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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Will you, at this Christmas-tide, enjoy merely the blessing of receiving, or the larger and richer blessing of giving?

Will Christmas be a Christly day if you eat and make merry, and forget those for whom Christ died?

Let us on this day have the spirit of Christ, who freely gave himself for us, and give ourselves unselfishly for the good of others.

Christ, whose natal day we celebrate, will smile upon liberal giving to maintain his cause in sad homes and dark fields.

"Christmas comes but once a year;" then let us make it a day of good cheer for those whose blessings have been less than ours.

For three-hundred and sixty-four days we have been receiving gracious gifts from God; let us then on Christmas, the day of God's best gift to men, give wholeheartedly to the orphans and to the under-privileged in our mission fields.

IT IS GLORIOUS TO LIVE.

Life is the gift of God. He intends that it shall be good. He filled this world with innumerable objects which may render service to man. He intends that man shall discover their uses and wisely utilize them. To live as a hermit or an ascetic is not to follow Christ. Neither is it Christ-like to build bigger barns and fill them with big harvests to use solely upon ourselves. To eat, drink and be merry is to treat life as mere sensual enjoyment. To eat and drink to have strong bodies and clear minds and then use the strength as our Master used his, "doing good," is to exalt life and make it truly glorious. Let us live to love and we shall find it glorious to live.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND OUR CRISIS.

Christmas, the natal day of the Holy Child Jesus, should be for Christians a holy day, but it has become in a great measure a mere holiday, a day for feasting and frivolity. It celebrates the giving of God's eternal Son to a sin-cursed world, the greatest gift that was ever made to man or angels. Merchants have taken advantage of the giving impulse and make appeals to us to give to our friends and kindred costly and often useless gifts that they do not need. Indeed, a debt is usually created that must be repaid by gifts equally costly and useless. Thus the real significance of the day is lost, and instead of its being a season of joyous giving, it has become for many a time of hypocritical and hurtful giving.

It is right that we should on that blessed anniversary remember our loved ones; but it should be done in an unostentatious and inexpensive way, and especially in a way that does not create a burdensome obligation. God gave to a helpless and needy world; Christ came to those who could not repay him in degree for his rich gift. Why should we not get the spirit of our Master and let our giving be like his? Let us give to those who cannot repay and to those who are in need, and with the love and unselfishness of our Christ.

Two objects stand before Methodists of Arkansas with needy and out-stretched hands—the children in our Orphanage and our Mission Fields. Every Sunday School in our two Conferences is urged to take a liberal collection, notifying the children the Sunday before so that they may be prepared, and then giving them an opportunity to contribute their pennies and dimes and quarters to our orphans. Let pastors and superintendents present this worthy object to the children, and they will cheerfully and even hilariously respond. Tell the children who have loving parents and comfortable homes of the sad plight of the homeless orphans, and the response will be prompt and generous. Our Sunday Schools will meet expectation if they are given opportunity. Let no pastor or Sunday School superintendent fail to make preparation for the Christmas offering for the Methodist Orphanage.

Then like the voice of our Master himself comes

NOTWITHSTANDING YE HAVE WELL DONE, THAT YE DID COMMUNICATE WITH MY AFFLICTION. NOW YE PHILIPPIANS KNOW ALSO, THAT IN THE BEGINNING OF THE GOSPEL, WHEN I DEPARTED FROM MACEDONIA, NO CHURCH COMMUNICATED WITH ME AS CONCERNING GIVING AND RECEIVING, BUT YE ONLY. FOR EVEN IN THESSALONICA YE SENT ONCE AND AGAIN UNTO MY NECESSITY. NOT BECAUSE I DESIRE A GIFT; BUT I DESIRE FRUIT THAT MAY ABOUND TO YOUR ACCOUNT. BUT I HAVE ALL, AND ABOUND. I AM FULL, HAVING RECEIVED OF EPAPHRODITUS THE THINGS WHICH WERE SENT FROM YOU, AN ODOR OF A SWEET SMELL, A SACRIFICE, ACCEPTABLE, WELL PLEASING TO GOD. BUT MY GOD SHALL SUPPLY ALL YOUR NEED ACCORDING TO HIS RICHES IN GLORY BY CHRIST JESUS.—Phil. 4:14-19.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS.

The Spirit of Christmas is the Spirit of Christ
And Christ is the Spirit of God,
Whose wonderful Gift has enriched all the world
And lifted man from the sod.

The spirit of Christmas on earth should be "give"
Since God in such fullness has given;
Let self be forgotten, help others to live,
And earth will come closer to heaven.

Shed the light of real love on the path of a child,
On a man, or a woman in need,
And the Spirit of Christ, all pure, undefiled,
Your soul will abundantly feed.

The angels that sang o'er the hills of Judea,
Will sing once again in your soul,
In the spirit of love fill each vanishing year.
If the bidding of Christ is your goal.

The "wise men" of earth will follow your star,
If the Prince of Peace reigns in your heart,
If, unto the least of these, near and afar,
His wonderful love you impart.

The spirit of Christmas—Christ's love would we bring,
To you from the portals of heaven,
Let self be forgotten, and serve as we sing:
"Unto you, unto you, He is given."

the challenging call for help for our Mission Fields. Under divine guidance seven years ago our General Conference organized the Church for the Centenary Campaign to raise \$35,000,000 to meet the Macedonian cry for help. The pledges were taken from a Church that had been informed as no Church had ever been about the needs and the purpose of the missionary. No one was deceived, no one was obliged to sign; hence every pledge was supposed to be a valid and sacred obligation that would in due time be met. It would have been an insult to have hinted to any subscriber that he would repudiate his pledge. It would have been a reproach to have suggested that the Church as a Church would repudiate 40 per cent of these holy pledges. Consequently the Board of Missions, taking the members of the Church at their word and trusting them just as a bank would have done, planned for advance and enlargement, not extravagantly, but prudently. As a result we entered four new fields and doubled our force on

the foreign field. Long before the pledges fell due, fruit began to be harvested, and the Church had the greatest revival in its history and we now number almost 400,000 more members than we had when the Centenary was planned. But—the unthinkable thing happened. A few of the signers failed in business and were unable to pay, and many thousands forgot their sacred obligations and so far have refused to pay. The inevitable result followed—there was not enough money to maintain the mission work on the scale that had been projected. Still hoping that our people would prove to be honest, the Board of Missions went in debt to avoid withdrawing forces from promising fields. Now the day has come when the Board can do no more. It can make no appropriations for maintenance until the debt is provided for, and calls upon the Annual Conferences to accept quotas that will cover the debt. Every Conference has accepted its share, and the call is made for the money to be raised and paid within sixty days. Our two Conferences, understanding the crisis, have undertaken to raise about \$55,000. When we remember our numbers and our prosperity, the amount is pitifully small. We could make it \$100,000, and not feel it. If we fail, disaster will follow. The retreat will be an eternal disgrace. Our Master will be disappointed and grieved. It is his cause. We are his representatives to bear his message to those who have not heard it.

Now the call comes at the Christmas season, the time when, if our people run true to past form, they will spend many thousands on costly and even burdensome gifts. The challenge now is to divert these gifts, except the simpler ones, and especially to the little children, and throw them into the Master's treasury to save the honor of our Church and to be loyal to the greatest cause that ever appealed to humanity. Shall we do it? How can we call ourselves Christian and neglect this wonderful opportunity? The poorest member should give a dollar, others should give fives and tens, and many should give hundreds and some even thousands. Let no one wait, but let every member immediately notify his pastor of the amount that he will give and then promptly pay it to the treasurer of his church. We have faith in Arkansas Methodists, and believe that within sixty days their Christmas offerings to the missionary fund will exceed the quota. In spite of all our troubles, according to the business charts, Arkansas is, next to Florida, the most prosperous state in the Union. Having been blessed, let us covet earnestly the best things, and these are to be obtained by giving freely.

SUNDAY AT CABOT.

Twenty-three miles northeast of the State House lies Cabot with its population of some 800. It has the reputation of being one of the best communities in the State, and deserves its reputation. The people are law-abiding, industrious, and progressive, and, while its imposing row of business houses fronting the railroad suggests a town of twice its population, its people are primarily interested in their homes, their school, and their churches. For this reason it is a good place to live, and now that a hard-surface highway virtually makes Cabot a suburb of Little Rock it will become more and more a community of comfortable homes of people who work in the city but prefer to live elsewhere.

The country around Cabot is not especially rich, but has for years had a high class of farmers who have developed diversification until they have something for the market all the year. The growing of strawberries, peaches, and sweet potatoes is increasing. Beginning with the nursery of Mr. G. B. Murrell, that far-visioned citizen and noble Christian gentleman, for fifty years Cabot has been noted for its production of fruit trees. The business is still continued by my former student, Mr. J. E. Gregory. Dairying and poultry-raising sup-

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. R. R. Moore of Hazen was a caller at our office Tuesday of last week.

The success of a man depends less on his talents than on his character.—Youth's Companion.

Rev. L. W. Evans, formerly of Carthage, who is spending some time here with his daughter, called at our office Thursday afternoon.

Rev. J. W. Johnston of Evening Shade and Rev. C. J. Wade of Sulphur Rock called at our office on their way to Conway to attend conference.

Are you preparing to work the "Club Plan" for circulation of the Arkansas Methodist? If not, why not? As Mutt would say to Jeff, "Answer me that."

Married, Friday, November 20, at First Church, Dr. P. C. Fletcher officiating, Miss Ruth Weidemeyer of this city and Mr. Neill Reed of Blytheville.

Rev. T. D. Spruce of Huttig was a caller at the Methodist office Wednesday and reported that the official board of his church had raised the pastor's salary \$600.

If any Church in Arkansas has second-hand church pews to sell, it is suggested that the officials of such church correspond with F. W. Mast, Winthrop, Ark.

Every pastor is expected to lay before his official board the Club Plan for circulating the Arkansas Methodist. Let it be unanimously adopted and see what results will follow.

Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hilliard were given a cordial reception on their return to Dierks. They were given a pounding and Bro. Hilliard says, "their pantry is full of good things."

Miss Marie Howard, District secretary of Conway District, North Arkansas Conference, Epworth League, has accepted a position in the office of Rev. J. F. Simmons, Centenary Secretary.

At its last session the Louisiana Conference decided to start a movement for a hospital and Rev. A. M. Shaw, formerly of Little Rock Conference, was appointed commissioner to secure funds.

The University of Denver's new \$500,000 stadium, seating about 31,000, ranks well both in size and equipment with the most famous ones in the country. The Harvard stadium seats 40,000; Crescent stadium at Cornell, 21,000; and the Palmer Memorial Stadium at Princeton seats 42,000. The Yale Bowl with a seating capacity of 80,000 is one of the largest.

YOUR CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
PLEDGE—WHY DID YOU
MAKE IT?

1. To maintain Christian schools.
2. To train Christian ministers.
3. To produce Christian leaders.
4. To build a Christian nation.
5. To make all education Christian.
6. To strengthen our Methodism.
7. To promote the Kingdom of Heaven.

PAYMENTS, NOT PROMISES
accomplish these results.

No paper during the holidays. Remember that no paper will be issued during the holidays. The last issue this year will be on Dec. 24.

The popularity of Florida even with preachers who has charge of the Florida Conference, recently evidenced by the fact that Bishop Ainsworth, announced that he had received nearly 150 applications for transfer.

Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Dickerson of Portland called Tuesday, November 24, on their way home from the Little Rock Conference. They were motoring home in their new Chevrolet car which was given them by their congregation.

Rev. W. T. Thompson called last week. He was jubilant over his assignment to Bentonville. Bro. Thompson assures us that he will send in a 100 per cent list shortly. He is a faithful man and will serve a splendid people, the Bentonville Methodists.

Miss Eloise Angell, a very efficient church worker and an experienced stenographer, has accepted a position at 1st Church, El Dorado as enlistment secretary and assistant to the pastor. She assumed her new duties last week. Dr. J. D. Hammons is the enterprising pastor.

The general evangelists and singers will meet in their annual conference, beginning the night of December 29, and running through the 31st, at Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky. The management of the College furnishes entertainment free. All members of the association are urged to be present.

A movement to raise \$500,000 for the erection and endowment of a new gymnasium was announced by Dr. Henry M. Wriston upon his inauguration as president of Lawrence College. The first donation to this fund was one for \$200,000 made by Mr. L. M. Alexander, president of the college board of trustees.

Dr. F. M. Freeman, who was transferred from the Louisiana Conference to the Little Rock Conference, was appointed pastor of the First Methodist Church at Texarkana, Ark. We can assure the Arkansas brethren that they are getting a man worthy of their love and esteem.—N. O. Christian Advocate.

Rev. L. C. Beasley, formerly of Little Rock Conference, now of the Pacific Conference, writes that the Methodist Episcopal Church and our church at Ukiah, Calif., of which he is pastor, have federated and now constitute a strong force for a community program, and that the salary has been increased \$1,000, and all work moves harmoniously.

Bishop W. F. Oldham was recently appointed by the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church as the fraternal messenger to our next General Conference. He was a missionary and missionary secretary and as a bishop has given most of his time to the foreign field. He is spiritually minded and fraternal and may be expected to bring a great message from the Northern Church.

Alfred R. Wells, one of our authorized singers, young people's workers and childrens' object teachers, plans to come to Arkansas for January, February and first half of March. He will assist pastors or assume the entire burden of a revival under auspices of the young people. Reference: Dr. O. E. Goddard, Conway, Ark., and Rev. W. C. Hilliard, Dierks. Write or wire him at 5210 Parry Ave., Dallas, Texas.

According to our custom, there will be no issue of the paper during the Christmas holidays. The last issue for the year will come out Dec. 24, and the next issue will be on Jan. 7. Those who wish to make announcements should get them in by next Monday at the latest.

Dr. A. N. Evans and wife of Fort Smith, Ark., are in St. Louis this week with their daughter Beulah, who is under the care of a specialist for a surgical operation. The daughter is well on the way to recovery, and it is hoped she may soon return home.—St. Louis Christian Advocate.

