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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Knowledge, unused, may become a millstone about the neck; used, it becomes a life-preserver. Theoretically God's power is unlimited, but, practically, He often limits Himself because of our choices.

If we have a living faith in God, we believe Him, then trust Him in our life plans, and then obey Him in executing them.

Devils believe and tremble, but adopt plans not in harmony with God's and take fierce pleasure in opposing Him.

There are two conditions about which the true Christian should not become anxious—the one which he can control and the one beyond his control.

If you would avoid friction with your fellows, pour the oil of Christian kindness and consideration into the machinery of daily life.

Knowledge may strengthen faith: If we know that God is Wisdom, we can feel safe in the world which Wisdom made; if we know that He is Love, we can trust that his house of many mansions is to be our home.

"THE RELIGIOUS PRESS."

Under the above caption there appeared recently in The New Outlook, that magnificently edited general organ of the United Church in Canada, a significant editorial which is reproduced, in part, below:

"That there is a distinct sphere and a real need for the religious journal is now freely admitted even by men of prominence in other fields of journalism. Not long ago a man of pre-eminence in the field of secular journalism was addressing a group of people interested in religious publications. He pleaded with them at all costs to maintain a high type of religious newspaper, for, speaking from long and intimate experience, he asserted that this was the only ultimate guarantee of a disinterested press. . . . While all the churches are making more use of the religious press as an effective agency in carrying on their work, it is to be regretted that there is still lacking in many of our congregations an appreciation of the value of the Church paper as the minister's most valuable helper in arousing and sustaining the interest of the people in the great enterprises of the Church. A writer in complaining of this lack of interest, says: 'If the sane religious forces of our country would make as enthusiastic an endeavor with the circulation of their literature as do those who become enamored with freak ideas under the head of religion, we would soon see our country aflame with influential religious journalism.' With the churches themselves rests largely the solution of the problem of religious journalism; and, considering the vital relation of this problem to all the activities of the Church, as well as to our national life, its importance can scarcely be exaggerated."

THE OPPOSITION OF SOCIALISM TO CHRISTIANITY.

Because Christianity is a social religion, that is, a religion which deals with man as a member of society and not merely as an isolated individual, there are those who often use the term "Christian Socialism," and thus in some measure identify Christianity with political Socialism. This is unfortunate, because political and industrial Socialism is far from Christian, indeed is often positively anti-Christian. Its protests against certain evils in society may sometimes be just, but often they are simply the expressions of bitterness which the unsuccessful feel toward those who have outstripped them in the race of life.

Socialism, frequently called "The Revolution" by its chief exponents, as organized today is distinctly a product of the Nineteenth Century. Its real character may best be understood, as related to Christianity, by reference to the utterances of some of its leaders.

A WORD FITLY SPOKEN IS LIKE APPLES OF GOLD IN PICTURES OF SILVER. AS AN EARRING OF GOLD, AND AN ORNAMENT OF FINE GOLD, SO IS A WISE REPROVER UPON AN OBEDIENT EAR.—Prov. 25:11-12.

Bebel says: "The Revolution differs from all its predecessors in this, that it does not seek after new forms of religion, but denies religion altogether." Friedrich Engels has written: "The first word of religion is a lie!" Marx has said: "The idea of God must be destroyed; it is the key-stone of a perverted civilization. Bax writes: "It is useless blinking the fact that the Christian doctrine is more revolting to the higher moral sense of today than the Saturnalia of the cult of Prosperina could have been to the conscience of the early Christians. . . . According to Christianity, regeneration must come from within. The ethics and religion of modern Socialism, on the contrary, look for regeneration from without, from material conditions, and a higher social life."

In this last sentence Bax fairly defines the fundamental difference between Christianity and Socialism. Christianity considers, primarily, the inner life, the motives, and seeks to regulate these very springs of life. It is founded upon the idea that if the tree itself is good, it will produce good fruit. Socialism, on the other hand, is primarily concerned with outward conditions, and contends that, if we have good environment, we will have good lives.

Christianity, to be sure, believes in improving environment so that the individual may have better opportunities to enlarge his life, and Christianity believes in organization and co-operation so that the individual may increase his effectiveness by combining his powers with others; but Christianity also believes that, even with perfect environment in industrial, economic and political life, unless the inner life has been so transformed that its motives are unselfish, that is, Christlike, the individuals will ever be trying to gain unfair advantages. Superficially, Socialism may appear to be altruistic, but fundamentally Socialism is veneered selfishness. Christianity commands, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness," that is, put God's business first, and "all these things (food and raiment) shall be added." Socialism reverses this command. It says, "Seek first an abundance of food and raiment, seek ease and comfort, and pleasure, and the kingdom of God may come."

Today Socialism makes a strong appeal, because, through the use of mechanical power, it has become possible for the average man to have comforts and even luxuries that even kings did not enjoy a few centuries ago. Because these material things are so easily obtained and bulk so large in modern life, we have, without realizing it, become a race of materialists. We profess to believe in God, but when we cannot have all of the things that minister to comfort and cultivated taste, we become rebellious, and hate those who have abundance, and rail against God.

Christianity is a mere mockery unless it is an expression of the true spirit of Christ. He said flatly and unequivocally, "Ye cannot serve God and Mammon," placing material things in opposition to God. The Jew who sacrificed his only lamb (a thing of great value to him) to God because he believed that God claimed his best gifts, had a better idea of the relations between God and things than has the average Christian. Material things belong to God, and he does not want us to worship his creatures, but so to use them that they and we may serve him.

Socialism takes no account of God; but makes the acquisition of material things and their distribution for our satisfaction chief objectives, and thus makes selfishness the fundamental motive.

Socialism may not despise good character, yet it does not seek to develop character, but wants and their satisfaction. Few of us are avowed Socialists, but almost all of us are practical Socialists in demanding the things that satisfy our sensuous natures rather than the things that feed our moral life. Money, which can buy all kinds of material things, is truly, as the Apostle has said, "the root of all kinds of evil."

Our trouble today is not in doubting the ancient creeds, but in worshipping Mammon, in seeking satisfaction in things and not in character and the God of character.

Undoubtedly there are Socialists who are good Christians, but not because they are Socialists, but rather in spite of that fact. Socialism charges Christianity with being hypocritical, because Christians are far from being what they should be; but Socialism is superlatively hypocritical in that it professes to seek the things that Christians ought to seek in industrial and commercial life, and yet is fundamentally selfish and materialistic. We need a better term than "Christian Socialism," because that term implies too much of materialism. Would it not be better to call ourselves Christian Altruists?

IN VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

The joint session of the American Forestry Association and the Southern Forestry Congress was held, Jan. 6-7, in the auditorium of the Jefferson Hotel, Richmond, Va. As a delegate to the former and vice-president of the latter I had the privilege of attending all of the sessions, and, because of the absence on account of serious illness of the official toastmaster, I was pressed into service as toastmaster at the joint banquet. As I did not know a single one of the distinguished speakers whom it was my duty to introduce, at my request I was supplied bountifully with data (called "dope" by the newspaper men), and succeeded in interesting the diners in Arkansas by using some home-grown anecdotes. Presenting a famous Washington correspondent, who made a brilliant address, I referred to the high character of the Arkansas Gazette, the remarkable "Code of Ethics" adopted by the Arkansas Press Association, and the fact that, although for a long time I had been the only professionally religious editor in the Association, the secular editors were genuinely religious. At this the journalist seemed to be surprised; but I invited him to come and see. I had many compliments on my presentation of Arkansas.

"Forestry in the Development of the South" was ably discussed by Mr. W. L. Hall of Hot Springs, who also capably presided at one session. Mr. J. W. Watzek, Jr., vice-president of the Crossett Lumber Company, made a fine impression by his address on "Reforestation and the Lumber Industry," in which he modestly showed some of the things that his Company is doing.

Mr. W. K. Williams, forester for the Crossett Lumber Co., who was last year secretary-treasurer of the Southern Forestry Congress, made a fine report which was warmly applauded. It was my privilege to report on the "Progress of Forestry in Arkansas."

Mr. H. L. Tilghman, president of the Southern Congress, presided admirably. As dinner guest of Mr. Tilghman and his charming and accomplished wife, who had been dean of women of the Mississippi State College, I had a most enjoyable social hour.

