charges come to superannuation, they will not feel very comfortable in a support which they failed to help provide when they had such a chance.

We are now far into the second year of this blessed movement, and the payments on quotas are not coming in as they should. What is the matter? Surely it cannot be that the Church means to disappoint the hope she has raised in her Forgotten Man. To let those old heroes stand by and see their cause die in the Church's arms, would be a real tragedy. They did not let the Church die when they held her in their arms. If

Southern Methodism breaks faith with her age-worn preachers, she cannot expect to be blessed in the future by the Lord of these faithful old prophets.

### How Do We Fight in a Pinch?

I have a conviction that we are right now in the midst of a crisis in the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment. Are we big enough and true enough to stand up and fight our way through? When the Church's pastors face a situation with determination to win, no power on earth can turn them aside from victory. If there ever was a time when we preachers needed to get together and work together on something in behalf of our broken and aged brothers, it is now. The lay members will gladly follow our leadership, but we must be leaders. Therefore I plead with you not to fail these old boys when they need you most. I pray that our bishops will help us in whatever way they can, that the presiding elders will give closer attention than ever to this work, that each and every pastor will do his utmost to raise his Charge's quota, and that the lay members will come forward as never before to lend a hand.

I believe in the power of prayer, and trust our beloved superannuates, the widows of preachers, and all others will call fervently unto the Lord each day to lead our cherished Methodism to a wonderful victory in this matter. We need, just now, exactly the tonic that such a success would supply.

### This P. E. Plans Something

I met him on the train, and he made me very happy when he spoke as follows:

"I have been studying the Special Effort as it is related to my district.

"I find that a few of the charges paid the first year's portion in full. They will also pay in full for the second year.

"Some of the charges did not quite pay in full for the first year, but they are planning to do better the second year.

"Some of the charges paid nothing the first year, and others practically nothing.

"I am planning to send a flying troupe of pastors and laymen of the charges that are succeeding, to help those charges that are not succeeding."

Bishop, please keep him a presiding elder. He is sorely needed now!

**If the Church Does Not Conserve the Confidence of Her Preachers, She Cannot Conserve Anything Else**