Rev. F. H. Champion, formerly of N. Arkansas Conference, now of Florida, after three good years at Eighth Ave., Tampa, has been assigned to Alachua. The Florida Conference has voted to meet next year at St. Petersburg in June instead of December in order that the children of preachers may not be disturbed by moving in the middle of the year and to avoid the crowded condition occasioned by winter tourists.

We are asking the pastors and laymen of Arkansas to send us interesting items concerning the work of their churches, personal items about the members and pastors and other items that will be of interest to our readers to be used in our "All-State" Section. We are going to enlarge this section and we want to make it one of the most interesting and profitable sections of the paper. Send direct to our office, 221 East Capitol Ave.

It has been announced in the secular press that the commission on location of General Conference has selected Memphis and that the date of meeting of the next Conference will be May 5. Being central and having fine railroad facilities, Memphis is a very suitable place for our great law-making body. It now has ample hotel accommodations and a fine auditorium. We are glad that the Conference is to be held at this great central city.

In the December World's Work, under the caption "Forest Conservation Becomes A Reality," French Strother gives a fine account of the activities of the Crossett (Ark.) Lumber Co. in their work of conserving their forests. Read the article and you will be proud of the fact that the Crossett Co. is an Arkansas organization. With such work as this great Company is doing it will be possible to preserve a considerable part of our great forest resources for the benefit of our children.

It is with pleasure that we note that Dr. G. B. Winton is to become editor of the Methodist Advocate, which represents the Holston, Tennessee, and Memphis Conferences. He is a charming and forceful writer, who as editor of the Christian Advocate, Missionary Voice, and St. Louis Christian Advocate has rendered distinguished editorial service. His acquaintance with Latin America and deep interest in the work of missions enable him at this critical time to present this great cause to the church.

Let every pastor make up his mind that he is going to have full collections the coming year. The people have enough to pay. It is the pastor's business to plead for the various sacred causes represented until his people become impressed. Then they will pay in full. If the pastors will get the Conference Claims out of the way at the beginning of the year, the stewards will have no difficulty in collecting the pastor's salary. No pastor will suffer by making the collection of the Claims the first object this year. Try it.

Dr. and Mrs. B. A. Few and their daughter, Miss Ella Ware, are leaving Friday for their former home in Little Rock. Dr. Few, who has been pastor of the Methodist Church here for the past two years, has been appointed to the Capitol View Church in the city of Little Rock. While here both he and his family made many friends who regret to lose them, and whose best wishes go with them where ever they may be. Under the direction of Dr. Few the church has made remarkable progress, and increased its membership materially.—Smackover Journal.

Rev. Jefferson Sherman, who has been presiding elder of the Searcy Methodist District for the past three years, left Friday morning for his new work at Blytheville, where he will have the pastorate of the First Methodist Church. Mrs. Sherman will visit for a few days in Russellville before going to her new home. Eugene Sherman is a member of the senior class here and will probably remain until June, unless arrangements can be made in

CONTRIBUTIONS.

SHALL WE NOT WORSHIP, GOD?

In the humble stall the Saviour lay
While shepherds adoration pay—
Shall we not come and worship, too,
The Christ to whom all praise is due?

And wise men from the East have come
In reverence to the sacred home—
Shall we not bring our gifts, as they,
And at His feet our offerings lay?

From stable-door to cross-crowned hill
He went, God's purpose to fulfil—
His will to seek, his work to do?
Shall we not yield him service true,

O Christ of God, I would enthrone
Thee as my Lord and Thee alone;
Unto thy servant now impart!
A willing mind, a loyal heart!—Fred
Scott Shepard in The Presbyterian
Advance.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS AND OUR
MISSIONARY CRISIS.

By O. E. Goddard.

It is now well known that our Church is facing a missionary crisis such as it never faced before. In these seventy years of organized missionary effort we have passed through a number of crises. Some of them were alarming, menacing, ominous, but no student of our missionary operations will question that we now face a crisis the like of which Southern Methodism never faced before. Without going into details, let it suffice to say that unless \$750,000 is raised, or provided for, within the next sixty days our missionary program virtually collapses. The S. O. S. call has come from those chosen to direct these activities, and our whole future as a Church is bound up in the response that comes now. If we can be indifferent or apathetic under these circumstances there is nothing that would stir us.

The whole church is asked to raise \$750,000 to save our missionary operations from ruin. \$25,000 of this has

been apportioned to the North Arkansas Conference. Our Conference unanimously accepted the apportionment. What shall we do? The first Sunday in February has been set for taking an offering, and following that with an every-member canvass for all who did not contribute on that day. This will be more fully set forth later. The purpose of this article is to divert certain moneys from their usual channels to this supreme need. The time-honored custom of remembering our friends and loved ones on Christmas with a gift, is not to be despised. The custom has often brought comfort into sad hearts and lonely homes. But let us request our friends and loved ones to allow us this year to give on this missionary special all that we would otherwise have spent on Christmas gifts. Some of our members will spend one dollar, many of them hundreds, in Christmas presents. Let us say to our loved ones now, that, owing to the fact that we are confronted with a most distressing situation on our missionary work, that, owing to the fact that unless a large amount is raised at once, our missionaries must be recalled, our hospitals in foreign lands closed, our schools dismissed, we beg the privilege of putting all our Christmas money into helping to save the situation. Could any body's children, parents, grand parents, uncles, aunts, nephews, nieces, in-laws and out-laws, object to this? How many thousand Methodists will accept this proposition? How many thousand have the devotion to the world program that will impel them to do it? Would not our Lord Jesus approve such a gift? Would it not be more acceptable to Him than giving it sentimentally where it is not really needed?

If this suggestion is too radical, if it seems inexpedient to divert all our gifts to this end, why not make it fifty-fifty? For every dollar that we give to relatives and friends put one in for this cause. Paul, Wesley,

Carey, Hudson Taylor, Laura Haygood, and other worthies would not have thought it too drastic to divert all the Christmas money to this matter, but other good people not so advanced in their devotion, might not have the courage to do it. Let all the good people of this class make it fifty-fifty.

Whether you give all or half of the Christmas money to this cause, let it be done individually. The time for the public offering is not yet. Let the pastor or the treasurer of the local missionary committee receive this special and forward it to J. F. Rawls, Treasurer, Nashville, Tenn. When we come to make the apportionments to the districts and the charges and the churches, this amount will be credited to the church of which you are a member. It will count on your apportionment.

If every reader of this paper will take seriously what I have said and act on one of these propositions, hundreds, yea thousands of dollars will come to the relief of this most distressing condition. Will you be one? Can you pass up this matter without some compunctions of conscience? ACT AS THE SPIRIT DIRECTS.

Those who attended Annual Conference will know that I have been appointed director of this matter for the North Arkansas Conference.

CHRISTMAS AND THE SMALL
CHILDREN.

Since writing the article above I presented the matter to my own congregation last Sunday. Several have asked if we should refrain from making merry with the little folks. I am insisting that we spend no money on presents for adults. Now as to the small children, they are too young to be burdened with the seriousness of our missionary situation. Nor should they be robbed of Christmas cheer. Parents and grand parents can with very moderate expenses provide Christmas cheer for the little ones. It is not the money that we spend for

the tiny ones that I covet for the Kingdom of God in this perilous time; it is the money we waste on adults. They are old enough and mature enough to forego receiving presents in order that our missionary program may not collapse.

Read Bro. Sherman's article in this issue. The other presiding elders are in the same frame of mind. Our pastors are equally burdened. Let all our members make up their mind to do such sacrificial giving and sacrificial living as we never have before. The Christmas money is not all we shall need. There are many unnecessary expenses and many needless, even hurtful luxuries, that must be cut off and turned into the missionary treasury.

Be moderate in expenditures for Christmas for the children. Put all other Christmas money into this emergency fund. Put off luxuries and put that money in.—O. E. Goddard.

"A CRYING NEED."

What are we going to do about it? We face the gravest situation in our Church that we have ever faced. We have pushed the battle front further out into the enemy's lines than ever before, and now it begins to look like retreat is inevitable.

I have been trying to picture, in my mind, the feeling of the German people, when their army was making its drive to Paris. Chateau-Thierry was reached and they were forced to go back, and back, and back. What humiliation? What broken spirits both in the army and at home? What if now, with our lines advanced, we should have to begin a retreat? Where will that retreat end? Who can say? In the case of the German army it was of necessity, for their supplies both in the army and at home had failed. Not so with us, we have the men, we have the material resources, if we can command them. Will we consecrate them to the service of the Captain of our salvation?

the Blytheville high school whereby he may graduate in June.—Searcy Correspondent, Arkansas Democrat.

Rev. F. R. Hamilton, for the past year pastor of the Methodist Church here, has been promoted, and is now presiding elder of the Jonesboro District. Mr. Hamilton is in Jonesboro this week, arranging for removal of his family to that city. The Jonesboro District is one of the largest in the state, embracing Blytheville with two churches, Jonesboro with three, Osceola, Luxora, Marion, Lake City, Leachville, Truman, Lepanto, Marked Tree and several other smaller towns. Rev. F. F. Harrell formerly pastor of the church at Prescott, has been assigned to fill the vacancy caused by the departure of Rev. Mr. Hamilton.—Clarendon Correspondent, Arkansas Democrat.

Last Thursday the editor had the privilege of attending at Pine Bluff the meeting called by Presiding Elder Henderson in the interest of Missions and other causes. The attendance was good, and the interest fine. Noble appeals were made by Bro. Simmons, Dr. Thomas, and Dr. Steel for the raising of the fund needed to pay the missionary debt. The different charges were called and each accepted its quota, and some raised the amount. Rev. B. F. Musser with his loyal laymen, Bro. Acuman backing him, announced that Rison had a check ready for its quota of \$200. It is believed that Pine Bluff District will speedily raise its amount. Representatives of other causes were heard as they briefly and forcefully presented their claims. The First Church, under the leadership of Pastor W. C. House and Bro. Renfrow, gave the visitors a generous dining at a local cafe. It was good to be there.

SUNDAY AT CABOT.

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plement the usual crops. These conditions are attracting more good farmers and are making Cabot

a still better place to live.

Of course, I was pleased to be permitted to spend a Sunday in such a community, and especially to render a service to another of my former students, Rev. A. F. Skinner, the faithful and efficient pastor. On Sept. 27 this good man submitted to a successful operation for appendicitis, but his system was so weakened that he has been confined to his home practically all the time and has not been able to preach. His people love and honor him so much that they rallied to his assistance and closed up his year's work in splendid shape, and, although they knew that he would not be able to preach until January, they enthusiastically petitioned for his return. Bro. Skinner and his wife fully appreciate the loyalty of their people and it is beautiful to see the affection that exists between pastor and flock. He has suffered like a saint, and his suffering has made the whole community better. Thus our Master causes apparent misfortune to glorify Him and forward his cause. The life of such people as the Skinners is a benediction to any community.

Bro. Skinner has finished two successful years, and has had two great revivals. He gives one Sunday to Austin, and the others to Cabot, and in two years has in the two churches added 153 to the membership, but on account of large losses through pruning the rolls, the net gain is only 40. However, a church with 308 members in a town of 800 is a great institution, and there are 58 at Austin. Now there is little new material to be secured, and Bro. Skinner expects to spend the year largely in cultivating his members for greater service. He has already arranged for Dr. O. E. Goddard to give his people a series of inspirational sermons in March. The sense of stewardship is deepening and financial conditions are improving. The church will pay its part on the special offering, and Bro. Skinner believes it will put the Arkansas Methodist into every home.

Under the capable superintendency of Mr. J. F. See the Sunday School at Cabot has become the pride of the church. I visited the fine class of

men who are taught by that prince of Sunday School teachers, Mr. O. H. Davis. With Mrs. Alexander as superintendent the Primary Department is doing wonderful work. The brick church and the frame annex are both filled with the Sunday School and a further addition is in contemplation the coming spring. Mrs. J. E. Gregory is the able president of the very active W. M. S. The Senior Epworth League has fifty members and the Junior has 30. Archie Jones is the president of the former and Mrs. Ringgold is superintendent of the latter. Both are efficient. At Austin there is a small, but live Sunday School with Homer Evans as superintendent, and a small League of which Herbert Martin is president. A good prayer meeting is maintained.

At Cabot is a good school building where a fine school, with four years of high school work is kept running for nine months. The efficient superintendent is Mr. Hodges, with Mr. Mayo Kerr, a Hendrix college graduate, as the valuable principal. There are six other teachers. The attendance is large and many come in from the surrounding country.

It was a distinct pleasure to be entertained in the roomy and comfortable parsonage, and enjoy the products of Mrs. Skinner's culinary art. The children are married and scattered to the four corners of the land, but they do not forget these consecrated parents who dwell in the parsonage. Brother Skinner is planning many good things for his people when he is able to circumambulate, and he expects a good year.

I looked in on the Sunday School, lectured to the Men's Class, preached to a large congregation at eleven, after assisting Bro. Skinner to baptize an infant and receive three members. It was raining at night, but a good League service was held at which I spoke briefly. It was too wet for a congregation to assemble at the preaching hour. As the train service is not good, I made the journey in the motor bus, which runs regularly. The road is fine and only one hour is required for the trip.—A. C. M.

Can Jesus and the missionaries depend on us here at home?

If one member of the family had gone away, and had reached a crisis in his business and other members of his family have enough and to spare, what would they do about it? I think each member would come forward with his share until the needy member was relieved.

Oh Methodists of Arkansas, our Church, your Church and mine, is in tremendous danger of suffering great loss and humiliation. What are we going to do about it? Will not each member of our church come forward with a contribution, great or small until this situation is relieved? Do It Now.—William Sherman, Paragould, Ark.

THE GIFTS OF CHRIST.

It is the Holy Christmas-tide. Thought and imagination turn again to the manger of Bethlehem. Our civilization has back of it the Christ of history, who has ever compelled attention, commanded respect, and won adoration. The Christ of experience, from his throne in the human heart, directs and controls life, and turns the thoughts of men to their high and holy destiny. This same Christ whom we profess, worship and adore glorifies our service in Sanctuary and Church with His presence and power. May His gracious influence be widened until His name is acknowledged and His principles proclaimed in every nation and clime!