The program was perfect and perfectly carried out, and the addresses were illuminating and helpfully suggestive. Col. W. B. Greeley, chief of U. S. Forest Service, in a very able address on "The Federal Government's Policy for Southern National Forests," said: "I would like to place the federal policy of National Forests before you in this light, not as something by itself, but rather as part of an all-round plan of timber production in the South. The sixteen States comprising the Southern For-

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Born to Rev. and Mrs. M. E. Scott, of Pine Bluff, a son, James Robert, on December 31.

We are in receipt of the Bulletin of our church at Danville, Rev. J. B. Stewart, pastor.

Rev. O. E. Holmes, pastor of Hunter Memorial Church was a caller at the Methodist office Thursday.

Rev. W. R. Harrison reports \$5 raised by the Sunday School of his little church at Douglassville for the Orphanage.

Miss Jewel Scott and Mr. Walter Phillips of Hot Springs were married on Christmas eve at the home of the bride's parents, by Rev. M. E. Scott of Pine Bluff Circuit.

The business manager was in Mena last Sunday. A detailed report of the church and the work of that prince of men, Rev. S. F. Goddard, will be given next week.

Evangelist Ed G. Phillips has been holding a great meeting in Gentry. Recently thirty men accepted Christ at a Sunday afternoon service. Already fifteen have joined the church.

Rev. H. Lynn Wade of Fayetteville has been re-elected president of the Ministerial Alliance. Bro. Wade is beginning a great year's work. He has received 64 into the church since conference, 30 of them on profession of faith.

Rev. H. K. King, pastor of Fisher Street, Jonesboro, and a returned missionary, expects to raise a minimum of \$1.00 per member for the emergency missionary program this month. Bro. King is an effective, well-equipped young minister.

The many friends of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Anderson sympathize with them and other members of their family on the death, Dec. 24, at Forrest City, of their little grandson, Edwin William, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin T. Evans of Paragould. The burial was in Forrest City.

Rev. Robert I. Long, in renewing his subscription to the Methodist, states that he is enjoying his new pastorate. In addition to his student work in Hendrix College he is serving the Salem Charge. Bro. Long is one of our finest young men and will receive his B. A. degree this year.

Jan. 11, at the District parsonage in Searcy, Rev. Harvy Anglin and Miss Nellie Marie Essex were married by Dr. W. P. Whaley. Brother Anglin is just finishing at Hendrix, and is pastor at Jud-

sonia. Miss Essex has been a nurse seven years, and for some time has been living in Colorado Springs. The couple left for the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, where Bro. Anglin will undergo an operation for appendicitis.

Rev. C. O. Hall, pastor Knobel-Peach Orchard is seriously ill in the Methodist Hospital at Memphis. The latest reports are that his recovery is assured. Brother Hall is one of our efficient young pastors and we are sure that his many friends will regret to learn of his illness.

In the death of Mr. T. L. Pound, editor of the Danville Democrat, in this city Jan. 11, the state loses one of its most useful citizens. As an editor he was patriotic and courageous and a creator of high public sentiment in his community. He was a loyal member of the Methodist Church.

We call attention in this issue to the advertisement of The WICKER TOURS. They have tours to all parts of Europe, but make a speciality of Christian Cruises to Bible Lands. If you ever expect to visit the Holy Land drop a line to The Wicker Tours, Richmond, Virginia, and get full information.

Rev. J. F. Simmons, the Centenary secretary, is requesting that all Centenary pledge cards and records held by local treasurers and pastors in Arkansas be sent to his office, 408 Exchange Bank Bldg., Little Rock. He is assuming the responsibility of all Centenary collections. Place the amount paid on each card.

On Christmas day Mr. Seth Ward Campbell and Miss Thelma Moore were married by Rev. W. F. Campbell, father of the groom. Miss Moore is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moore of Taylor, Ark., and was once postmistress at Taylor. The young couple are visiting with Rev. and Mrs. Campbell at Traskwood.

Our readers should remember that the Church is now passing through a great crisis on account of a shortage of missionary funds. Our Bishops and Board of Missions are making an appeal for special contributions during this month. Let no one overlook this, and let us do our full share in helping to save the Church from disaster in the failure of our missionary enterprises.

Rev. Rex B. Wilkes of Fordyce called Tuesday while in the city visiting Mr. W. H. Brandon, a faithful member of his board of stewards who is in a hospital on account of an accident in connection with the explosion of a stove. Bro. Wilkes makes a good report of his active church. Although it has paid its Centenary pledges in full, it will now pay its quota of the special fund for Missions.

Our sermon this week was recently preached at Park Ave. Church, Hot Springs, by Dr. W. M. Hayes, who is one of the most active and alert men of his age in the ministry. He was born in Ga., Oct. 20, 1845, entered the Confederate Army in 1861, was wounded by having his right arm shot off by a shell, June 11, 1864. Joined S. Georgia Conference in 1867 and served in Ga., Texas, and Ark. as an effective preacher for 57 years without a break. Took superannuate relation in 1924. He considers his work as commissioner of Paine and Lane Colleges for negroes his most useful service for the Church. He is now enjoying life at Hot Springs, and delights to preach.

We call our readers' attention to the advertisement of our Methodist Benevolent Association. This provision for the protection of our children will make a strong appeal for prompt co-operation and patronage, because Methodism is committed to the spiritual and material welfare of children. This is a systematic and general effort to do for our children what commercial concerns have heretofore done. The progress of Methodism depends on the degree of loyalty of our young people to Methodist institutions. The Sunday School is having a hard time holding children in their "teens." Right there is where membership in our Association stimulates and keeps them interested in Methodism.

BOOK REVIEW.

Churches of Distinction in Town and Country: edited by Edmund DeS. Brunner; published by George H. Doran Company, New York; price \$1.50.

This book contains fourteen stories of churches that are really live, active forces in their community. The methods employed in the organization and management of these churches are meth-

ods that hundreds of pastors in rural communities would find practical and helpful on their charges. Each of these stories pictures a church striving to serve its entire community in the most helpful way possible, that is by helping its members to serve each other and develop the best that is in the individual and the community. Edward Alsworth Ross says: "It is plain that the country churches here described are fulfilling an ennobling and socializing mission. Where they function the farmers will never become animalized peasants like those repulsive creatures Zola describes in 'La Terre.' How many youthful aspirations would wither but for them! How many rare and noble spirits on the farms these churches reach are cheered and made glad by fellowship in the quest of the noblest ideals that have been set before men?" This book is heartily recommended to pastors and workers in rural communities.

IN VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA.

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estry Congress contain about 227,000,000 acres of forest land, or 37 per cent of their total area. It is noteworthy that this region contains almost one-half of all the forest land in the entire United States. When to this vast acreage is added the variety and value of forest products grown in the South, the rapid rate of growth in response to her favorable climate, and the proximity of these vast resources by rail and water to the largest consuming markets of the country, it is, I believe, obvious that forest culture is bound to become one of the great and permanent industries of this region. The steady trend of economic forces is making forest culture commercially profitable. The United States is gradually, but inevitably, shifting from the virgin forest to the timber crop for its sources of wood. And as the depletion of our virgin forests continues and the timber crop in consequence commands a higher and higher value, the Southern States will, by reason of the natural advantages which I have cited, in my judgment, become the greatest forest producing region of the entire Union. And, I believe further that, just as far as possible, this development should come about under State leadership and through private and industrial activity."

Strong invitations were sent in by Louisville, Memphis, St. Louis and Jacksonville for the next session of the Southern Congress, which next year will not meet with the American Association. It was decided to accept the invitation of Jacksonville Fla., and assurance was given that adequate provision at reasonable rates would be made by the hotels.

I had planned to remain over Friday to see objects of interest in historic Richmond, and Dr. J. M. Rowland, the affable and obliging editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate, had arranged for a sight-seeing trip. However, we had not conferred with the weather man; and as Richmond found itself on Friday in the grip of a blinding snow-storm and the streets were covered with a sheet of ice, making vehicle movement difficult and dangerous, my plans were necessarily changed.

I had time only to glance at our fine Publishing House building, and walk through the State House, paying my respects to Governor Trinkle, who had graciously welcomed the Congress, and see a few of the other buildings in that vicinity. The old State House is an interesting structure admirably located on a commanding eminence; but is not large enough, and is now supplemented by a great office building on one corner of the grounds. Governor Trinkle, whom I had met at the Conference of Southern Governors at Birmingham, is closing a successful quadrennium. He believes in our forestry program and is promoting it in Virginia. Mrs. Trinkle was suffering from severe burns received in saving her son from fire in the executive mansion. She is greatly beloved and admired and her heroic conduct still further wins admiration.

When I found that I could not see Richmond, Dr. Rowland telephoned Rev. H. E. Cromer, our pastor at Williamsburg, who delights in showing visitors that historic town and environment. He met me and in his car carried me through Williamsburg and over to Jamestown, the cradle of English institutions in America. To view buildings and other objects that date back some three hundred years was distinctly impressive; but I must forego description for another article.

Brother Cromer is laying the foundation of a \$100,000 church at the entrance to the campus of William and Mary College. It is a strategic location. Arrangements had been made for the cor-

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Your servants,

....., Pastor.

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CONTRIBUTIONS.

THAT EVERY MEMBER CANVASS.

The Board of Missions has sent down a referendum to the membership of the church. It is designed that every member of the M. E. Church, South, shall have a chance to vote on this proposition. The aggregate of the voters will determine whether the present missionary program shall be maintained or reduced. In the North Arkansas Conference we have set Feb. 7 for the day for the public offering. In circuits the offering will be taken each Sunday in February till the entire circuit shall have been covered. Great efforts will be made by the pastors to get out to the services on that day the largest possible number of our members. The pastor will make the most urgent appeal of which he is capable and take the offering. But this is not the end. Not half of his members will be present. Not many of us preach to forty per cent of our members even on a good Sunday. From one-half to two-thirds of the members will not be reached by the public collection. To stop here would not be a referendum. Every member who does not subscribe at the public collection should be seen personally. It will require careful organization and much work to do this thoroughly. The church rolls should be prepared so that committees can reach certain groups. Immediately after lunch, (lunch at church where possible) let the committees already made up and instructed go out two by two to canvass the whole church not present at the morning services. We are now at work in this church preparing the roll by streets and districts. Committees of two are being organized. On Feb. 7, they will check off those who have paid at the morning service and go out at once to see every member not found among those who have paid or subscribed. It will probably take fifteen teams in this church to cover the whole membership that afternoon. Those not at home, or for any reason not seen, should be seen at the earliest moment possible. Never let up till we get a vote (forty cents or more) from every member of the church or his definite and final refusal to pay.

This will require much work on the part of the pastor and his committee, but if we are ever going to work in an unusual way let this be the time.

We should have some large gifts. Where able and generous people give one-hundred, five-hundred and a thousand dollars, let no pastor stop because he has gone beyond his quota. Regardless of the big gifts (and let us pray that they may be many) get a vote from every member. If

one member pays more than you have assumed or been assigned, and I know where that has already happened, let the pastor be just as persistent in getting a contribution from every member. Make an every member canvass. Get a contribution or a refusal to make a contribution from every member.—O. E. Goddard.

DOING OUR SHARE

By A. J. Weeks.

The task of world evangelization is the task of the whole Church. For this the Church of God was instituted and is maintained. This is its paramount work. In an effort to meet this world obligation denominations have seen the necessity of establishing closer co-operation. By agreement among themselves they have divided the fields of the world in order that overlapping and competition might be eliminated, or at least reduced to a minimum. No one Church feels that it must save the world but every church worthy of the name feels that it must do its share in this great task common to all.

Just now the responsibility for world evangelization rests in great measure upon the Churches of the United States. The evangelical Churches of this country have mobilized such resources in men and money as organized Christianity never had at its command before. We have wealth beyond measure, and all of the prepared workers we need for taking care of every need in every land. This is not true of the Churches in any other land. They are poorer than they have been in many generations. It is true that in devotion and liberality they still put us to shame, but notwithstanding their devotion present-day conditions put cruel limitations upon their missionary work. It is up to the evangelical churches of America to do the major part of the missionary task in this generation. If they fail the whole Christian program must fail for the present. We never faced a situation quite so urgent as this.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South is one of the great denominations of this country. Among the evangelical Churches of the United States it is fourth in numerical strength. Taken as a whole Southern Methodists are no longer poor. Our people have never known such prosperity as they know at this time, and their wealth is constantly increasing. In agreement with our sister Churches we have assumed responsibility for certain areas and certain populations in the non-Christian world. We cannot afford to do less than our share in carrying out

ner-stone laying that day, but weather conditions caused postponement. The presiding elder, Dr. T. M. Simpson, was present and held the quarterly conference which I was permitted to attend. Dr. Simpson is a polished and urbane Christian gentleman who knows how to make a conference pass off pleasantly. Rev. H. E. Cromer, an aggressive modern pastor, a graduate of the Ohio University, is deeply interested in the care of the student body and expects to have a church building adapted to their needs. I owe him a deep debt of gratitude for his many courtesies.

Leaving Williamsburg on the train with Dr. Simpson for Norfolk, I found a former Oklahoma friend, Rev. H. P. Clarke, on board. We had a pleasant journey, crossing Hampton Roads on a steamer, a sea voyage of fifteen minutes, slightly rough on account of the wind. We had lunch at the Navy Y. M. C. A., a fine place for our sailors. Then I accepted Bro. Clarke's urgent invitation to spend a night at his parsonage home, and had opportunity to hear a splendid pipe-organ recital by Chandler Goldthwaite, a popular young musician. Bro. Clarke is just starting his year at Park Place

Church, a strong church in a fine residence suburb in the progressive city of Norfolk. He is one of our most progressive young pastors and has a wonderful opportunity for service in a rapidly growing church with a modern plant for work.

Early next morning Bro. Clarke conveyed me in his car to the ferry where I crossed to Portsmouth and got the Seaboard train. Thus I was able to see a little of those cities around Hampton Roads. With one of the greatest harbors in the world, they have bright prospects for development. Our Church is strongly intrenched there.

Traveling all day through southern Virginia and northern North Carolina, interesting territory, I stopped for two hours at Raleigh and walked through the business part of that substantial and rapidly growing capital city and marked its advantages and signs of progress. Its Statehouse is beautiful, but inadequate, and most of the state departments are housed in commodious buildings just outside the Statehouse square. As the streets were covered with snow and ice going was not easy for a pedestrian. I regretted lack of opportunity to see more of this beautiful capital of a

wonderful State.

I had accepted the invitation of my old friend and student, Mr. Arthur Ramsay, to stop at Southern Pines. As my train was late and I had to press on the next morning, I had only time for a few hours in the beautiful cottage with Mr. and Mrs. Ramsay, and a short rest in the elegant hotel where they entertained me, and then I sped on my way home.

His many friends in Arkansas, who remember Mr. Ramsay as one of the best students in Hendrix College in the early days of my presidency, will be pleased to learn that after a very successful educational career in Washington, D. C., he was tempted to sell his school property at a handsome profit, and now on account of Mrs. Ramsay's health they are living for a while in this delightful winter resort where they have a lovely home. They contemplate a trip around the world this year. It was a great joy to meet them again, and I only regret that time was not sufficient to protract my visit and see their charming community, which sparkled like a palace bedecked with diamonds in the winter night.—A. C. M.

the command of our Lord to preach the Gospel to all the world. Certainly we cannot afford to abandon the fields for which we have, in solemn covenant with others, assumed responsibility. It would be treason.

In addition to the appeal of this self-assumed obligation there are certain considerations that ought to stimulate us to make every effort to carry forward our missionary program without interruption.

We agreed that the need was never greater than it is today. This is the consensus of opinion among all who profess to be informed about world conditions. In every field we occupy the need is very great and very urgent. It is not a task that can be postponed for a few years and then be taken up again. Postponement will be equivalent to abandonment.

In our foreign fields we have made our greatest gains during the last few years. In fact, we have made greater advance in our mission fields than in any other section of the Church. We have good reason to expect still greater advance in the years just ahead if the work can go forward without retrenchment.

In each of these fields we have splendid institutions already established. There are not as many of them as we need and wish we had, but those we have are doing excellent work. It takes time and money to establish and equip institutions such as these. To permit them to close now will mean one of two things—either we will abandon the primary work for which the Church exists, or else we will have to slowly and painfully re-establish these same institutions or others like them in the years to come. No well ordered commercial enterprise would think of following such a course unless it had decided to go out of business.

We have a splendid body of missionaries in our fields. There are not as many of them as we need, but those we have are doing excellent work, and in equipment, effectiveness, and morale, they will compare favorably with the missionaries of any other Church in the wide world. It takes time to enlist and train a missionary personnel. Some of the men and women who represent us in foreign fields have been there almost a life-time while others have served five, ten, twenty years. If our Church should find itself without missionaries it would take almost a generation to replace those valuable workers we now have in foreign service. The most valuable training they get they get on the fields. In addition to mastering the languages they must get to know the mental attitudes and processes of the people among whom and for whom

they labor. This takes time and patience as well as unbroken loyalty.