In the highly organized life of this day, great efforts are put forth to celebrate appropriately the advent of our Saviour. The glad news is proclaimed from the pulpit and scattered broadcast by the press. This story, unlike others, loses none of its freshness by constant repetition. Like a rare jewel which catches a ray of light and sends it forth in renewed splendor, the story of The Nativity has an unfading charm. To an interpretation of the worth of Christ's life the wisest and best have consecrated their time and talents. All recognize, in some sense at least, that His coming, when "the word was made flesh and dwelt among us," was the supreme event in history. In Christ God was revealed, and in that revelation is to be found the answer to our longings and the solution of our difficulties. He is the center whence the love of God radiates and in Him are the inexhaustible springs of forgiveness and healing. While our celebrations of the advent of the world's Saviour must of necessity be inadequate, God forbid that His followers should participate in any that are inappropriate!

Love delights to express itself in gifts to the beloved. The gift is an expression of the heart of the giver. God loved and gave His Son. Through Him wonderful gifts are given to men. We have long dwelt on God's great gift. We cannot think of it

too often nor accept it too freely. But we do well too, to think of the gifts of Christ as well as of the gift of Christ. The supreme test that comes to every life is the gift of self. This is always life's fiercest battle. Almost daily we have the struggle; the choice must be made between the alternatives of self and service. The battle is never easy, but every time it is won, we are not only developing a worthiness to stand with the Son of Man, but we are applying one of His great principles. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

The abundant life has ever been an attractive goal. This has meant not only length of days but fulness of powers and capacities. Scientific skill has lengthened the brief span of human existence, but it has been powerless to give life, and the best it has accomplished in renewing failing strength is inadequate. "I give unto them eternal life" is far and away beyond a temporary stimulation of the fading glory of youth. Contrast with the forces of the universe man is frail and is easily swept away; in the economy of nature it would seem that with all his boasted strength, man is insignificant. But when we look at him in the light of his fellowship with Christ; when we consider him dowered with the gift of eternal life, his existence takes on a dignity and worth that rags cannot reduce to beggary and all darkness cannot hide!

There is an unevenness in temporal rewards that is partly due to the individual and partly due to the civilization under which we are living. When our civilization becomes more wholly Christian, much of this unevenness will be done away. But there is a wonderful promise in the final outcome of the life of faith. What must it have meant to men following Christ in the days of his earthly ministry to hear in His prayer such memorable words as "the glory which thou gavest me I have given to them!" What promises it offers today! Where is the person who has not at sometime ruefully contemplated the vanishing glory of the dreams of youth? Who has not felt impelled to trudge steadily onward even though the sun was hidden and the enthusiasm of the quest had departed? Is there basis for hope? "The glory which thou gavest to me I have given to them"—this nerves the hand and strengthens the heart. This puts elasticity in the step; the fire of the conqueror in the eye; and the crown of success upon the brow.

What wonderful gifts Christ brought to men! A most delightful and profitable meditation for the Holiday Season would be a contemplation of Christ's contribution to human progress. But this is a large field. His gifts have been numerous and gracious—to dismiss them without adequate consideration would prove us unappreciative and unworthy.

A gift reveals the heart of the giver. The acceptance of a gift likewise discovers the character of the recipient. Christ's gifts are revealing us. What are they showing us to be? Surely no person having enjoyed these gifts, can ever think of Christmas as a mere festival of giving and getting. Christ left the realms of glory, and took up his residence in the habitations of men; he bore the burdens of wearied humanity, and went steadfastly on until the lengthening shadows deepened into the darkness of Calvary. The only response to such giving is to live the spirit of Christ. May this be our Christmas resolution.—Texas Christian Advocate.

HOW LOUISE FOUND SANTA CLAUS

"Tomorrow's Christmas, Mummy." "Yes, dearie, I know it," the tired woman replied, feeling a pang of regret and fervently hoping that something would attract the child's attention. But not so. A child does not easily forget.

"Is Santa Claus coming this time, Mummy?" The little girl asked in a wistful tone.

"No, sweetheart, I think not. He doesn't know where we live now."

"But I thought he knew about all little folks," the child persisted.

"He's lost our address since we have had to move two or three times. So you must not worry about it now," the mother replied, trying to keep the sorrow out of her voice and the tears from her eyes.

"But I can have some candy and a big yellow orange, can't I?" the child insisted anxiously.

"No, dearie, not now; maybe later I'll have a little more money and then I'll get you some. You see, I've just enough to buy some bread and pay for milk. We must have the milk or you'll get hungry," patiently the mother tried to explain, but only the Father in heaven knew how hard it was to refuse such little things, and at Christmas of all times.

"Put on your coat and cap and take the money and go get the bread before it grows too dark. It looks as if it will soon be snowing. Don't stay long or I'll feel uneasy. There are so many people hurrying about that I'm almost afraid for you to go."

"I'll be careful and may I just look in the windows a little bit, so I can hunt for Santa Claus?"

"Yes, look at the pretty things if you like, but don't stop long and don't worry about Santa Claus."

"I think I'll find him, for I do want some pretty candy and an orange, and I'll be careful," the little girl remembered to promise as she closed the door.

She soon disappeared in the throng and in a short time was enjoying beauties of the gaudily decorated shop windows, so buoyant is youth.

When the little daughter, Louise, closed the door, the mother, Mrs. Brent, gave way to her grief, for it had been hard to repress the tears until the child was gone. Then she fell on her knees and prayed for help.

It was the holiday season—it might be the most joyous for people in comfortable circumstances—but the poor—the very poor—for them it was the hardest and the worst.

Mrs. Brent was alone in a large city and almost without food. For several years, she had been able to support herself and little girl, but of late the work had not paid so well, and she had been almost sick and was unable to turn out the usual amount. The rent for the bare almost comfortless room had to be paid promptly or she and her child would be without shelter, and after paying the rent she was forced to live on bread and milk.

Mrs. Brent had been reared in a home of wealth and refinement, but had married Mr. Brent against her mother's wishes, her mother being a very proud woman. The father was more lenient toward the daughter, but his wife, Mrs. Ellison, had never been reconciled to the marriage, so great was her disappointment, and would never consent to see her daughter again. Quite naturally, Margaret Ellison Brent had preferred to live apart and to make the best home for her husband that his means would allow. She wished to spare her mother unnecessary grief, so had persuaded her husband to accept employment in another state. She occasion-

ally heard from her father for several years, but when her husband was accidentally killed and she was left to care for herself and little girl, she determined not to appeal to her parents, but rather, lose herself in the city. Her father, being a kindly man, would have been glad to have cared for the daughter that he loved, but Margaret had inherited some of her mother's stubborn pride.

The day before Christmas when little Louise, now eight years old, begged for the coming of Santa Claus, Mrs. Brent did not know that her mother had been dead for nearly two years, and that her father had been searching for her for many months.

There were dark gray clouds overhead and the wind blew hard and chill, bringing flurries of snow and causing pedestrians to hurry on their ways to complete their Christmas shopping, as little Louise held her almost threadbare coat closer to her undernourished, slender little body and grasping a coin tight in her tiny hand, hurried on to find Santa Claus. She stopped to peep at a wonderful Christmas tree in one window and at a display of dolls in another, while candies and fruits in another held her attention for a time.

So far, though, she had not found the Santa Claus of her imagination and she turned to go, and saw an old gentleman muffled in a great furry coat, his long white beard waving in the wind.

"Please, sir, are you Mr. Santa Claus?" Louise asked.

The gentleman evidently did not understand the child's question, but the man who accompanied him did. But Sadler was in a hurry and skillfully avoided the child, attracting his employer's attention by saying: "Here sir, I think, in this shop, you will find what you want."

But Louise was undaunted by her first failure and made another attempt to attract the attention of the one who looked like her ideal of the Christmas saint so she turned and again tried to place herself in front of the man. Many people were pushing along that busy sidewalk, and seeing that she would soon lose sight of the one she wished to speak with, she ran a few paces and almost reached the place she sought, when a large boy coming from another direction fell against the old gentleman and together they tripped the little girl and she fell heavily to the ground. The boy righted himself and kept on his way, but Louise did not get up.

"High-ho, baby, have I hurt you?" the old man kindly asked.

"She's all right; just wants you to pick her up," the servant said, for he was anxious to get off for the night.

"But I must see—I can't leave a child hurt on the street. Here, Sadler, take these other packages and put them in the car, then come back and I'll kindly see if she is really hurt."

"'Twasnt his fault, no how," murmured the man as he turned to go.

"He's always fooling away time and money on folks what aint no count. Says he's trying to find his daughter and her little girl, but that's no way to find 'em," the man, Sadler, said to himself, as he placed the packages in the car. "He said he didn't care 'bout these here things that he got, just trying to fool himself into feeling like it was Christmas, I reckon."

Stooping, the old gentleman tenderly lifted the little girl and saw

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that her arm was broken. "Be still now," he insisted, "I'll be careful and not hurt you and can take you home in my car."

But the child was frightened from the fall and the pain, and all at once realized that she had lost the money with which to buy the bread, so she began to cry.

"Say, little one, don't cry and spoil your pretty face. Were you trying to buy something? Tell me what you want and we'll get it right now." But the child's sobbing grew worse.

"Tell me where you live then. Where is your mother?"

The little girl gave the address.

"Could you tell me your name?"

"Louise," she answered.

Seeing that she was suffering, the man kindly refrained from questioning and tenderly placed her in the car.

"Stay with her, Sadler, until I can telephone a doctor," he said to the chauffeur, as he turned and went into the shop.

"This is Nofton Ellison speaking. Dr. Randall. A little girl has fallen and I fear has broken her arm. I have found her address and am taking her home. Don't know if the work can be done there, but want you to come as quickly as you can, as I prefer to let her people know about it. If it is necessary, we can go to a hospital."

"I'll be there in a few minutes," came over the wire, but turning to his wife, the doctor said, "Ellison has found another charity patient."

"Well, so long as he does the charity part, you need not worry," she replied.

"Yes, but I was hoping to stay with you and the kiddies tonight. I may be back in a short time, however."

"Pardon, madam, but have you a little girl named Louise?" Mr. Ellison asked, when Mrs. Brent opened the door, in response to his knocking.

"Yes—but, oh, heavens! is she hurt?" Mrs. Brent turned paler, if possible, as she asked.

"Don't be alarmed, she got a fall on the sidewalk and I have brought her home. Don't be uneasy; she told me her name and address, and Dr. Randall will be here in a few minutes."

"Yes, but I've no money to pay a doctor," and the poor woman began to cry.

"Don't worry about that. I was partly to blame anyway. Just give me your name, for I hear the doctor coming."

"Mrs. Brent—Margaret Brent."

"Dear Lord! Can this be my own Margaret?"

"Oh, father! Is it indeed my own Daddy?"

"Here! Where are you, Ellison? Don't you know this child ought to be looked after?" called Dr. Randall bruskiy, as he bore Louise into the room and found Mr. Ellison with his daughter in his arms.

"Dr. Randall, this is my long lost daughter. Mrs. Brent, but you're holding Louise, I see." Then giving an appraising glance around the room, taking in the lack of comforts, he said: "I think it will be better if we take Louise to my hotel. I can easily get another apartment."

"Right you are; this is not serious,

CHRISTIAN LIFE.

THE KING OF LOVE IS HERE

There's a radiant star in the sky to-night,

Whose glowing wonder-gleam Finds response in my heart, and warms it quite,

As I gaze on its light and dream,

Of a far away place in a far away land,

Where a dear little Babe was born,

Whom gentle Mary, with tender hand,

Held close to her heart that morn.

A holy riot of mother-love

Illumined her fair young face,

And a wealth of tenderness born above,

As she tucked the Babe in His place.

No troublesome thought o'ershadowed her brow,

Because of His lowly birth;

But only a joy inexpressible now,

That the Savior had come to earth.

I'd like to have knelt, with those men of old,

Where the Child of Promise lay,

As they offered their gifts of myrrh and gold

To the King who was born that day;

But the thought that so warms my heart tonight,

With a gladness I cannot express,

Is, that I, too, have found the Prince of Light,

And have known His tenderness.

That whether in cities' busy marts,

Or the warmth of the country's cheer,

The King we have sought with glowing hearts

The King of Love is here.

—Carrie Abbott Guio in Religious Telescope.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

"Draw near to us, thou blessed Savior! even as thou didst draw near unto the world upon that joyful day which we celebrate, so draw near to each soul today. May all thy messages be as angel-voices to us. May we hear the heavens crying unto the earth; and may the earth answer back again. Now, after so many years of light and knowledge may men join with angels, and may the hearts of men be attuned to praise thee. And that we may praise thee, may we learn to love one another here upon earth, finding out that se-

but it will be painful, and we must make the little one comfortable."

Accordingly, a few minutes later they were all in a handsome apartment in one of the best hotels, and the two men already in love with the little girl, who was so gentle and patient, were promising her various rewards if she would be brave.

"Can I have an orange and some candy and a dolly?" the child asked eagerly.

"Yes, and a new cap and a sweater and some skates and a Christmas tree," the doctor promised recklessly.

When Louise opened her eyes the next morning, the sun was shining brightly on the new fallen snow, but what was of more interest to her, Granddaddy and Mummy were both bending over her. In the corner on a table stood a wonderful Christmas tree; in fact, the very one that she had been admiring. There was a big dolly in the top of the tree with many other toys flanking the sides. Louise gave a gasp of delight and then her eyes sought the ones that were gazing so intently at her.

"It's beautiful, the beautifullest ever—but, Mummy, I like the Santa Claus that I found ever so much better."—Inez Long Ray in Baptist Standard.

cret love which we shall give to thee and to thine own heavenly land."

"And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them."

THERE IS BORN A SAVIOR

Christmas is the supreme holiday of the year. It bears testimony to the greatest event in all history. Like many events that subsequently become rich in historical significance, this one did not seem of special importance at the time it occurred—just the birth of a baby boy amid the humblest surroundings imaginable. To a few discerning minds it was of greater significance, as the fulfillment of prophecy, and the promised fulfillment of a long cherished hope. As the fulfillment of that prophecy and the realization of that hope, the coming of Christ into the world takes on increased significance from year to year. We are coming to understand better what his life means to mankind, how utterly dependent upon him we are, and how utterly hopeless the world would be without him.