Then, and this is most important of all, we have growing churches in each of our fields. These native churches constitute the most valuable assets we have. It takes time to gather a native church membership. At the end of eleven years in China we had eleven members—one for each year we had been at work there. Now the annual gain is about ten per cent as against a gain of two or three per cent in the Church at home.

This is the appeal of our missionary situation.

We must put in the hands of the Board of Missions one million dollars in addition to the regular income if the work is to be carried on this year. If we do not do this we must close institutions, recall missionaries, and abandon native churches. If Southern Methodism turns from its task now it will prove itself unworthy of the name it bears. It will show less wisdom than any respectable commercial organization would show. We cannot believe our people will permit retrenchment in this unusual hour.

We must act at once. Appropriations for the current year have not been made. They cannot be made until funds are available or in sight. They must be made when the Board of Missions meets Feb. 2. Every Southern Methodist congregation ought to make its offering this month.

DO WE CARE?

Our superannuates and widows and orphans of deceased preachers are poorly provided for. Most of them are living under "pinched" circumstances. Many of them live in houses that need repair. There are very few of them that do not feel "pinched" for food and clothing. Very few of them have the actual necessities of life. That which some of us would regard as necessities, they would regard as luxuries. As an example, they do without proper glasses for their eyes. With some of them, it would be a luxury to have even a cheap pair of glasses. With many of them it would be a luxury to have good teeth.

Why do we let them suffer privation and live in poverty? You may answer, that there are so many calls by the church for money you cannot meet them all. But we have the money. In the first ten days of 1926, we paid around three million dollars for auto licenses in Arkansas. We will spend more for camps and camping outfits this year than we are asking for our superannuates for years to come. Our gas tanks will be filled regularly once or twice a week during the year. We will spend millions for joy-riding. Other millions will be spent for other pleasures and luxuries. We will make the movie owners rich, and with our money the movie actors will revel in luxury and debauchery.

In the United States last year we spent more than six-billion dollars for building. From the window of the room where this is written can be seen two buildings erected last year, one fifteen stories, the other twelve, at a cost of perhaps two million dollars.

Yet we are letting our Worn-out Preachers many of them, live without homes, and all of them "pinched" for food and clothing. And these are our own beloved brethren who labored and denied themselves all their lives that we might have this wonderful civilization. Do we care? Do you care? If so, write J. H. Glass, 407 Exchange Bank Building, Little Rock.

SERMONIC DEPARTMENT

PERFECT THROUGH SUFFERING.

(Sermon preached by Dr. W. M. Hayes at Park Ave. Methodist Church, Hot Springs. December 27, 1925.)

It is a very great pleasure for me to be with you this morning. I remember very well that I had the pleasure of preaching for you a number of years ago, and I rejoice in the memory of that occasion.

I shall read a short lesson, after calling your attention to one or two others that I shall not read. If you can remember to refer to the 2nd Psalm, called the Messianic Psalm, I shall be glad if you will read that. At the same time read the 1st chapter of the Gospel of John, because they bear on the lesson which I have selected for my theme. Then, if you are interested in the study of that which I think is the profoundest truth of the ages, you will read the 1st chapter of Paul's letter to the Hebrews, the finest statement either in sacred or profane literature of the union of man and God, or God and man. The 2nd chapter is a continuation of that, and I read it as a lesson.

From the 2nd chapter of Hebrews in the tenth verse I take this as my text: "To make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."

The first verses of this chapter have the distinction of putting in a very brief way the three fundamental lessons that men ought to know—God, man himself, and Jesus Christ, the mediator between God and man. A little further down you find that God became the teacher of all things in divers manners and in many ways. God has been speaking to the children of men for ages past; he has not been a silent God at any period in the world's history. He has been a speaking God, a teaching God, an interested God in the welfare of the people and he has been interested in instructing the children of men. He has done that in such a variety of ways and by such tremendous methods that we have hardly been capable of understanding. He spoke first through Moses, gave us the commandments which were the law of the Kingdom. Through the Prophets he revealed himself as the ruler of the people, but he says in these last days he has spoken unto us by his son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

John calls Jesus Christ the Word of God and he declares that this Word of God was with God and was God. A word is something that reveals the thought and convictions of him that speaks it. So Jesus Christ, when we consider him, becomes the very last and final statement of God to man, of his will concerning man. He has exhausted all other agencies, but they have not been sufficient. He has canvassed the earth in which we live and congregated the splendors about us and gone through the illimitable regions of infinite space and found nothing that was competent to reveal the heart love of the infinite God except his own Son. But he knew that he could not do that until that Son became identified and identical with man. So this Divine Son that sat with him in all the glories of the eternal ages ruling the universe of God and the Divine Father in consultation saw the ruin of men and said, "We will save them." Now Jesus Christ becomes the medium of revealing God's will to man in salvation, and he does that in his person. He was the Infinite Father's Son, and yet he was the Infinite God. This Divine Son had to come into the ranks of man to be one of them, and in that he had to stand and reveal

both by word and action the infinite father who sent him and gave him to be the Savior of mankind.

That could not be done by simply sending him as a messenger. There was the conception of God's surrender of himself. God has virtually bankrupted himself, with all of the treasures of his creation at command, with the Infinite Son that lay in his bosom, the brightness of the Father's glory from eternity; but he bankrupted himself in making his Son companion to become the Savior of man. He has nothing else to give. Jesus Christ came to us knowing that his advent into the world would be one of suffering and humiliation, but he came with his eyes open to the needs of a lost humanity. He came with a heart burning to reach men in their low estate and he descended from the heights where sat the Father above the angels and himself into the depths of fallen humanity, in their sorrows and in their weaknesses and in their sins, in order that he might tell them that God loves them and prove it to them by actions that are indisputable.

First, he said that he had to reach every man's condition. Now there are normal relations of man that you understand, but every one of these our Lord understood and he came into the world in order to enter into every relation of life that you can necessarily go into and suffer for you in that relation, to become for you not merely the instruction but the example of well doing. I shall mention only three of these relationships, because in a way they comprise all.

Has it occurred to you that Jesus Christ was humiliated in his birth. The son of God, to contemplate the idea of being born of a woman and born among a race of sinners? Do not you suppose that it caused the Infinite Father divine suffering before he gave his Son? Don't you suppose that the Divine Son must have suffered in the very sight of the angels as he contemplated becoming a human son of a human mother? Yet he came and endured humiliation, despising the shame, in order that he might glorify the cradle and make it the beginning place of saints to honor Christ and to honor man. You know we do not think enough of the cradle. Yesterday was Christmas day. The world recognized Christ. Jews, Gentiles, Mohammedans, all of the cults of the world have yielded to the influence and spirit of Christmas day. What was that? It was a little child that was born in a very obscure spot of the earth, without any heraldry of guns and without any pomp at all, and a little child not only born in that obscure village, but in a stable, a cradle in a manger; a little child. Let us compare that with some of the world's noble births. Napoleon Bonaparte, when he had married the second time to have an heir, married the daughter of one of the kings of the earth and by this marriage he was to have a child. The information went out throughout Paris that the time of birth had come and the soldiers had gathered around the cannon, and if there was a girl born there would be ten volleys, if a son it would be twenty. When the hour of birth came far up on a citadel rang out the booming cannon and Paris stood still! a child! a child! a child of the Emperor! 1, 2, 3 it went along. Thousands of hearers were very much excited to know whether the number would be ten or more and when it reached ten they stood breathless almost for a moment and then at eleven a shout went all over Paris, as they said a son has been born to the great Emperor Napoleon to become the heir of this mighty

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monarch and the ruler of all the French people and the great possessions of France. What became of that? That little boy died at a very early age, a little waif, a little vagabond. The mighty monarch himself became a prisoner on the Island of St. Helena after the death of his son and his Empire went to pieces.

Now let us take the other. There were no booming cannons for Jesus. There were no hurrahs for Jesus. But God sent a choir of angels and out of the clearness of the sky in that midnight hour this angelic choir sang to the waiting shepherds of their flocks, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to men." And then they said, "Let us go to Bethlehem and see." They found in the manger with the mother a child that was to become a child not only of the King, but the King himself, the heir not only of an earthly position, but the heir of the infinite God, that shall bring salvation to a lost world and redeem humanity for his own glory and carry them with him as his saved ones in the eternal ages. The Son of God was born.