In the days of their prosperity the Jews looked forward to the coming of Messiah in whom the nation, and through it, the world, would come to their full glory. In the time of their adversity, when they lost their position among the nations of the world, they longed and looked for a Redeemer. But their idea of a Redeemer was inadequate, for they thought of a Redeemer only as one who would restore their lost political fortunes. They wanted redemption from the Roman yoke, and freedom to order their own course as a people. But they needed a larger redemption. It was not the suppressed national spirit that needed liberating, not the political ambition that needed realization, so much as redemption from the things within themselves that were responsible for their political thralldom. Just one thing was at the bottom of all their troubles, and that one thing is at the bottom of all our troubles today. That one thing is sin. It may have its outward manifestations in a multitude of ways and bear all manner of evil fruit in individual social, industrial and political life, but sin in its essential nature is the same among all people and in all ages.

Jesus came to redeem the world from sin. The greatest fact of the world was the fact of sin—the stubborn, outstanding fact that all the sophistry of mankind has not succeeded in explaining away. We may try to ignore it, but we cannot. We may call it by some other name, but it remains the same in its essential nature. We do not need the Bible to tell us that sin exists and that it has invaded every realm of human thought and endeavor. We are aware of it from the glaring headlines of the daily papers. We see it in the marred, cursed lives of multitudes of its victims. We are aware of its pernicious presence through the institutions that have been made necessary by its blight. It tarnishes all it touches, and persists in spite of all human efforts to eradicate it.

This ugly, repulsive fact is matched—more than matched—by the fact of the world's Redeemer. Jesus came because the world needed him and was utterly helpless without him. The angels were acquainted with both facts. They knew the world's need, and knew its Savior. In advance of his coming they brought the joyful message that "he shall save his people from their sins." They understood the significance of that first Christmas as the world did not, and evidently counted it an honor to proclaim the message, even to the low-

liest inhabitants of earth, "There is born to you * * * a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."

There always are some people who go off on a tantrum. They miss the lessons of the past, and imagine they are wise beyond what is written.

They proclaim some other way of salvation, something they have discovered or that their own wisdom has revealed. They ignore the fact of the sin that has its seat in the human heart, and must be dislodged from that stronghold before a permanent work of human betterment can be accomplished. They may touch up the surface of things to some extent and afford a measure of temporary relief from the worst of sin's consequences. But the sin remains untouched, only to reassert itself and continue its destructive work after the remedies have spent themselves. Men cannot be saved permanently from the consequences of sin without being saved from sin itself.

Others have toiled earnestly in the vain hope that they can reconcile the discordant elements of human society by their reform measures that do not take Christ and his salvation into account. Thus leaders in world affairs have gone on from generation to generation, making compromises and adjustments here and there, but leaving those who come after them with the same giant problems on their hands. But ever and anon, one of these leaders sees a great light, the light that radiates from the manger in Bethlehem, and announces, as if it were a new discovery, that the only hope of the world is Christ. Sometimes they are bold enough to say it through the secular papers, or assert it in the halls of legislation. We believe that the number of such is increasing, that we are coming to see more and more that the lowly Bethlehem manger held the solution of the world's problems. The prophecy of Isaiah, "Unto him shall the gathering of the people be," may be much nearer its fulfillment than we have been willing to believe.

We hear much about worldliness, about the defections from the church, about theological controversies, and other things of similar import. Notwithstanding all that, Christmas has a deeper, a more spiritual and a more practical meaning today than ever. In increasing numbers men are looking to the manger for the inspiration and guidance they need. They are seeing more and more clearly that he whose name is called Jesus must save society, as well as the individual, from its sins. He must save industry from its sinful strife, politics from its selfishness, the nations from their selfish ambitions, and the races from their prejudices and hatreds. In him alone is this salvation to be found. There is no other name in which men can be saved. Christmas remains the symbol of the world's hope.—Religious Telescope.

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Of happiness and best of health;
That he will give you faith to know
His gracious will and strength to
grow;

That he will keep you in the way
Of truth and life, and be your stay.
May these rich gifts from God above
Help you give him all praise and love!
This is my Christmas wish for you;
Accept it with my love most true.

—Selected.

WHAT CHRISTMAS OFTEN MEANS

The enrichment of Jewish, or pagan, and of heathen merchandisers to make a Christmas holiday.

The exhaustion of body, mind and soul in the search for expensive "gifts" which represent far more effort to achieve social approval than to express the Christmas spirit.

The complete reversal of our Lord's teaching about feasting those who will recompense us.

The purchase of children's toys for grown-ups to play with on Christmas morning.

The substitution of the north pole for Bethlehem.

The deliberate dare to the devils of biliousness and dyspepsia.

The blighting of youthful imagination by tenth-rate fairy stories which have not even the excuse of being told in decent English.

The frittering away of musical interests on jingling bells, parlor sleighing songs, and canned carols.

The notion that if you feed the poor at Christmas you need not worry over what happens to them afterwards.

The insulting of the dramatic sense by rope whisks, sofa pillows secured by belts, paper-brick fireplaces, stage reindeer, and blacksmiths' sore throat.

And, in general, the smothering of the glory and wonder of Christmas under a mass of tinsel, twaddle, and tommyrot.

What Christmas May Always Mean.

The giving of gifts to those who have need of our substance.

The sharing of self with those who have need of our personal values.

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CHRISTMAS IN BETHLEHEM.

Bethlehem, with its azure sky, its terraced groves of olive and fig trees, and its sloping hills where shepherds kept watch over their flocks on the eve centuries ago, is the Mecca of the Christian world at Christmas. The people of Bethlehem look forward to the day with keen delight, and elaborate preparations are made to welcome the Greek patriarch of Jerusalem, who comes each year to celebrate the feast with them. On the day before Christmas the patriarch, accompanied by a large number of his bishops, archimandrites, archdeacons, and priests, leaves Jerusalem about ten o'clock in the morning headed by Kawases carrying silver maces. Starting from the Jaffa gate, the procession descends into the Valley of Hinnon on the western side of the lower pool of Gihon and on to the Plain of Rephaim, known as the place where David overthrew the host of the Philistines at the shaking of the mulberry trees. Midway between Jerusalem and Bethlehem stands the Monastery of Mar Elias, where tradition locates the resting place of the prophet Elijah on his long journey to Mount Sinai. As soon as the patriarch and his retinue come within sight of this monastery, the natives of Bethlehem ride out to meet them.

On reaching Rachel's tomb, a large number of Bethlehemites—men, women, and children, garbed in Oriental dress of the gayest colors—join the procession, singing their sweetest songs until they come into the city. At ten o'clock in the evening the chiming of the bells announces the hour of prayer. The patriarch, clothed in his gorgeous robes and miter, sparkling with gems and diamonds, and preceded by the clergy carrying his crook, a banner with a picture of the nativity and two lights on either side and a golden cross, proceed to the church, with a choir of boys chanting as they lead the way. The patriarch is seated on his throne, with his retinue on both sides. At intervals he rises to take part in the service which is sung antiphonally and in unison without accompaniment. The service is chanted without intermission in Greek and Arabic. The bells chime at intervals and especially at midnight when the patriarch celebrates the service in the Grotto of the Nativity. The church is illuminated by candles and lights of different colors and is crowded by the pilgrims, visitors, and natives. At daybreak the services conclude with the patriarch's benediction. Many return to their homes the same day; others linger to visit the places made sacred by the Christ-child himself.

The people greet each other in front of the church with the words, "Kull sanah wa anta salim" (Best wishes for Christmas), and spend the day in feasting and merriment.—William C. Carl.

FOR CHILDREN.

CHRISTMAS.

When ma begins to tiptoe round
'Nd we begin to hear
A certain lushy, whisp'rin' sound
About this time o'year,
We know that she'n Santa Claus
Are fixin' things to do,
'Nd so we never peep, because
They never want us to.

When all the seats in Sunday School
Are filled with girls and boys,
'Nd no one ever breaks a rule
'R makes a bit o' noise.
We know it can't be very long
Till Santy will appear
'Nd pass his presents to the throng
That comes but once a year.

When Aunt Malindy comes and brings
The children 'n the bird,
'Nd she 'en makes popcorn strings,
We never say a word.
But anybody orter see
That she has come to stay
Till time to have the Christmas tree,
Which can't be far away.
—King's Messenger.

MAMMA SCHLABERG'S CHRISTMAS.

Fritzie Schlaberg sat on the step of his father's store with his money bank in his hand. Every once in a while he shook the bank vigorously. How deliciously full it seemed. Fritzie didn't know exactly how much there was in it, but he felt sure there must be fully two dollars. And that meant a lot of money to Fritzie. He was just trying to decide for the hundredth time what to buy with his accumulated wealth, when his brother Hans came stumping through the store to the steps in his wooden shoes.

Hans and Fritzie were two little Dutch boys, and they had come with their parents from a little town in Holland, the land of windmills and dikes.

Hans came and sat beside his brother. He wore a disconsolate cast of countenance.

"What's the matter, Hans?" asked Fritzie, who seemed to feel that his brother was out of sorts.

"Mamma says we can't have a Christmas tree this year," replied Hans, dolefully.

Fritzie started. He was nine and Hans was seven. If they didn't have a tree this year it would be the first time in their little Dutch lives that they had been disappointed.

"No tree? Why not?" he inquired, anxiously.

"She says times are too hard and we can't afford it," responded Hans.

Fritzie said nothing at this. Despite his tender years, he knew something of what hard times meant.

"She says we ought not to mind it this once," resumed Hans, after a pause. "It's the only year we ever missed. What do you think, Fritzie, mamma says she never had a tree once when she was a little girl; wasn't that funny?"

Fritzie rattled his money bank meditatively. An idea entered his little head. Poor Mamma Schlaberg! What a dreary childhood hers must have been with never a Christmas tree to brighten it. Fritzie's heart was melted with pity for her.

"Hans," he said, presently, "how much money have you in your bank?"

"A dollar," replied Hans, proudly.

"And I have two," said Fritzie. "Hans," he continued, "let us surprise mamma by buying her a Christmas tree. She never had one of her own, and think how pleased she would be for us to give her one."

Hans clapped his hands. The very thing! A tree for mamma! That would be just as good and better than having one for themselves. "We'll not let her know a thing about it,"

he said, excitedly.

"Not a word," said Fritzie, "We'll get papa to help us get it and set it up in the parlor, and we'll not let her go in till Christmas morning."

"And we'll buy her some presents, too, to put on the tree," said Hans. "I wonder if she would like a toy pistol," he added. His own heart yearned for that abomination, as most boys' hearts do.

"No, of course not," replied Fritzie, scornfully. "We'll buy her a shirt-waist and a silk dress and a gold ring. Those are the things that mothers and girls like," he added, with an air of superior intelligence. And Fritzie had an exalted idea, too, of the purchasing power of a dollar.

"Shan't we get her some candy, too, Fritzie," asked Hans, anxiously. He couldn't help think a little for Hans, too, you see.

"Of course," agreed Fritzie. "Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without candy."

Hans breathed more freely. He was so afraid Fritzie meant to spend all the money on silk dresses and gold rings. He was quite relieved to know that some of it was to go for candy.

"Let's go and talk to papa about it," said Fritzie, now full of his scheme. And the two sturdy little chaps joined their fat hands together and clumped to the back part of the store, where Papa Schlaberg sat by the stove smoking his Dutch pipe. When the boys told him their scheme, he entered into it eagerly. Papa Schlaberg thought the world and all of Mamma Schlaberg, and he was ready for anything that would give her pleasure.

Such excitement as there was during the days that followed, getting ready for the surprise! Mamma Schlaberg was completely mystified at the whisperings and the giggles of the two boys and Papa Schlaberg. And she couldn't understand why the two boys were so busy covering walnuts with silver sheet, and stringing them together, nor why they were making so many fancy things out of tissue paper and cardboard, but the boys knew they were for ornamenting the prospective tree.

Fritzie was a little disappointed when he began to make inquiries about the gold ring and the silk dress. He discovered that he had over-estimated the amount his money could purchase. But he was consoled when he proudly bought and paid for a purple and green plaid shirtwaist—size forty (for Mamma Schlaberg was shaped in an ample mold). And Hans bought a fine large breastpin that looked like gold, even if it wasn't, and in it shone a piece of glass as bright to the eyes of the boys as any diamond of the first water. Papa Schlaberg bought her a nice, warm scarlet muffler and a pair of blue mittens! And, O yes! they also got her a whole pound of peppermint stick!

Well, you may be sure they had a hard enough time smuggling the tree into the house, and trimming it up and getting the presents fixed on it, without Mamma Schlaberg discovering anything, but they succeeded. And when Christmas morning came and papa escorted mamma to the parlor, where the boys were hidden behind the tree, it would have done your heart good to see the amazement and pleasure beaming all over her fat face as the boys jumped out, crying, "Merry Christmas! merry Christmas!"—Exchange.

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L. R. CONFERENCE SOCIAL SERVICE SUPTS.

My dear Friends:—

We are entering the last month of the fourth quarter and I am writing this letter to ask that each one of you be sure to mail me a full report.

I know you will rejoice with me over the fact that this promises to be the very best year in our Department since it was organized. Some very wonderful things have been accomplished and the work, as a whole, is now better understood throughout the Conference than ever before. This Department of our missionary work is an avenue through which great and lasting good may be accomplished by the women of our Church. I am sure there has been much work done that has not been reported to me and this is to be regretted, as we need the encouragement that comes from a knowledge of results reached by other auxiliaries. In order that you may know something of the work undertaken and fine results obtained by many of the auxiliaries, I am going to give you a brief resume of the reports sent in by various auxiliaries.

All of the reports record visits to the sick, to the strangers and to those in trouble. A majority of them show that the County Jails, the County Homes, the Orphanages and the hospitals are given much attention at the hands of our Christian women. Every report shows a fine co-operation between the W. M. S. and other organizations working for community betterment. In most cases the programs outlined by our Council Superintendent, are carried out with the help of the literature furnished us by the Council.

Arkadelphia District makes fine reports. Arkadelphia and Dalark, showing some very unusual work in the holding of Cottage Prayer Meetings and in visiting the aged and infirm in the County Homes. The Social Service Committee of First Church, Hot Springs, works very effectively.

Mrs. Roberts of College Hill, Texarkana, reports great interest in the Public Schools and some effort being made to establish a Juvenile Court. They seem to have a real understanding of Social Service.

I have had many interesting reports from the young people and from the juniors and for all of these I give thanks.

In sending me your next reports, please be sure to designate whether they are for adults, young people or juniors. This will aid me greatly. Because of the press of many other duties, I have not been able to keep in as close touch with you as I should

have done; I want you to know however, that I am eager and willing to serve you in any way I can if you will call upon me. Let us strive to make the new year, which is soon to come, full of good deeds for the Master.

My wish for each of you is that you have a Merry Christmas and that the New Year will hold for you all of God's choice blessings.

Sincerely yours for service in His name.—Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Supt. Social Service.

CARLISLE AUXILIARY.

Mrs. E. E. Brandt sends good news from Carlisle, saying:

Miss Nellie Perkins president of the Young People's Missionary Society of the Methodist church was leader of a very interesting Week of Prayer program at the Church Sunday afternoon. After the program, Mrs. Neel, Superintendent of Hazen's Young People's Society, made a splendid talk and gave the Carlisle young people some very helpful points on the work. Others from Hazen who assisted Mrs. Neel were Misses Birkhead, Martin, Yates and Mrs. Harry Sparks.

OKOLONA AUXILIARY.

We have just finished a fair year's work under the able leadership of Mrs. T. O. Rorie. We have just two charter members and two others who have been with us a long time.

The most of our members are young matrons who are taking hold of the work with a vim.

At our last meeting we held our annual election of officers. Young ladies were elected to fill every office except Supt. of Publicity, who was re-elected.

I presented our work the whole year at prayer meetings and Sunday School, but I have written little for publication.

This afternoon we begin the mission study of "Over the Border." We expect a good time.—Mrs. Fannie Tyler, Pub. Supt.

FROM PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

Paragould District has not shown any great advance this year, but we are "carrying on" and hope when the books for 1925 are closed we can claim a place of honor by meeting our obligations at least in the financial realm in full.

At the close of the 3rd Quarter we were considerably short with our finances, but with the Week of Prayer offerings and a concerted effort on the part of each and every auxiliary to pay out in full for the year we hope to go over the top. Each auxiliary of the District has been urged to strive mightily to pay dues and pledges in full for the year and we trust that the 4th Quarter reports will show each auxiliary to have done its part.

We were mighty proud of our Paragould 1st Church report on the Week of Prayer program and offering which appeared in last week's Methodist, and if all the other auxiliaries of the District have done as well accordingly we will have just cause for rejoicing.

We have been unable to organize

the new auxiliaries we would like to have to our credit, but have tried to enlist the interest of the women in the places where they have no organization. Urged the Pastors of the District to assist me in enlisting women for the Gibson Auxiliary who are unable to be in touch with a local auxiliary. Mrs. J. L. Bartlett of Rock Springs on the Piggott Circuit is the only woman so far who has signed and returned to me the Gibson Auxiliary card; though a number of cards have been given or mailed out; however I am hoping that even in this last month of the year to receive cards from others wanting to become members of the Gibson Auxiliary.

If possible to do so we want to secure one or more Life Members before the year comes to a close and we are praying that some woman will catch the vision so keenly of what her \$25.00 might do that she will want to sacrifice a little during the Christmas time in order to become a life member.—Millie C. Gogue, Sec.; Paragould District.

HELENA DISTRICT MEETING

The annual meeting of the Helena District was held Friday, Oct. 9, in the beautiful new Community House in Parkin. On account of very bad weather only nine Adult auxiliaries, three Juniors and one Y. P. were represented. The ladies of Parkin were untiring and made the day a memorable one. The assembly room was beautiful with its tall vases of cut flowers and autumn leaves and the appetizing luncheon was beautifully served. Mrs. Sam B. Wiggins led the morning devotional and Mrs. Lee Swepston rendered a very appropriate vocal solo.

Interesting reports were given of the good work in the district. Several of the societies have paid their quota to the Bennett Memorial Fund and some have made a contribution to the Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah.

Large amounts for local work were reported. Crawfordsville reported \$1,500 paid on Parsonage and that milk for the school children was being furnished by them. Earle reported all but \$400 on a \$2,000 debt paid. (This was passed to them by the Stewards. It seems all stewards are alike—they know to whom they can pass these debts.) Wynne sent a splendid report.

Shiloh and Turner were represented by the Rural Worker, Miss Eidson

whose report was a revelation in sincere effort and in work accomplished. Helena reported every department organized and working enthusiastically.

Parkin also has every department well organized and has paid its quota to the Deaconess salary for the year.

Hughes' report was almost complete in every way, showing just how much a small band of enthusiastic women can do.

Wynne Auxiliary No. 2 which is composed of young women whose business hours will not permit them to meet in the afternoon gave a good report of their work.

Mrs. Preston Hatcher, Conference President, with ready suggestions was very helpful and inspiring in the discussion of Bible and Missions.

We also had the honor of having Mrs. H. E. Neblett, the efficient Secretary of the Jonesboro District and Miss Bessie Bunn, Rural Worker of that District, both of whom inspired us with good talks and glowing reports of their district work. The women are awakening to the needs of the rural community.

A beautiful description of Mt. Sequoyah, its advantages as a recreational center and for the School of Missions given by Mrs. Neblett was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Eleven members of the Rural District Board were present and the reports of the Treasurer, Mrs. J. L. Hare and Rural Worker, Miss Eidson were very interesting. It is very necessary that the women of the Helena District attend the Board meetings and avail themselves of the opportunities of the W. M. S. to serve the rural communities.

We were pleased to have from Rev. S. B. Wiggins and Rev. G. W. Pyles words of encouragement. One of the most enjoyable features of the day was a program of Reading and music with reports from the Juniors and Young People's societies.

The District secretary urged the officers and members of the auxiliaries to help make the district 100 per cent efficient by each one co-operating with the local officers and Conference officers and sending all reports on time. She stressed the collections of all dues and pledges that the missionary program of the W. M. S. might be carried on.—Mrs. J. A. Looney, Dist. Sec.

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PASTORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

In order to unify our work and put the superintendent's office in closer touch with the work on the field it was ordered by the Conference Board that all money raised for Missions in our Conference be sent direct to the Sunday School Board at Conway instead of to C. D. Metcalf, Batesville.

So let all money raised for Missions in the Sunday Schools of our Conference be sent to Conference Sunday School Board. Address your letter and make your checks payable to

Conference Sunday School Board
Conway, Arkansas.

Your Sunday School Day money will be sent as usual to Mr. C. D. Metcalf, Batesville.—G. G. Davidson.

BATESVILLE SET-UP MEETING.

The Sunday School staff of the Batesville District met in Batesville on Dec. 10 and set the goals for another year. These are in advance of last year and there is every reason to expect a great year in this District in Sunday School work. The presiding elder, Brother Lindsey, is leading the Sunday School forces of that great District in a vigorous program for larger results. The training program is especially attractive covering the entire District with Standard and Cokesbury Schools. The Board of control met and made formal application for their Standard School for the District to be held in August. The District staff planned for six Junior Standard Schools and six approved Cokesbury Schools. And in addition to this they set as a goal 24 one-unit schools.

The Batesville District has set a challenge for the entire Conference for the coming year.—G. G. Davidson.

OUR NEW ELDERS.

Our three new Presiding Elders are showing their interest in our enlarged Sunday School program early in the year. Arrangements have been made for the meeting of their staffs and they are seeking to put the work of the Sunday School forward on a larger basis and a more vigorous program than last year. We expect splendid results from each of the Districts served by new elders this year.—G. G. Davidson.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT ORGANIZED FOR 1926.

The Little Rock District is ready for the biggest year's work it has ever had in its Sunday Schools. At the Preachers' and Laymen's Meeting held at First Church last week complete program for the year was adopted setting forth goals worthy of this great District. The following officers were elected:

Dr. E. R. Steel, Chairman; Rev. J. H. Cummins, Vice Chairman; C. H. Goodlett, Executive Secretary; Miss Bessie Meux, Elementary Superintendent; Rev. M. T. Workman, Superintendent of Training; Rev. Jesse Galloway, Superintendent of Cokesbury Schools; Rev. J. W. Mann, Wesley Class Superintendent.

The group leaders are: Rev. C. M. Reves, Rev. W. R. Jordan, Rev. J. L.

Hoover, and Rev. R. R. Moore.—Clem Baker.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT READY TO GO

At the Pine Bluff District "Set-Up Meeting" held at First Church last Thursday the Sunday School work for the new year was given careful consideration and a program looking to an advance all along the line was adopted. This District made big gains last year and will be a serious contender for Conference honors this year. The Sunday School officers for the year are:

Rev. J. A. Henderson, Chairman; Hon. A. R. Cooper, Executive Secretary; Mrs. R. P. James, Elementary Superintendent; Rev. W. C. House, Superintendent of Training; Rev. M. K. Rogers, Sup't of Cokesbury Schools; Rev. R. P. James, Wesley Class Superintendent.

The group leaders are: Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, Rev. M. O. Barnett, Rev. Leland Craig, and Rev. C. E. Whitten.—Clem Baker.

REMMEL CLASS, FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK, LEADS THE WAY.

Always among the first Sunday Schools in the Conference to respond to every appeal the Sunday School at First Church, Little Rock, starts off the new year by putting on the Membership Campaign, which is the first goal of the new year adopted by our Conference Sunday School Board. The Campaign is initiated by the Elizabeth Remmel Bible Class and is to continue for five weeks. The class has been divided into two sections, with Mrs. T. E. Malone captain of the "Seekers," and Mrs. Wayne Harris captain of the "Finders." The regular members count one point, a returned member two points, and a new member counts three points. First Church already has the largest Sunday School enrollment in the Conference. Dr. P. C. Fletcher is pastor and Hon. S. W. Rogers, Supt.—Clem Baker.

4TH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS, LITTLE ROCK CONF. FOR NOVEMBER.

Midway	2.00
Rockport	1.00
Elm Grove	1.50
Tucker	5.48
Portland	10.00
Huttig	11.31
Saline	.67
P. Heights	3.16
Warren	17.00
Parkdale	5.00
Malvern	50.00
Few Memorial	1.94
Lonsdale	2.09
Deluce	1.25
Sunshine	1.02
Mt. Prospect	4.00
Fairview	14.56
Midway	8.00
College Hill	35.00
Thornton	30.00
El Dorado	613.16
El Dorado Ct.	42.00
Cove	1.62
Blevins	6.05
Zion	.63
Hollywood	1.00
Fairview	16.14

Social Hill	1.25
Macedonia	1.60
Watson (3 mo.)	7.12
Wesley's Chapel	.35
28th Street	5.00
Dermott	9.06
Emmet	21.94
Mt. Ida	2.86
Henderson	5.95
Henderson	5.24
Lewisville	8.66
Junction City	2.00
Alzheimer	4.44
Vandervoort	2.51
Gould	2.22
Traskwood	1.50
Hunter Mem.	7.14
Sardis	2.00
Rhodes Chapel	2.00
Lakeside	6.00
Rocky Mound	2.91
Mt. Ida (Buckner Ct.)	1.00
Winchester	1.56
Harrell	1.10
Gravelly Point	.87
Ogden	2.40
First Church, L. R.	45.15
Bradley	9.23
Silverena	1.20
Friendship	1.25
Prescott	8.30
Bauxite	5.00
Holly Springs	1.00
Doyle	1.17
Gillet	1.32
Few Memorial	1.85
Princeton	1.75
Swan Lake	1.30
McCaskill	3.00
Camden	15.00
Sherrill	2.50
Saline	.63
Cherry Hill	1.61
Washington	5.00
Mt. Tabor	2.18
Capitol View	4.20
Alzheimer	4.38
Pulaski Heights	1.75
Bethlehem	1.34
Hamburg	5.00
Wilmet	4.00
New Hope	1.50

El Dorado Deserves Special Mention.

We wish to call special attention to the offering of \$613.16 for Missions from the Sunday School at El Dorado. This is the largest offering received from any school in the Conference.—C. E. Hayes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

Following churches paid Sunday School Day offerings at Conference:	
Lakeside Pine Bluff	\$ 38.00
Marvin's Chapel	4.38
Lewisville	19.00
Eudora	25.00
Hazen and DeVal's Bluff	20.00
Benton	50.00
Kingsland	12.00
First Church, Texarkana	100.00
Amity-Norman	10.50
Paraloma	1.50
Umpire	2.50
Total	\$282.33

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

HONOR ROLL.

The following Churches and pastors deserve to be placed on our Conference Honor Roll as having reached their goal in Sunday School Day offerings:

Lakeside, P. B., Marion S. Monk, Pastor.
Lewisville, T. M. Armstrong, Pastor.
Hazen-DeVal's Bluff, R. R. Moore, Pastor.
Benton, Alouzo Monk, Pastor.
Kingsland, L. E. Waddell, Pastor.
First Church, Texarkana, J. D. Hammons, Pastor.
Amity-Norman, Geo. E. Reutz, Pastor.
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N. ARKANSAS CABINET MEETING.

The mid-year cabinet meeting of the Epworth Leagues of North Arkansas Conference was held in Conway, Nov. 25.

Every officer, with two exceptions, was present. Reports were heard, a policy was adopted plans for the assembly, in June, were made and a general recapitulation and survey of the work already done this year and that projected for the remaining six months, forecasted.

For the better gathering of news of the chapters certain officers were made responsible for different weeks. By this means it is expected that a constant flow of news will be available for the editor.

The following is the order:

First Week—Cledice Jones, S. B. Wilford, Beverly Rakes.

Second week—Ralph Stuck, Lorene Adamson, Laura Andrews.

Third week—Marie Howard, Ethel Taylor, Jno. O. Baker.

Fourth week—Noel Chaney, (all officers except editor).

Fifth week—Mrs. Critz.

Resolutions expressing appreciation of Dr. Goddard and the Conway people for courtesies were adopted.

Of unusual interest was the exhibit of various League posters. One room was set apart to hold the exhibit.

It was favorably received by many pastors, who were delighted to see what their Leagues were doing.