Ah, mother, you know today Jesus Christ speaks to the womanhood of the world. Sanctify the cradle. Make it the birthplace of saints, of sages, of honored kings, of the children of the eternal. Sanctify the cradle!

I think we American people do not care for the cradle as much as we ought. I shall never forget what a Congressman in Georgia said to me at the birth of my first born. I was his pastor. I went to his home and he said to me, "Brother Hayes, I understand you are a father." I said, "Yes, I am a father." He said to me that which I will never forget, "A man can never forget the wail of his first born." Neither can I. The wail of childhood, the wail of childhood, the preliminary announcement of the sufferings of manhood and womanhood in the wide world in which we live. Jesus Christ in the manger; in order that he might be akin to every crying child in the wide, wide world.

The second phase of life is that Jesus Christ entered upon the ordinary and the perplexing and troublesome aspects of human life just exactly like you and I do. I thought I was born wrong sometimes when I was a boy. My father was a poor saddler, my mother the daughter of a poor hard-working farmer, not a very successful man, and I saw the children of a neighbor. I saw they were born in wealth and I rather envied them; but since I have learned the genius of God Almighty's plans to save a world, giving me the simple story of a virgin mother and a child born into the world in a stable, I have rejoiced to be able to say that I am a child of a man born anywhere in any occupation of life, starting out to live like my Lord.

For eighteen years we know nothing about him, except at twelve. At twelve years of age we find him in the temple, and as you read the story, you got glimpses of the fact that he was a carpenter. The Bible calls him a carpenter, yes, he was a workman in his foster father's home, making yokes for oxen, a very humble occupation, but it enabled him to say to other burden bearers in life: "Take my yoke upon you and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly in heart and ye shall find rest for your souls." The builder of earthly yokes knew that men had their yokes or burdens and were bearing them through life, and today the world is striving in all of its sorrows, pulling, with the yokes laid upon them, the burdens of life. Ah!

How often do we deflect ourselves into wrong doing, how often do we forget to be stewards and kind, how often do we forget the sorrows of our fellow-man, the needs of the poor that lie around about us, that we could learn if we would study the life of the man of sorrows. Now the object of all that was to make him perfect, not merely in nature, for he was sinless, but it was to make him perfect in meeting the conditions of life as they are and walking entirely as a free man in the light of heaven and in the hope of eternal life. I think that dignified labor is the finest thing I know of. Having read much history and been a close observer, I am sorry for the birth of children in rich homes. I think it a curse instead of a blessing to be born of rich parents. How often have I heard a mother say: "Oh, I don't want my child to suffer, like I did. In my girlhood I had to do thus and so and other children went so and so." Mother, hear me today. The women of the earth that have been worth anything are found where the children have toiled in their mother's home. Not the flappers, not these birds of fashion that went down the streets to tempt lustful men to wrong, not that, but women of might and the power of leading the world today. Who of you as a Methodist fails to remember Miss Belle Bennett? I had her in my pulpit some years ago. I had her tell the story of her young girlhood a little orphan in a country home, doing the work, she and her sister, who afterwards became distinguished also. Miss Belle lived to sound the tocsin of alarm to falling mankind in the liquor traffic and became the heroine of the noblest work that woman ever did.

Life and manhood! Do any of you know who have been the great helpers and benefactors of the race? It has not been your Fords; it has not been your Rockefellers, though Rockefeller does a magnificent amount of good; it has not been your Dukes, though he gave forty million of dollars to the cause of education. But who is it that has been the great benefactor of the world? Read the life of Paul and gather the story of the scourges that lashed his back five times. Watch him as he floats upon the seas in dangerous shipwrecks and watch him as he walks onward under the persecution of men. Watch him as he dies in Rome under the axeman's hand. But he preached the doctrine of Jesus Christ and became the great apostle of the Gentiles. These are the men that make men. So Jesus Christ came to be made perfect in the walks of life and they will make you perfect as well.

But, lastly, throughout their lifetime they are afraid of death. I go to that little boy and I say to him, "Son, are you afraid to die?" "Yes, sir." I go to that charming little girl and I say to her, "Little daughter, do you think you are going to die soon?" And a certain pallor comes over her face and a quivering lip and she is afraid to answer. I go to a stalwart man and I say to the man, "Are you afraid to die?" And his knees tremble and his heart quails. Jesus Christ has only entered into the silence of the grave to break the bands of this monster that is the result of sin, to open wide the doors of the grave and make them to have open passport to the celestial world.

My friends, Jesus Christ was made perfect, that is he was made fitting to meet all things in life. Let us close this by saying, don't you want an example you can follow? Go to

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THE DESERTED CHURCH

Within a sheltered valley

By mountains circled round,
Its white spire pointing heavenward,
A deserted church we found.
Beneath the swaying elm trees
The grass was long uncut;
No drive led through the tangle
For the meeting-house door was shut.

The belfry rope hung idle

Within the unused door,
And fallen bits of plaster
Lay crumbling on the floor.
The pews and the faded cushions

Jesus. Do you want a friend that can sympathize with you? Go to Jesus. Do you want a powerful being that can help you? Look into the face of the Son of God today and see him relieve the fears that surround the universe of God, feeling all things and knowing all things. Fall at his feet and claim him as yours, and he will help.

I shall never forget an old woman once a member of my church. She had rheumatism, and she could not walk a step. She had a huge cancer upon her face, and not a dollar in the world. Yet she kept the nicest, cleanest house in my town. She didn't have a dollar, but she had the finest eating in the town. People saw that she walked and talked and lived with God, and every day they ministered to this woman in their kindness. One day I sat down with her; but, before I sat down, I said, "Sister Ford, put your hand on my head, I am in trouble and sorrow; pray for me." I will never forget the woman's face. She said, "Brother Hayes, don't kneel at my feet; but remember Jesus will meet all your needs." Out of that little humble cabin I went and I got at heart the rejoicing and ability to say to the other folks that He is able to meet the needs of man to their utmost demands, fill their hearts with joy and their souls with hope, because he leads us into the presence of God. So, my friends, I come to you today with this suffering of Christ as he died upon the cross. His head was crowned with thorns. His hands were nailed to the wings of the cross. His side was open to the spear of the infamous soldier. His heart was burning and bleeding for a lost world, and he said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." Even in the hour of death, all visitations of divine help gone, he is our hope of eternal life. O brother, today don't you see, don't you understand the companionship and fellowship of the Christ?

I give you this closing thought, it is to the suffering of the earth that finally come the rewards of eternal joy. I heard Bishop Pierce, that magnificent preacher, say: "Brethren, I hear people say sometimes, if they could just crawl into heaven and sit down right at the gate, they would be satisfied." He said: "I am not satisfied with that. I could never be satisfied with that. When the time for my departure comes, I want to get on the old ship of Zion and landing at the pier-head of the city of Gold, to walk the piers that lead out to its golden streets a man of God, when all of the glories of heaven shall be mine, because my Christ died to give me all of these things. Then down the streets of the city of God, linked arm in arm with loved ones, under the leadership of the risen Christ and the eternal King shall we live forever, with no tears to stain and no hearts to suffer, the children of a King."

Were covered thick with dust,
And the stoves that stood in the corners

Were stained and scarred with rust.

The Bible lay on the pulpit,
The hymn-book in the rack,
But for years no hand had touched them
To turn their covers back.
The chart of colored pictures
Waited those who came no more,
And the organ keys stood silent
Since the church had closed its door.

Where now are the sturdy farmers
Who were wont to worship here.—
Those rugged pioneer fathers
Who came from far and near,—
Who stayed their week day toiling
Their souls account to search,
Hitched up the horse each Sabbath
And brought the folks to church?

The lure of the unknown city,
The passion for gold in the hand,
Have coaxed from the farms in the valleys
The eager youth of the land.
The windows look blank and cheerless
In many a homelike nest,
For the children have chosen the city,—
The old folks gone to their rest.

So the church stands there deserted
Where the elm tree branches sway,
With only the birds for singers
When dawns each Sabbath day,
So the pews and the pulpit are empty,
No people to worship there,
No pastor to shepherd the people,
No bell to summon to prayer.—
Marion R. Heath in Zion's Herald.