Mr. Noel Chaney, the president, deserves much praise for his untiring work among the Leagues of North Arkansas Conference.

ATTENTION DELEGATES TO METHODIST YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONVENTION.

1. After December 15 address all letters, telegrams, etc., to the Executive Secretary, Municipal Auditorium, Memphis, Tenn.

2. Admission to the Convention is by ticket only. To secure a ticket of admission, one must pay the registration fee of \$5.00. Visitors must pay this fee as well as delegates.

3. Immediately upon arrival in Memphis, report to the Auditorium and exchange your Delegate's Credential for a ticket of admission.

4. We suggest that you plan to arrive in Memphis the morning of December 31, get settled in your home or hotel, and be ready for the opening session at 7:30 p. m., the 31st.

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FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

The Epworth Leaguers of this District are rejoicing with the splendid work that they have just finished for the past six months. Just watch this District for the next six months. This is one year that the Fayetteville District has said that it is going to pay its Mission pledge in full by the Summer Assembly.

Just to prove this to you be at the Assembly and get the Fayetteville District report. We have 21 Leagues in this District and out of the 21 we have 16 that are doing 100 per cent work, and I think that some of the other Leagues will come up to the 100 per cent mark by the time the Summer Assembly meets.

This District is full of Epworth League spirit and I hope that I can organize an Epworth League in every church. This will not be hard to do if the pastors will co-operate with me in this work.—Beverly Rakes, District Secretary.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

After returning from the Assembly in June, we began planning to make our work more effective in the Batesville District for the ensuing year.

As District secretary, I thought in order that our work might be more effective we must know each other. So therefore plans were made to visit every chapter possible. Calico Rock was the first League that I had the privilege to visit and there I found a bunch of live Leaguers as you will find anywhere. They have a splendid League and I believe they will be able to report a 100 per cent at next Assembly.

An invitation was extended to the District secretary to meet with the Sulphur Rock League in an open air meeting. The invitation was gladly accepted and they had a very interesting program, one of the best that I have ever attended. Sulphur Rock has some fine Leaguers who believe in the work to the extent that they are working for a Gold Seal and I believe they will get it.

Our Institute was held in the beautiful Church of Calico Rock and we were royally entertained in the homes of the good people. Our stay was every bit enjoyable and we are thankful for the response that was given by the loyal Leaguers of the Batesville District.

The District secretary with the Conference secretary had the privilege of meeting with the new League at Newark, and there we found a good crowd of young people at their devotional service which we thought was exceptionally good. We expect great things from the young people of Newark.

Batesville, First Church, League is working earnestly for a Gold Seal and we believe they will get it for they are a deserving bunch.

Central Avenue League and First Church, Newport have organized mission study classes and both are doing great work.

Our work this year with all Leagues is encouraging and we sincerely believe that when the year comes to a close we will have shown an improvement in almost every way.—Cledice Jones, District Secretary.

INTER-CITY LEAGUE

Union meeting was held at Garden-er Memorial Church, North Little Rock, on December 14. A detailed account will be given next week.

Mission Study.

Leaguers, remember to get busy with your Mission study these long winter evenings. Your Standard of Efficiency requires either a home or foreign study.

TO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND SECRETARIES OF EPWORTH LEAGUES, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

For three years the Sunday Schools have taken a Christmas offering for our Arkansas Methodist Orphanage. This has proved one of the most popular appeals ever presented to our people. By their hearty response they have made possible the maintenance of our Orphanage.

This year the other agencies of the Church are joining the Sunday School in this offering. Of course the Epworth Leaguers want a part in this effort to provide for some little boy or girl who has no one to care for them but our Church.

Any date during the Christmas season will be all right, but we suggest that Sunday night, December 20, be the time for making this offering. Send check or money order direct to Dr. James Thomas, 404 Exchange Bank Building, Little Rock, Arkansas.—S. T. Baugh.

INSTITUTES ORGANIZED.

Hot Springs Union Epworth League Efficiency Institute was planned Sunday afternoon Dec. 6. Miss Ruth Smith, the Union president called all the officers and representatives of each Chapter together and we had an enthusiastic meeting and agreed to put over in fine shape the Efficiency Institute for Feb. 5-8.

Committees were appointed and instructors selected and everything arranged for a great Institute.

One Unit of Credit may be earned in this Institute by all young people over 15 years of age who attend and do the required work.

Pine Bluff Union Efficiency Institute was organized Thursday night Dec. 10. Mr. John Pope, president of the Union, and Miss Audrey Wharton, District secretary, had arranged for the meeting with officials and representatives of the Chapters interested.

We had an enthusiastic meeting

and all arrangements were made, committees appointed, instructors selected to have a great Institute here.

I am to meet with the Texarkana Union next week to arrange for like Institutes at both places.—S. T. Baugh.

MUMPOWER IN ARKANSAS

Dr. D. L. Mumpower spent a week at our Annual Conference and in the city of Little Rock in November.

He is coming back to Arkansas to spend four weeks with us in Hot Springs, Pine Bluff, Texarkana and El Dorado. This is a treat to the young people of our Church in Arkansas. It isn't often we have such a privilege.

Dr. Mumpower was the first medical missionary sent out by Southern Methodism to our new work in Africa when Bishop Lambuth went back to Wembo Nyama after his pioneering trip. Many of us remember seeing the picture of baby Mumpower in the arms of the old chief Wembo Nyama, the first white baby of Christian Missionaries ever entering his village.

Arkansas Epworth Leaguers are indeed fortunate to have this opportunity of seeing, hearing, and talking with this great man who is now one of the Central Office staff. He will be with us during the month of February, 1926. Every young person in reach of these Efficiency Institutes should make the most of this opportunity.—S. T. Baugh.

NOVEMBER REPORT.

Following is report of my labors for the month of November. One week of this month was spent in the office making out reports and getting ready for Conference. The week following our Annual Conference was spent in the office in the day and teaching at night in the Little Rock City Efficiency Institute.

I visited three Districts: Arkadelphia, Little Rock and Pine Bluff.

In five pastoral charges: Sheridan, Holly Springs, Lake Side, First Church, Little Rock, and Arkadelphia.

Cokesbury Training School held at Sheridan with 45 attending, issuing 19 credits.

Epworth League Efficiency Institute planned for Pine Bluff.

Inter-City Efficiency Institute held in Little Rock with 85 attending, issuing 53 credits.

Addresses delivered, 5.

Registration Postponed

Last week we announced that registration for the Methodist Young People's Convention would close December 15th. Since making that announcement we find that we have the following places open for the two Arkansas Conferences:

Little Rock
Ministers, 10.
Age Not Specified, 10.
Young People, 50.

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Ministers, 10.
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Articles written for publication, 8.
Letters written, 51.
Copied Chapter Check-Up for Conference and mailed to the District Secretaries.
Read 2 good books; 13 magazines and religious papers.
Spent 10 days in the office.
Attended North Arkansas Conference one day.
Traveled 845 miles.
Traveling expenses for month \$24.25.

Following are some things done during the month that are not listed above:

Helped plan a Sunday School building for Holly Springs.

Taught Third Department Methods and Church History in the Little Rock Efficiency Institute.

Printed 1,600 Annual Reports for Sunday School and Epworth League work.

Printed 500 Programs for Little Rock E. L. Institute.

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EVANGELIST'S ANNOUNCEMENT.

I am anxious to make dates with any pastor who may want me in a meeting, now or later in the year.

Would be glad to correspond with any brother under any circumstances. I am anxious to get into the work.—Chas. F. Hively, East Pike, North Little Rock, Ark.

FROM BROTHER McKAY.

Dear Friends: Many of you have been kind enough and thoughtful enough to write me. Your letters are full of good cheer. How wonderfully rich one is who has friends. I have been thinking lately that after all our real wealth consists of friends. When some of the brethren have written and said, "your name was mentioned often at Conference," I could but baptize my pillow with tears. I wonder if I am worthy of such love. I lay here and got every scrap of news as the Conference progressed. I could hardly wait for the appointments. They came on time and of course I was surprised at some of them. We always are. I was sorry so many had to join my class. God bless them. They are good men and have done long and faithful work. May their rest be sweet. God still calls and fine young men answer and enter into our labors. They are better prepared and will be able to do much better work than we have done. How I love the boys! I am getting (I started to write—well), no, not well, but patched up. That is the best they can do for me. They have put on some good patches and they are sticking fast. I am nearly normal in weight and have a good appetite. I have no strength, for the doctor will not let me out of the bed. I have literally lived on a bed for seventeen months, but some day, not far off I hope to be out with my feet on the ground once more. It is great to live, but oh how much greater to live and work. You who are well cannot know what a delightful thing work is until you are forced to quit. I hereby send Christmas greetings to you, my friends, and pray that the living Christ may be near you on that day. I am happy, full of sunshine and song for He is near and blesses me day by day.—R. W. McKay.

EL DORADO, FIRST CHURCH, EXTENDS GREAT WELCOME TO DR. HAMMONS.

Miss Eloise Angell, executive secretary of First Church, El Dorado, sends us the following account of the reception given Dr. J. D. Hammons and family at El Dorado:

"The people of El Dorado have certainly set a high mark for hospitality. They have opened their hearts and homes in a most royal manner to the new pastor, Rev. J. D. Hammons, D. D., and to his family.

"Last Sunday night the Presbyterian congregation did not have services as a courtesy to our church. Dr. Dudley was in the pulpit with Dr. Hammons and many members of the Presbyterian Church were in the congregation.

"Friday night the ladies of the church entertained in the parlors of the church for Bro. Hammons and family.

"Attendance at Sunday School on December 6 was 759 and a crowded house at the morning hour worship.

"Bro. Hammons has already won a warm place in the hearts of the people of the city, and we are working and praying for a great year."

We are glad to have this glowing report, and are confident this will be a great year in the history of El Dorado Church. This splendid church has been 100 per cent for the Arkansas Methodist for the past two years and we have already had a request from Dr. Hammons for list of subscribers so that action might be taken at once on a 100 per cent list for 1926. We are sure this list will soon be in our hands.

SENDS SECOND 100 PER CENT LIST IN N. ARKANSAS CONF.
In one morning's mail last week

we found a bulky envelope postmarked "Forrest City" which looked suspicious. On opening, as we had guessed, we found a 100 per cent list of subscriptions from our good friend, Rev. W. V. Womack. He has the honor of being the second pastor in the North Arkansas Conference to send in a 100 per cent list. This is Bro. Womack's fourth year at Forrest City and things are starting off well. In a letter which accompanied his list, he has this to say: "I have

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been well received for my fourth year. We had our board meeting last night and things started off well. The Methodist was placed in the budget. I was this week elected president of our Ministerial Alliance for the third time. I am certainly glad I am to have the Arkansas Methodist as assistant pastor this year."

REV. J. M. HARRISON GIVEN FINE RECEPTION.

Rev. J. M. Harrison, who is at Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro, this year writes us that they have been very kindly received and that the year has started well. They were given a "pounding" the second night after they reached Jonesboro. Let us hear from you again, Brother Harrison, for we are sure that this is the beginning of many good things that will take place at your church this year.

NEW PIPE ORGAN INSTALLED.

Asbury Memorial now has a new pipe organ, installed at the cost of \$6,500. Last Friday night a capacity house enjoyed a wonderful musical recital. The year is beginning auspiciously at Asbury. Rev. F. A. Buddin is the popular pastor. He is one of our most dependable, forceful and magnetic pastors.

PAUL RORIE MAKES FINE BEGINNING.

Of course, we all know and appreciate Paul Rorie, of "El Dorado fame." He was the man who built a church and parsonage at an expense of more than \$260,000 and paid for them within four years, and left a \$7,500 appointment for his worthy successor, Dr. J. D. Hammons. This is real service and efficient work.

But I started out to state that "Paul Rorie makes a fine beginning." He was warmly received by his good people. They have dined him and accorded him every possible courtesy. Under his fine leadership and with the support of his fine secretary, Mrs. Lucy Critz, 1st Church, Helena, will continue to rank among the great churches of Arkansas.

During my day's visit, I met several of the leading officials, all of whom were rejoicing over their new pastor. I was the guest of Mr. J. B.

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WYNNE METHODISM ADVANCING

Rev. E. T. Wayland and his charming family have endeared themselves to the membership of the Methodist Church at Wynne. Last year all claims and other current items were paid in full. Brother Wayland is sure that a similar record will be made in 1925-'26.

The Business Manager had the pleasure of speaking to a large congregation at the mid-week service, Dec. 9. The prayer services are well attended and a fine interest prevails.

Recently Brother Wayland sent in a large list, "With check attached." He expects to supplement it soon, making Wynne 100 plus. I appreciate such fine support and also feel deeply obligated to Brother Wayland and his good wife for their cordial hospitality when in their city.—J. C. G.

THIRD STREET CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS.

Very much to our delight we were read out for the third time to Third Street, Hot Springs. We are already planning for the new year. We hope to be able to make this the best year of the three. Our people have received us gladly. We seem to have the co-operation of the entire membership of the church. Mrs. Doak and I feel that we have a great field for service. The opportunity is great and outlook fine. The lots bought will be paid for early in 1926; then we hope to begin to arrange for the building of the new church.

Monday evening they surprised us with the largest pounding we have ever received. They brought 98 different packages. There were 75 people present. These people were of all ages. We had singing, praying and talking. All enjoyed the evening. We all feel that this will be a great year for Third Street.—F. P. Doak, P. C.

BRO. F. A. LARK IS HAPPY WITH RECEPTION AT NEWPORT.

Rev. F. A. Lark, who again returns to Newport, writes us that the people have given them a glorious reception since their return. He says: "These people seem mighty glad to have us back and we are returning their feeling heartily. These are a mighty clever and good folk. Should have a great year."

BACK TO ARKANSAS.

Mr. P. W. Furry, who was at one time lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference but who has been living for some time at Hugo, Okla., has been named agent for the Frisco Railroad at Bentonville and has moved with his family to that place. We welcome Mr. Furry back to Arkansas.

REV. J. W. MOORE RETURNED

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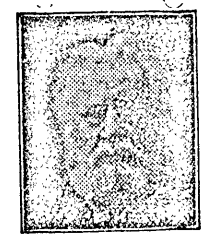
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day for them,—pastor and people, when the Bishop re-assigned Moore to 1st Church, West Helena.