SPURGEON'S DYING APPEAL

Thirty-two years ago, about three weeks before he passed away, the great London preacher, Charles H. Spurgeon, wrote what fittingly might be termed his daying appeal to the Church at large, says an exchange. Said he:

"The presence of God in saving power in the Church will put an end to the present plague of infidelity. Men will not doubt his Word when they feel His Spirit. It will be the only security for the missionary effort. If God be with his people, they will soon see crowds converted and added to the Church. For a thousand reasons we need that Jehovah should come into the camp, as aforetime he visited and delivered his people from bondage in Egypt.

"Could we not all unite in prayer for this.....Come to thy Church, O Lord, in fulness of power to save! If the Great Advent is not yet, indulge us with outpourings of grace in times of refreshing. Oh, that all Christendom would take up this pleading and continue it until the answer came!"

Such a call is quite as fitting and needful today as in the time of Spurgeon. All our campaigns and drives must fail unless they are the activities of a spirit-filled church. "Except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it."—Selected.

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Set eyes upon the mountain peak,
But keep your feet upon the road;
Dare any eminence to seek;
Despising not the daily load.
Cerulean the light that lies
Upon the granite hills of gray;
Look not so much to azure skies,
You see no primrose by the way.

Set eyes upon the eagle's flight,
Yet hear the warble of a thrush;
Strain not so madly for the height
You hear no music in the hush.
Above you stand the mighty throng
Who now Parnassus' nectar sip;
But give a comrade here a song
And learn the joy of fellowship.

Set eyes upon the mountain peak,
But keep your feet upon the road;
A word of courage to the weak,
A hand to share another load.
Give comfort to the thirsty soul
That walks beside you on the way
With still Tomorrow for your goal,
Learn how to live Today today.

—Douglas Malloch.

THE VOICE OF THE YEARS.

The Old Year, gray, wrinkled, and bent, is not so eager to pass on that he has no word for the New Year—the New Year, young, hopeful, inexperienced, and eager. The Old Year is not lamenting his going, and he is not departing without leaving some unfinished responsibilities for the young New Year.

The Old Year says: "Here are these young people. Take them and show them a vision of what they may be. Be to them a faithful, helpful friend."

The New Year calls out to the departing Old Year: "I accept the charge you give me. I, too, am young and I love the youth. I will give them, day by day, new opportunities to make the most of themselves. I will give them the material out of which to make life. The time that I shall give to them shall be handed out hour by hour. Those who will accept my gifts and use the hours will be enriched and strengthened, and will come to the end of the twelve months, better, nobler, happier, older young people."

"Good-by, Old Year. And once again, Old Year, good-by forever;
With time long dead thou down hast lain,

And comradeship we sever
The past holds thee, the future me;
My goal is immortality—
The life which endeth never."—Ex.

"PUPPY LOVE."

That is the undignified name given to it by older people. It is an offensive expression to those who are swayed by the earlier love affairs of youth, when what seems like serious love affairs are likely to change within a few days.

A writer in "The Baptist," A. W. Beaven, mentions some of the dangers that lurk in unwholesome friendship of early youth. Sometimes in short stories we read of a young girl picked up by some rich, young man with a high-powered car, and during the drive he falls in love with her. They run away and get married and she lives in wealth and ease. "This may happen in short stories, but not often in real life," says Mr. Beaven. "In realities of life, what happens usually is that the clandestine or questionable friendship is about one hundred percent bad."

A mother tried hard to persuade her young and beautiful daughter not to keep company with a young man of questionable character, who, as the girl said, "danced divinely." He told the girl that her mother was simply old-fashioned, that we are "living in

the present time." He told the girl that she could make sixty-five dollars a week as a cabaret dancer. The girl ran away with the fellow. About ten days later, the girl shame-facedly came back home, besmirched in character and broken-hearted. All the glittering promises were false, and the girl will have to pay for her folly as long as she lives.

"Young people should not keep fast or questionable company, not because someone says it is naughty, but because it is foolish, because it might cost them a life time of regret."

"Too much cannot be said against the idea that our modern 'liberty,' or craze for 'self-expression' makes it all right for a girl to accept 'pick-up friendships,' or for a boy to form his acquaintances in the same way, meeting others on the street corners, or at theaters, or dance halls, or like places," says Mr. Beaven. "It may be done, and, of course, it is done, but the results are the same as they always have been."—The Watchword.

GRADING SINS.

All sins are bad enough to be always avoided. There is no special advantage in classifying them as to their deadliness. However, this was done by the students in Texas colleges.

The Texas students were asked to arrange in the order of their deadliness sixteen practices that are to be avoided. Here is the list in the order in which the Texas students placed them, as reported in the Vox Studentium, an international student publication:

Sex irregularity came first, then, in order, stealing, cheating, lying, drinking, gambling, vulgar talk, Sabbath-breaking, swearing, gossip, selfishness, snobbishness, extravagance, smoking and dancing.

There was a striking similarity in the rankings given by men and women, the first seven misdemeanors being identical, with only minor variations in the rest.—Ex.

A COLLEGE STUDENT'S TEN COMMANDMENTS.

Those students who intend to turn over a new leaf in 1926 will do well to consider the following commandments written by a student at Simpson College:

1. THOU SHALT HAVE NO OTHER GODS BEFORE ME. Thou shalt not in a far country forget the God of thy fathers. He is even on the campus of your college as well as at home.

2. THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE. Neither anything else that thou shalt worship—whether a social organization, athletic interests, or any outside activity.

3. THOU SHALT NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD THY GOD IN VAIN. No, not even in minced oaths.

4. REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work; all thy studies. Fill the day with those things acceptable to God.

5. HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER by holding fast to the best that they have taught thee; by showing respect in thought, word and deed.

6. THOU SHALT NOT KILL hopes, ideals, no nor the reputation of the girl or boy across the hall.

7. THOU SHALT NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. Respect the sacredness of love, regard it never lightly.

8. THOU SHALT NOT STEAL neither thy roommate's nor neighbor's time, ideas, work nor friends.

9. THOU SHALT NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST THY

FOR CHILDREN.

DONKEY PICTURES.

When mother tucks me in my bed
And I my evening prayer have said,
She makes fine pictures on the wall,
And one I like the best of all;
I ask her for 'most ev'ry night—
A donkey picture that can bite.

He opens wide his mouth, and I
Just push my finger in. And my!
He snaps his jaws just dreadfully
But doesn't hurt a bit, you see.
Then mother laughs and fore I know
That naughty donkey's grabbed my toe.

I pull my foot up under me
And right there on the wall I see
That selfsame donkey laughing now,
Just 'cause I hollered, "Ow-oo-ow!"
Then mother kisses me good-night
And finally turns out the light.—
Margaret Brown Elms in Zion's Herald.

THE SPONGE THAT KEPT HIS PROMISE

He was the littlest sponge of them all, and he loved his mother dearly; yet it was a proud day when he floated away with all the other little sponges. How proud the mother was of them, these tiny, soft sponges that floated gently away through the clear, still water deep down in the great ocean. For baby sponges set out in the world at once for themselves, till they come to a good-looking place, then they simply settle down and grow there for keeps. They never see their dear mother again like little girls and boys do.

Although this littlest sponge was very proud to go sailing away out into the great ocean, he was very sorry to leave his dear mother.

"I'll come back some day," he called to her; but mother sponge smiled sadly, for well she knew that soon

NEIGHBOR neither in thy room nor thy society hall nor anywhere else among thy friends.

10. THOU SHALT NOT COVET thy friends' clothes, grades, social position, nor anything else that thou hast not earned.

THE REWARDS OF SCIENTIFIC ACHIEVEMENT.

"Science is an enormous contributor to human welfare and happiness," said President Ernest DeWitt Burton in his recent Convocation statement at the University of Chicago. "The man of research has the joy of search, and sometimes the joy of discovery, which he prizes above any rewards of wealth. The community as a whole experiences the benefit of enlarged horizon, increased knowledge, and increased wealth. It is estimated that the average earning power of a man has been within a hundred years multiplied by four by reason of the discoveries of science. But the financial rewards of scientific discovery do not return in any large measure to the discoverer. The Stieglitzes and the Michelsons and the Judds cannot build the laboratories which their scientific achievements call for with the financial rewards that those achievements bring to them. The millions of profit go to the master minds of the business world. I mention it only to emphasize the obvious fact that not only the progress of science but the welfare of society is dependent upon a spirit of co-operation permeating all elements of society. And we of the University must frankly recognize that we are dependent upon the co-operation of the men of business to enable us to make that further progress which we so much desire to achieve."

the precious babies would all be growing tight to some rock far from her.