Last Sunday (Dec. 6) was a great day for them. They had an old-fashioned love feast. The pastor stated that it was one of the finest services that he ever engaged in.

Look out for the 100 per cent list of this church soon. It isn't quite time to renew it, but it will be forth-coming.—J. C. G.

REV. AND MRS. E. G. DOWNS RE-MEMBERED BY CONGREGATION

On the eve of his departure for the Annual Conference at Conway, Rev. Ernest G. Downs, pastor of our church at Van Buren, was presented with a fine leather traveling bag by the men in his congregation. Mrs. Downs was presented with a beautiful hand bag. Bro. Downs was the recipient of an overcoat recently presented by members of the Methodist Brotherhood of the church.

REV. M. C. SMITH WELL RECEIVED AT PRINCETON.

Rev. M. C. Smith, who is at Princeton this year, is happy on his new work. He writes: "The people of Princeton gave us a full pounding last week. I have never been among better people than we have on the Princeton Charge."

LIKES OUR NEW PLANS.

Mrs. W. T. Bacon of Booneville writes us as follows: "We like your plans for the 'new' Methodist and feel that it will be even a greater blessing to Arkansas Methodists in the future than in the past and that is saying a great deal for it is a weekly blessing to us."

THE LIGHTS WENT OUT

Thursday evening about 7:30 while the thunder roared, lightning flashed and rain came down in torrents, the front door of the Rev. George McGlumphy's home flew open and another "shower" blew in, in the form of about thirty members of Circle No. 3 of which Mrs. McGlumphy is an active member. Each lady's arms were full of substantial supplies as well as real money. Mrs. M. E. Ward, retiring chairman of Circle 3, explained in a very few well chosen words that this was a shower of love and appreciation, which was happily responded to by Brother McGlumphy, seconded by a loud "Amen" by his wife. And then the lights went out.—Ft. Smith First Church Bulletin.

REV. W. W. NELSON AND THE SHERRILL-TUCKER CHARGE NOW 100 PER CENT.

Rev. W. W. Nelson is entering upon his third year as pastor of the Sherrill-Tucker Charge. It is one of the most beautiful fields that I know of in the state. The pastor and his splendid family are domiciled in one of the most modernly constructed and conveniently arranged parsonages that the writer has ever seen. In fact, I do not know of a more delightful situation within the bounds of our two Conferences. The parsonage and spacious grounds were donated by one of the prominent members of Sherrill as a memorial to her lamented husband who for many years was a prominent citizen of that town. Brother and Sister Nelson with their precocious son are happily situated. They are enjoying their work tremendously. All indications are that 1926 will be the red-letter year in the history of the Sherrill-Tucker Charge. The membership is responsive and loyal. The pastor is efficient and painstaking.

Great Get-Together Meeting.
The pastor invited the writer to at-

tend a Get-Together Meeting of the membership of the entire charge at Sherrill Monday night, December 7. It was a beautiful occasion. After a most delightful meal served in the new community rooms constructed under Bro. Nelson's direction, several short talks were made. The pastor led out in the discussion with happy remarks. He sounded in no uncertain terms an optimistic note and briefly outlined forward steps for the new conference year. As previously stated the talks were brief but they were uniformly interesting.

The following Sherrill people spoke:

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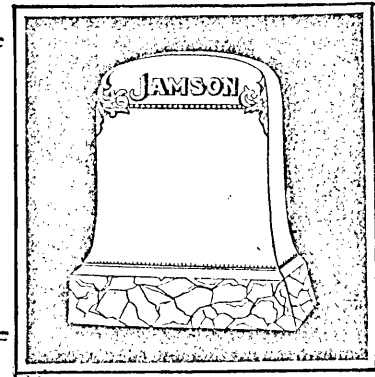
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Several members from Tucker made interesting talks as follows: Dr. J. D. Niven and Messrs. F. H. Wenzell, Jr., J. T. Richmond and J. B. Jackson; Mesdames A. H. Rogers, Asa Watson and Miss Marie Wilson.

I am expressing my feelings mildly when I state that it was one of the most helpful and interesting meetings I ever participated in. The writer was privileged to deliver a brief address on "The Elements of Success as Touching the Sherrill-Tucker Field."

Sherrill-Tucker 100 per Cent.

Before leaving Sherrill Bro. Nelson gave me a 100 per cent list for both churches. Sherrill-Tucker is the second charge in the Little Rock Conference to go on the 100 per cent list for 1926. I bow in gratitude to Bro. Nelson and his efficient members. I shall not soon forget the hospitality of the Nelsons during my brief visit.—J. C. G.

REV. P. Q. RORIE

We are glad to have the Rev. P. Q. Rorie and his good family. Dr. Rorie succeeds the Rev. W. C. Watson as pastor of the First Methodist Church, and he is one of the strongest ministers in Arkansas. We are sure he will be a great blessing not only to the people in Helena, but to the people in West Helena. May this be the best year of his ministry up to date is the prayer and wish of the pastor and congregation at West Helena.

May God's blessings go with Dr. Watson and his good family, as they enter in upon their new field of work at Hot Springs.—Helena Mirror.

REV. W. C. WATSON BIDS FRIENDS FAREWELL.

Before leaving for Hot Springs with his family this week, Rev. W. C. Watson, for the past two years pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, left the following message to his many Helena friends:

"In taking my departure from Helena I wish to say goodbye to my many friends, both in the Methodist church and out. I wish it were possible to clasp each one by the hand, but that is physically impossible. I have many friends here whose memory I shall cherish to the end of my life.

"I wish to say of my successor, the Rev. P. Q. Rorie, that he is a man in every way worthy, intellectual, energetic, sympathetic and has the pastor's heart. I bespeak for him the hearty co-operation of the good people of the church and city, and that he will have a great pastorate. With all good wishes I am cordially, and sincerely, W. C. Watson."—Helena Mirror.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE.

When our pastor, Rev. J. E. Cooper, came out to hold chapel service for us after his return from Conference, he was greeted with a hearty welcome by the student body. This began with a song of loyalty and ended with a rousing "Fifteen Rah's!" Both Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have been the kindest of friends to the students and faculty in their year with us.

The Glee Club gave a program at a downtown auditorium on the evening of December 11 under the auspices of the local Galloway Club. More than \$100 was cleared, which will go towards the work of this particular club—the paving of the street for two blocks north of the College up to the point where it runs into the main county pike.

The Senior Class held the annual Christmas bazaar on the evening of the 12th in the gymnasium, where in different booths many articles of needlework and painting were offered to appreciative buyers.

Mr. James V. Reid, who is well known in central and northwest Texas as an evangelistic singer and a director of young people's work, has been a guest in the School for several days and has brought joy and inspiration by his messages at chapel and group conferences with students and teachers.—Eleanor Neill.

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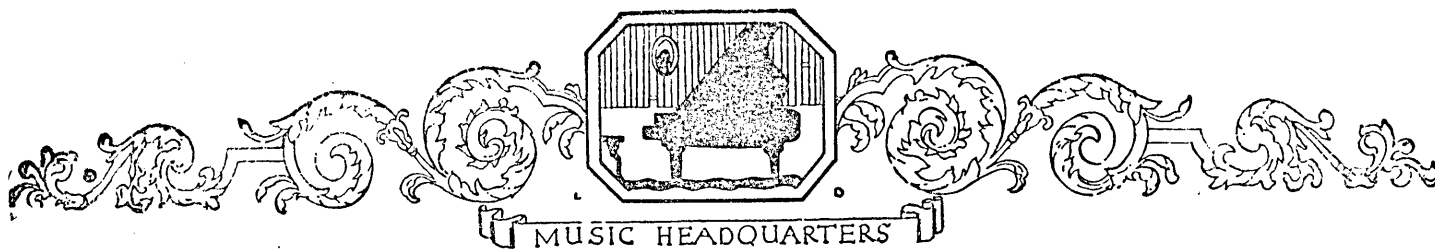
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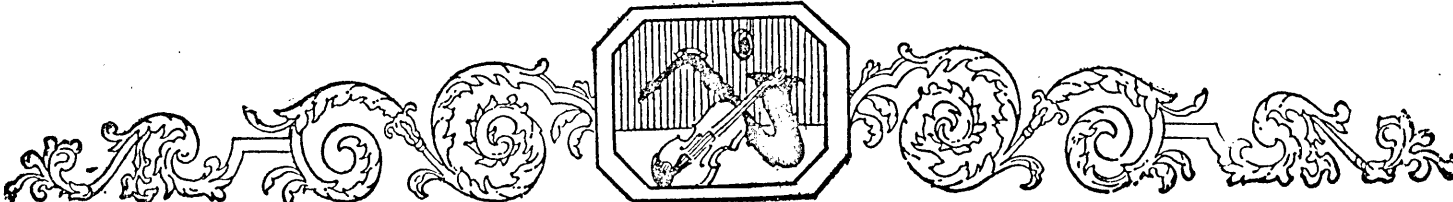
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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson for December 20

CHRISTMAS LESSON

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 2:1-15.

GOLDEN TEXT—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Wise Men Visit the Baby Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Wise Men Follow the Star.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Christmas Spirit.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Prince of Peace.

Note: For this Sunday's lesson the lesson committee has given us an option of a Christmas lesson or a summary of Paul's life. It is presumed that most teachers will prefer the Christmas lesson since Paul has been the central figure for six months.

I. The Wise Men Seeking Jesus (vv. 1-2).

These wise men who sought Jesus were either Arabian or Persian astrologers, students of the stars. The appearance of an unusual star attracted their attention. Perhaps they were acquainted with the famous prophecy of Balaam (Num. 24:17). Doubtless through the influence of the Jews who remained in Chaldea, or the direct influence of Daniel extending to this time, they had become acquainted with the hope of a Messiah. The light they had was dim, but they lived up to the best they had. We learn from them:

1. That All True Wisdom Leads to the Savior, for He Is the Fullness of Wisdom.

2. That God's Word Shall Not Return Unto Him Void (Isa. 55:11).

The seed cast upon the Eastern waters brought forth fruit after many days. This ought to bring confidence to many ministers and Sunday school teachers who have not as yet seen the fruit of their labors.

3. The Grace of God Calls Men From Unexpected Quarters.

Some who have the least opportunities give the greatest honor to Christ, while others, blessed with the richest opportunities, shut Him out.

II. Herod Seeking to Kill Jesus (vv. 3-8).

The news brought by the wise men struck terror to Herod's heart. He was not alone in this for all Jerusalem was troubled with him. A glimpse at the social customs in and about Jerusalem in that day will enable us to understand why this news brought uneasiness to the people. They were living in the greatest luxury. Beautiful apparel, sumptuous feasts, palatial houses, etc., led to gross immorality. We can thus readily see why Herod and all Jerusalem should be troubled. They did not want a Savior who would save them from their sins; they wanted to continue in them. Herod demanded of the priests and scribes information as to where Christ should be born. They were soon able to tell him. These people had a technical knowledge of the Scriptures, but had no heart for the Savior as set forth therein. Conditions much like these prevail today. This reception of the Savior shows that perverseness of heart is the cause of so many being indifferent to Christ, and of their opposition to Him when His claims are presented. It is true today that the luxuries of wealth, the frivolities of the fashion-lovers, and the gross immoralities to which these lead, make Jesus Christ unwelcome in many quarters.

III. Jesus Found (vv. 9-12).

The wise men, having obtained the desired information, started immediately to find Jesus. As soon as they left the city the star which had guided them from the East appeared again to lead them on—not that it had disap-

peared from the sky, but no doubt the city buildings shut out its light. The star guided them to the place where Jesus was. When they found Him they worshiped Him. In this they displayed true faith. They did not see any miracle, only a babe, yet they worshiped Him as king. Blessed are they that have not seen and yet have believed (John 20:29). Note God's overruling providence in all this. Many hundred years before the prophet had said that Christ should come from Bethlehem (Micah. 5:2). God so ordered affairs that Mary should be brought to that city to give birth to Christ. Let us be assured that nothing can thwart the divine purpose. God so ordered that these men should depart another way, thereby defeating Herod's wicked purpose. Through these wise men the Lord gave gifts into the hands of Joseph and Mary before their going to Egypt. Doubtless this served a good purpose in meeting their expenses during their stay there. Truly all things work together for good to them that love God (Rom. 8:28).