On and on these babies rode through the green water, past all the neighbor sponges, through a school of tiny fishes, on through the deep, still water where rocks were larger than any they had ever seen before.

"I'm tired," said one of them. "I'm going to rest awhile on this nice white rock; I can easily catch up with the rest of you if you go slowly."

But he never caught up, for he never got up. The stone held him fast, and the soft, lacy edges of him grew tough and clung so fast he could not pull loose.

"Oh, well," he said, "this isn't so bad, it might have been worse." Which, after all, is a very good way to look at trouble.

The other babies finally got tired swimming around waiting for him, and decided to rest on the pretty clean rocks they were passing. And they, too, stayed where they landed.

It was the littlest sponge of them all who chose the prettiest rock. It was round-shaped and marked all over with the prettiest markings, giving it a panel effect. And the littlest sponge surely needed a place to cling, for after a while he felt a shiver run through the rock.

Up around the edges of the rock appeared six funny waving things that paddled along, taking the rock and the little sponge with it. Four of the paddles had sharp claws, one was simply pointed at the end and stuck straight up, while the one in front had two little eyes that saw everything. Yes, you have guessed it. The little sponge was growing fast to the back of a turtle!

"Good-by," he shouted to the rest as he rode away, "I'm going back to visit mother."

How surprised mother sponge was, for she never dreamed of seeing any of her babies again. And she loved the littlest sponge more than ever because he kept his promise.—Ann Robinson, in Zion's Herald.

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GREETINGS FROM YOUR PRESIDENT LITTLE ROCK CONF.

Though it is just a little late I want to say to every auxiliary and to every woman in the Little Rock Conference—"I wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year." Prosperous in the things pertaining to the extension of His Kingdom. Happy in the fullness of joy in our Lord. May the close of the year find us all rejoicing in a new and fuller realization of just what is meant by lifting high the cross of Jesus Christ.

Our year 1925 has just closed. An eventful year for the women of our Conference. I am hoping when you read these lines that all reports will be in and all funds collected in full. Have you, dear reader, enough interest in the work of the W. M. S. to take this as a personal message and find out if your society is paid in full and all reports sent in?

Your president has labored under a great handicap but thanks be to the loyal co-operation of every officer, and the valient field work of the District Secretaries, we believe the work has prospered in all departments.

The Elza Memorial Fund is coming in very well—the plans for the Elza-Stephens Hall on Mt. Sequoyah have been completed and work on the building will soon begin.

We are hoping that a great host of our women are already planning to attend the School of Missions this Summer.

Our Council meets in Raleigh, N. C. on March 10-17. Get in your orders early for the Council Bulletin so you may be conversant with the plans of our work as soon as they are made. It only costs 25 cts and every auxiliary president ought to have a copy.

The Young Peoples' Conference in Memphis Dec. 31-Jan. 3 was a meeting of great import. Mrs. J. G. Moore and your president were in attendance. About 4,200 delegates outside of Memphis were registered. The great motto stretched across the front of the auditorium "Today and tomorrow with Jesus Christ," gave to us a martial ring that seemed to put fiber into the back-bone of every one. If I were to give in a sentence my own reaction to that great conference I would say: What the Young People are clamoring for is not preaching, but exhortation, not plans, not doctrines, but examples. Christianity is a life not a story. Christian conduct in the church, the home, in business and social life will solve all the problems of not only the Young People but the world at large. Let us this year make it our chief business to live Jesus Christ.—Mrs. E. R. Steel.

HOLDING INSTITUTE HIGHLY COMMENDED

In making his report, the State Supervisor of Public Schools made the following comment on our Holding Institute, at Laredo, Tex.:

"Holding Institute is to be commended for the magnificent work being done by it for the Mexican people. No other agency is so effective in touching the lives of so many Mexican young people as this institution.

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1926 COUNCIL MEETING.

The sixteenth annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Council will be held in the Edenton Street Methodist Church, Raleigh, N. C., March 10-17, 1926.

Mrs. F. F. Stephens, President;
 Mrs. F. S. Parker, Recording Sec.

HONOR WORTHILY BESTOWED

An appropriate and beautiful tribute was paid Mrs. S. G. Smith, retiring president of Woman's Missionary Auxiliary No. 1 of First Methodist Church, Conway, when a luncheon was given in her honor on Tuesday, December 29. For thirty years Mrs. Smith has led the women of this church, first as president of the Ladies Aid, then of the Home Mission Society and finally of the united Home and Foreign society. It is due largely to her faithfulness and work that the auxiliary ranks as it does today.

The rooms were attractively decorated with evergreens and a progressive four-course luncheon was served at seventeen tables. The honor guest table was decorated with poinsettias and red candles in crystal holders. Mrs. Smith's daughters, Mrs. Ralph Plunkett and R. K. Deal of Little Rock and Mrs. Theodore Smith were special guests. Twelve of the tables were decorated to represent the months of the year and the other four with Christmas flowers.

Mrs. R. C. Morehead, newly elected president, presided as toastmistress and introduced Mrs. B. L. Harton and Effie Lincoln who responded to the "Past" with a dialog of reminiscences of the early days of the society. Mrs. J. H. Reynolds, in happy manner, gave the "Present" and Mrs. T. R. Manny of auxiliary No. 2 the "Future." Then Mrs. Morehead presented on behalf of Auxiliary No. 1 a beautiful pot of poinsettias and paid tribute to the character of Mrs. Smith. Mrs. T. S. Staples, president of Auxiliary No. 2 said her auxiliary also wished to show their appreciation of what Mrs. Smith had done for them in organizing their auxiliary ten years ago and mothering it since, and presented her with a silver nut basket.

After an appropriate response by Mrs. Smith a circle was formed and all united in singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."—Mrs. Guy A. Simons.

FORREST CITY AUXILIARY

Mrs. J. A. Gray, Supt. Pub. writes that the Missionary Society at Forrest City elected a full corps of officers for 1926 and will do good work under the leadership of the President, Mrs. H. A. Ferrell, Treas. Mrs. S. J. Dean, Supt. Y. People, Mrs. T. C. Green. She adds:

The ladies are closing a year of good work. We are divided into 3

circles, and feel that they are helpful in a spiritual, social and financial way.

DeWITT AUXILIARY.

The Ladies Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South, met at the home of Mrs. Chaney, December 1st and the leader, Mrs. Norsworthy, gave a devotional program. The president, Mrs. L. J. Miller, conducted the business part of the program of the day. We elected the officers for the coming year with Mrs. Norsworthy, Pres. Treas., Mrs. E. B. Gibson; Supt. of Young Ladies Work, Mrs. C. L. O'Daniel and Supt. Junior Work, Mrs. Clarence Shearer; Publicity Supt., Mrs. Otto Leibrock.

The Society gave a vote of thanks to the officers of the past year for their faithful and successful work after which our hostess, Mrs. Chaney, with her assistants, Mrs. Wharton, and Mrs. Thompson, served a delicious luncheon which was enjoyed.

NASHVILLE AUXILIARY.

Mrs. Joe E. Smith, Cor. Sec. of Nashville auxiliary encloses the names of newly elected officers. The society starts the new year well under the leadership of Mrs. A. W. Hale President, Mrs. J. J. Reeder, Treasurer, and for Supt. of Study Mrs. D. A. Hutchinson.

WOMAN'S BUILDING AT MOUNT SEQUOYAH.

"Dreamer of dreams—we take the taunt with gladness,
 Knowing that God beyond the years you see
 Has wrought those dreams which count with you for madness
 Into the substance of the world to be."

How the dreams of earth become beautiful realities broadening and deepening when linked with the purpose of God! When the Woman's Building, which has been lovingly named Elza-Stephens Hall was planned, it was to be a place for the development of missionary stamina for the women of the Western Conference; now it is evolving into a home for rest, recreation, and development for all workers, for Council and Conference women during the summer months and for deaconesses and missionaries during the remaining months of the year.

All of the Conferences are becoming actively interested in the project, and many have assumed their quotas. Three Conferences have already paid five thousand dollars into the treasury.

The plans for the building are complete and adequate. The foundation which will be of native stone, will be begun as soon as sufficient funds are in hand.—Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Treas.

TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH.

The Missionary Society of the First (Arkansas) Methodist Church has begun the New Year's work.