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Dalark Ct., Bethlehem, Dec. 15, 11 a. m.
Malvern, Dec. 16, 7 p. m.
3rd Street, Hot Springs, Dec. 20, 11 a. m.
Park Ave., Hot Springs, Dec. 20, 7 p. m.
Arkadelphia Ct., Hollywood, Dec. 22, 11 a. m.
Benton, Dec. 27, 11 a. m.
Traskwood Ct., Traskwood, Dec. 27, 7 p. m.
Dec. 28, 11 a. m.
Lono Ct., Manning, Jan. 3, 11 a. m.
Central Ave., Hot Springs, Jan. 10, 11 a. m.
Oaklawn and Lonsdale, Oaklawn, Jan. 10, 3 p. m. and 7 p. m.
Hot Springs Ct., New Salem, Jan. 16, 11 a. m., Jan. 17, 11 a. m.
Buckville Ct., Pleasant Home, Jan. 17, 11 a. m.
Holly Springs, Mt. Olivet, Jan. 23, 11 a. m., Jan. 24, 11 a. m.
Sparkman and Sardis, Sparkman, Jan. 25, 11 a. m.
Carthage and Leola, Carthage, Jan. 30-31.
Princeton Ct., Princeton, Feb. 6-7.
Friendship Ct., Social Hill, Feb. 10, 11 a. m.
Pearcey Ct., Friendship, Feb. 13-14.
Arkadelphia Sta., Feb. 17, 7 p. m.
—J. J. Stowe, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Evening Shade Ct., Sidney, Dec. 12-13.
Charlotte Ct., Charlotte, Dec. 13-14.
Cotter, Cotter, Dec. 15.
Mt. Home, Church, Dec. 16.
Yellville, Church, Dec. 17.
Bethesda, Cushman, Dec. 20, 2 p. m. and 7 p. m.
Desha, Desha, Dec. 19, 2 p. m.
Melbourne, Philadelphia, Dec. 21, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Bexar, New Hope, Dec. 22, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Wiseman, Wiseman, Dec. 22, 7 p. m. and 23, 10 a. m.
Central Ave., Church, Dec. 23, 7 p. m.
Calico Rock Ct., Iuka, Jan. 13, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Calico Rock, Church, Jan. 13, 7 p. m.
Pleasant Plains, Cornerstone, Jan. 15, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Stranger's Home, Clover Bend, Jan. 16-17, 2 p. m. and 11 a. m.
Swift-Alicia, Jan. 17, 2 and 7 p. m.
Tuckerman Ct., Dowell's Chapel, Jan. 24, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Tuckerman, Church, Jan. 24, 7 p. m.
Newport, 1st Church, Jan. 27, 7 p. m.
Newport, Umsted Mem., Church, Jan. 28, 7 p. m.
Mt. View, Church, Jan. 31, 2 p. m.
Newark, Church, Feb. 3, 7 p. m.
Batesville, 1st Ch., Church, Feb. 4, 7 p. m.
Elmo-Oil Trough, Oil Trough, Feb. 7, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Sulphur R.-Mfld., S. Rock, Feb. 7, 7 p. m.
—W. A. Lindsey, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Atlanta, at Emerson, Dec. 20, 11 a. m.
Magnolia, Dec. 20, 7:30 p. m.
Norphlet, Dec. 27, 11 a. m.
Smackover, Dec. 27, 7:30 p. m.
Wessen, at Wessen, Jan. 3, 11 a. m.
Junction City, Jan. 3, 7:30 p. m.
Taylor, at Bussie, Jan. 9.
Buckner, at Kilgo, Jan. 10, 11 a. m.
Waldo, Jan. 10, 7:30 p. m.
El Dorado Ct., at Bethel, Jan. 17, 11 a. m.
El Dorado, Jan. 17, 7:30 p. m.
Buena Vista, at B. V., Jan. 24, 11 a. m.
Thornton, Jan. 24, 7:30 p. m.
Chidester, at Chidester, Jan. 30.
Hampton, at H., Jan. 31, 11 a. m.
Kingsland, at K., Feb. 7, 11 a. m.
Camden Ct., at Harmony Grove Feb. 14, 11 a. m.
District stewards, District lay-leader and his two associates, M. P. Morton and F. T. Hunter, with all the preachers of the District, are called to meet at the Methodist Church at Camden on Thursday, December 17, at 1 o'clock, P. M.
—J. W. Harrell, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Cincinnati, Dec. 19-20.
Lincoln, Dec. 20, 3 p. m. and 7:30.
Pleasant Valley, Dec. 26-27.
Green Forest, Dec. 27, at night.
Springtown, Jan. 2-3.
Gentry, Jan. 3, at night.
Oakley's Chapel, Jan. 9-10.
Centeron, Jan. 10, at night.
Viney Grove, Jan. 16-17.
Prairie Grove, Jan. 17, at night.
Decatur, Jan. 23-24.
Siloam Springs, Jan. 24, at night.
Elm Springs, January 30-31.
Open Date at night.
Presley's Chapel, February 6-7.
Open Date at night.
Parkdale, Feb. 13-14.
Winslow, Feb. 14 at night.
Paces' Chapel, Feb. 20-21.
Rogers, Feb. 21, at night.
Sonora, Feb. 27-28.
Open Date at night.
Elkins, Open date.
Berryville, March 6-7.
Eureka Springs, March 7 at night.
—J. A. Womack, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Marianna, Dec. 13, a. m.
Hughes, Dec. 13, p. m.
Elaine, Dec. 20, a. m.
W. Helena, Dec. 20, p. m.
Forrest City, Dec. 27, a. m.
Widener and M., Dec. 27, p. m.
Aubrey, Jan. 3, a. m.
Wheatley, Jan. 3, p. m.
Clarendon, Jan. 10, a. m.
Brinkley, Jan. 10, p. m.
Turner, Jan. 17, a. m.
H. G. and M., Jan. 17, p. m.
Helena, Jan. 24, a. m.
Haynes-L., Jan. 24, p. m.
Colt, Jan. 31, a. m.
Wynne, Jan. 31, p. m.
Cherry V., Feb. 7, a. m.
Harrisburg, Feb. 7, p. m.
Vandale, Feb. 14, a. m.
Parkin, Feb. 14, p. m.
Earle, Feb. 21, a. m.
Crawfordsville, Feb. 21, p. m.
Hunter, Mar. 7, a. m.
Hulbert, Mar. 7, p. m.

District stewards meet at Forrest City, 10 a. m., Dec. 31. Pastors please meet with them, and bring to the meeting president W. M. S. president Epworth League, Sunday School supt., charge lay leader, and any other outstanding layman who will help us to lay a really worthy plan for the work of the coming year. Please be in earnest about getting out your important laymen to this meeting. Dr. O. E. Goddard and perhaps one or two other distinguished ministers will be here to speak to us at 1:30 p. m. the 31st. The good people of Forrest City will entertain you. On or before the 26th please write me who is coming. Be sure.—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Blytheville Ct., at Promised Land, Dec. 20, 11 a. m.
Lone Oak Ct., at Clear Lake, Dec. 20, 3 p. m.
Osceola, Dec. 20, 7:30 p. m.
Bono and Trinity, at Bono, Dec. 26-27.
Jonesboro, Fisher St., Dec. 27, 7:30 p. m.
Jonesboro Ct., at Mt. Carmel, an. 3, 11 a. m.
Jonesboro, Huntington Ave., Jan. 3, 7:30 p. m.
Nettleton and Bay, at Nettleton, Jan. 10, 11 a. m.
Trumann, Jan. 10, 7:30 p. m.
Lake City, at Lake City, Jan. 17, 11 a. m.
Leachville, Jan. 17, 7:30 p. m.
Tyronza, at Tyronza, Jan. 24, 11 a. m.
Marion, Jan. 24, 7:30 p. m.
Marked Tree, Jan. 31, 11 a. m.
Lepanto, Jan. 31, 7:30 p. m.
Monette, at Monette, Feb. 7, 11 a. m.
Manila, at Manila, Feb. 7, 7:30 p. m.
Jonesboro, First Church, Feb. 14, 11 a. m.
Brookland, at Brookland, Feb. 14, 7:30 p. m.
Joiner, at Joiner, Feb. 21, 11 a. m.
Wilson, Feb. 21, 7:30 p. m.
Hickory Ridge, All day, Feb. 28.
—F. R. Hamilton, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

England, Dec. 20, 11 a. m.
Capitol View, Dec. 20, 7:30 p. m.
Winfield Mem., Dec. 27, 11 a. m.
Highland, Dec. 27, 7:30 p. m.
Des Arc, Jan. 3, 11 a. m.
Forest Park, Jan. 3, 7:30 p. m.
First Church, Jan. 10, 11 a. m.
Hunter, Jan. 10, 7:30 p. m.
Mabelvale-Primrose at P. Jan. 17, 11 a. m.
Douglassville-Quyer Springs, Jan. 17, 7:30 p. m.
Bryant Ct., at Carmal Jan. 23, 11 a. m.
Bauxite, Jan. 24, 11 a. m.
Hickory Plains at Cross Roads, Jan. 30, 11 a. m.
Lonoke, Jan. 31, 7:30 p. m.
Austin Ct., at Smyrna, Feb. 6, 11 a. m.
Pulaski Heights, Feb. 7, 7:30 p. m.
Carlisle Ct., at Hamilton, Feb. 13, 11 a. m.
Carlisle Sta., Feb. 14, 7:30 p. m.
Keo-Tomblerin, Feb. 21, 11 a. m.
Oak Hill-Maumelle, Feb. 28, 11 a. m.
—E. R. Steel, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

McGehee, Dec. 20, 7 p. m.
Fountain Hill Ct., at Fountain Hill, Dec. 27, 11 a. m.
New Edinburg Ct., at Good Hope, Jan. 2-3.
Warren, Jan. 3, 7 p. m.
Hamburg, Jan. 10, 11 a. m.
Montrose and Snyder at Snyder, Jan. 10, 7 p. m.

Tillar, at Tillar, Jan. 17, 11 a. m.
Dumas, Jan. 17, 7 p. m.
Wilmar Ct., at Wilmar, Jan. 24, 11 a. m.
Dermott, Jan. 31, 11 a. m.
Arkansas City, Jan. 31, 7 p. m.
Wilmot, Feb. 7, 11 a. m.
Portland and Parkdale at Parkdale, Feb. 7, 7 p. m.
Banks Ct. at Banks, Feb. 13-14.
Arkansas and Southern Camps, Feb. 14, 7 p. m.
Lake Village, Feb. 21, 11 a. m.
Eudora, Feb. 21, 7 p. m.
District Stewards' Meeting and Preachers' and Lay Leaders' Meeting at Dermott, Dec. 17, beginning 10 a. m. and closing in the afternoon.
—J. A. Parker, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Gainsville Ct., at Oak Grove, Dec. 19-20.
Paragould Ct., at Pruitt's Chapel, 7 p. m., Dec. 20.
Biggers-Success, at Biggers, Dec. 26-27.
Pocahontas, 7 p. m., Dec. 27.
Attica Ct., at Clear View, Dec. 28.
Maynard, Dec. 29.
Walnut Ridge Ct., at Old W. R., Jan. 2-3.
Walnut Ridge, 7 p. m., Jan. 3.
Imboden, Jan. 8.
Smithville, at Smithville, Jan. 9-10.
Mammoth Springs, 7 p. m., Jan. 10.
Salem, Jan. 11.
Hardy-Williford, at Hardy, Jan. 12.
Ash Flat Ct., at Highland, Jan. 13.
Ravenden Springs Ct., at R. S., Jan. 14.
Paragould, E. Side Ct., at Hurrican, Jan. 16-17.
Marmaduke, 3 p. m., Jan. 17.
St. Francis Ct., at Pollard, Jan. 23-24.
Piggott, 7 p. m., Jan. 24.
Piggott Ct., at Rock Springs, Jan. 30-31.
Rector, 7 p. m., Jan. 31.
Lorado Ct., at Lorado, Feb. 6-7.
Stanford, 7 p. m., Feb. 7.
Corning, Feb. 14.
Black Rock-Portia, at B. R., 7 p. m., Feb. 14.
—Wm. Sherman, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Pine Bluff Ct., at Good Faith, 11 a. m., Dec. 20.

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Hawley Memorial, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 20.
 Redfield Ct., at Bethel, 11 a. m., Dec. 27.
 Sheridan, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 27.
 Gillett and Little Prairie, 11 a. m., Jan. 10.
 St. Charles, 11 a. m., Jan. 17.
 DeWitt, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 17.
 Roe Ct., at Hunter's Chapel, 11 a. m., Jan. 24.
 Stuttgart, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 24.
 Humphrey and Sunshine, 11 a. m., Jan. 31.
 Sherrell and Tucker, 11 a. m., Feb. 7.
 Altheimer and Wabbaseka, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 7.
 Grady and Gould, 11 a. m., Feb. 14.
 Swan Lake and Bayou Meto, 11 a. m., Jan. 21.
 Rowell at Prosperity, 11 a. m., Feb. 28.
 Star City, 7:30 p. m., Feb. 28.
 —J. A. Henderson, P. E.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Prescott Ct., at Midway, Dec. 19-20.
 Gurdon, Dec. 20, 7:30 p. m.
 Murfreesboro, Jan. 10.
 Delight, Jan. 10, 3:30 p. m.
 Mt. Ida, Jan. 16-17.
 Amity, Jan. 17, 3:30 p. m.
 Columbus, Jan. 23-24.
 Hope, Jan. 24, 3:30 p. m.
 Spring Hill, Jan. 30-31.
 Hope Ct., at Hopewell S. House, Jan. 31, 3 p. m.
 Bingen, Feb. 6-7.
 Nashville, Feb. 7, 7:30 p. m.
 Glenwood-Rosboro, at Glenwood, Feb. 13-14.
 Okolona, Feb. 14-15.
 Center Point, Feb. 20-21.
 Mineral Springs, Feb. 21.
 Blevins, Feb. 27-28.
 Prescott, Feb. 28.
 —J. L. Dedman, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT.

(First Round in Part.)

Kensett, Dec. 13, 11 a. m.
 West Searcy, Dec. 13, 7 p. m.
 Griffithville, Dec. 20, 11 a. m.
 McRae, Dec. 20, 7 p. m.
 Bald Knob, Dec. 27, 11 a. m.
 Judsonia, Dec. 27, 7 p. m.
 DeView, Jan. 3, 11 a. m.
 McCrory, Jan. 3, 7 p. m.
 Preachers and district stewards will meet at Searcy, 7 p. m., Tuesday, Dec. 29, and remain over through Wednesday, the 30th, for the meeting in the interest of the special missionary fund. Preachers will please notify district stewards.—W. P. Whaley, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Lewisville, Dec. 20, 11 a. m.
 Stamps, Dec. 20, 7 p. m.
 Mena, Dec. 27, 11 a. m.
 Winthrop, at Wilton, Dec. 27, 7 p. m.
 Fouke, at Silverina, Jan. 3, 11 a. m.
 Doddridge, Jan. 10, 11 a. m.
 Ashdown Ct., at Hicks, Jan. 16, 11 a. m.
 Ashdown, Jan. 17, at 11 a. m.
 Foreman, Jan. 17, at 7 p. m.
 Umpire, at Liberty Hill, Jan. 23, 11 a. m.
 Dierks, Jan. 24, 11 a. m.
 Lockesburg, Jan. 24, 3 p. m.
 Richmond, Jan. 31, 11 a. m.
 DeQueen, Feb. 5, 7 p. m.
 Gillham, Feb. 7, 11 a. m.
 Paraloma, Feb. 12, 11 a. m.
 First Church, Texarkana, Feb. 14, 11 a. m.
 College Hill, Texarkana, Feb. 14, 7 p. m.
 Fairview, Texarkana, Feb. 15, 7 p. m.
 Texarkana Ct., at North Heights, Feb. 14, 3 p. m.
 —Francis N. Brewer, P. E.

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