Mrs. W. H. Arnold is serving for the second year as President. She has closed one of the most successful years in the history of the Missionary Society, and has been a faithful leader.

The new Pastor and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Freeman are entering the duties of the Church with much enthusiasm, and are going to be an inspiration to us to serve God with the best there is in us.

We have completed the study of two Foreign Mission Study Books, "China's Challenge to Christianity" and "China's Real Revolution," "From over the Border" was our home mission study.

Mrs. W. H. Harper conducted two Bible classes and "The Life and Letters of Paul," also "The History of the Church" was studied and proved

most helpful and interesting.

Mrs. Robert Williamson will be our new Mission Study Superintendent and will present some interesting subject for study.

The New Year rushes in full of hope, prospects and new resolutions of making this a splendid one for First Church.—Mrs. Frank Mullin, Supt. of Publicity.

FORDYCE.

A prosperous year for our Missionary Society has just come to a close. Mrs. Guy T. Patterson is the retiring president under whose leadership the society has grown spiritually and financially. The president attended every meeting during the year and conducted the business sessions. The 4 circles under the leadership of Mesdames Hanks, Griswold, Tolefree and Hempstead were unusually active during the year, the two first named trying for first place. The new church has been finished during the year and the kitchen and dining room have been furnished by the circles. The society has an enrollment of 80, 45 of whom were members of the mission study class which studied three books during the year under the leadership of Mrs. Rex B. Wilkes, superintendent of mission study. Our pledges and dues have been paid in full, week of Prayer was observed and a Harvest Day program with Mrs. J. M. Workman as the able sneaker ended the year's work. A full corps of officers for 1926 will serve with Mrs. F. E. Harrison, Pres.; Mrs. Byron Atkinson, Treasurer; Mrs. Robt. Finley, Supt. Mission Study and Mrs. Rex B. Wilkes, Supt. Social Service.—Mrs. C. D. Kenesson, Cor. Sec.

HERMITS

2-3 cup butter
 1 cup sugar
 2 eggs
 3-4 cups flour
 1 level teaspoon Calumet Baking Powder.
 1 teaspoon each of cloves, allspice, and cinnamon
 1 cup seeded raisins
 2 tablespoons chopped citron
 1-4 level teaspoon salt.
 Cream shortening, add sugar. Add well beaten eggs; mix well. Sift dry ingredients together and add slowly to the first mixture. Dredge fruit with flour and add. Drop by spoonfuls in greased tins. Bake in moderate oven at about (350 degrees F.) fifteen minutes.

SNOW BALLS

1-2 cup butter
 1 cup sugar
 2 level teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder.
 2-1-4 cups flour
 1-2 cup milk
 4 egg whites.
 Cream butter and sugar, add milk, and flour and making powder sifted together. Then egg whites, beaten until stiff. Steam in buttered cups thirty-five minutes. Serve with fruit preserves.

Now She Got Rid of Rheumatism

Knowning from terrible experience the suffering caused by rheumatism, Mrs. J. E. Hurst, who lives at 204 Davis Avenue, D-5, Bloomington, Ill., is so thankful at having healed herself that out of pure gratitude she is anxious to tell all other sufferers just how to get rid of their torture by a simple way at home.

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THE GENERAL S. S. COUNCIL

The General Sunday School Council of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was in session in Nashville, Tenn., all last week. This was the seventeenth annual meeting of this body, which is composed of all our Central office staff, all Conference Sunday School Board chairmen, all employed workers of Annual Conference Sunday School Boards, all professors of Religious Education in our Church schools, all employed directors of Education in local churches, and full time instructors in Training Schools. 175 were in attendance this year. Every Conference from Cuba to Oregon was represented. The purpose of this organization is to review and study the work of Religious Education as it is being carried on throughout the Church and to make such recommendations as it may deem proper to those in authority for the further advancement of this work. Beginning with a small group of workers called together by Dr. Chappell 17 years ago this organization has gained in number and influence until today it has come to be recognized as one of the most significant organizations within the Church. The Council functions through the several sections mentioned in the groups named above and throughout the year through an executive and special committee.—Clem Baker.

ARKANSAS RECOGNIZED AT THE GENERAL SUNDAY SCHOOL COUNCIL.

The representatives from Arkansas attending the Council were: Rev. G. G. Davidson, Rev. A. W. Martin, Rev. W. A. Lindsey, Rev. S. T. Baugh, Miss Fay McRae, and the writer. Among other things that Arkansas is credited with having initiated and which have been adopted by the Church at large are: Leadership Training for pastors, Dual Mission Extension program, Annual Check-

Up Campaign, definite plan for promotion of Sunday School Day and State-wide Council for Conference and District workers. In recognition of Arkansas's contribution to the work the Council elected Rev. A. W. Martin president of the section composed of the Conference Rural Extension secretaries, Miss Fay McRae, secretary-treasurer of the section composed of the Elementary Workers, and the writer president of the General Council.—Clem Baker.

BEAUTIFUL MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MISS KENNEDY.

One of the most impressive sessions of the Council was the memorial services for Miss Minnie E. Kennedy held Thursday night at McKendree Church. Dr. Chappell presided. A choir composed of Council members rendered special music. Miss Bertha Childs read a beautiful paper reviewing Miss Kennedy's life. Dr. Shackford brought a soul-stirring message carrying with it a challenge to those left to carry on the work to which Miss Kennedy had dedicated her life. Dr. Crawford read a poem written by him on the life of Miss Kennedy and the service was concluded with the celebration of the Holy Communion directed by Bishop Beauchamp, Dr. Cook, Dr. Bulla, and Dr. Chappell.—Clem Baker.

THE PULASKI HEIGHTS TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Standard Training School held at Pulaski Heights Church last week issued certificates to 38 who did credit work. The instructors were Rev. J. F. Simmons, Rev. M. T. Workman, Mrs. Clay E. Smith, and Prof. H. W. Means. The public lecturers were Rev. J. C. Glenn, Rev. C. M. Reeves, Mr. J. A. Hanna, and Mr. J. C. Welch. We congratulate the Pulaski Heights people on the fine zeal that made this school possible, and are delighted with the results.—Clem Baker.

FROM OUR MAIL BOX

Rev. F. A. Buddin of Asbury, Little Rock, held an impressive installation service for his Sunday School officers and teachers last Sunday night.

Rev. O. E. Holmes of Hunter Memorial begins the new year with a Training Class meeting on Wednesday nights using Dr. Chappell's book on Sunday School Evangelism as the text.

Rev. Rex B. Wilkes is to have a Junior Training School at Fordyce the week of January 24.

Rev. Roy Jordan announces that the next Fifth Sunday Institute for Group Number Two will be held at Mabelvale January 31.

Rev. J. J. Mellard writes that his splendid new Sunday School superintendent, Prof. Bowden, has promised to put on a training work the first of February and writes for suggestions as to texts to be used.

Supt. J. W. Dodson of Smackover informs us that his School has introduced graded literature and is ready for a Training Class at our earliest possible convenience.

Rev. A. C. Rogers is evidently on the job. He writes us to rush him survey cards for four churches at

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE NOTES.

Rev. S. T. Baugh, field secretary, announces the following dates for February League-Union Efficiency Institutes:

Pine Bluff—February 1-5.
Hot Springs—February 8-12.
El Dorado—February 15-19.
Texarkana—February 22-26.

The Little Rock Conference League Cabinet will meet Saturday January 16, at 2 p. m., at the Y. W. C. A.

Dr. Wilkes of Fordyce was in the city a few days ago and reported a very fine League Mission study in his church. Dr. Wilkes is teacher and has about eight Leaguers enrolled. They are studying "Choice of a Career," by Brown-Evans.

Henderson League, also, has begun a Mission Study. They are using "Jesus' Teaching on the Use of Money," by Ina C. Brown.

The League editor is teaching this class and highly recommends Miss Brown's book to any League for Mission Study.

Miss Bess McKay, former field secretary, is now helping Rev. and Mrs. Colquette at the American Bible Society office. We are glad to have Miss Bess back in Little Rock again.

Winfield reports a very fine service on Golden Rule Sunday, with Miss Beulah Smith leader.

Mr. Altheimer, of the Near East Relief, made a very interesting address after which an offering was made amounting to \$22 which was given to Near East Relief. About 100 people were present.

Now that the holiday rush is over we wish to urge all Leagues to begin a Mission Study Class, and also pay up Mission pledge monthly.—Editor.

THE MEMPHIS CONVENTION

The Methodist Young People's Convention held at Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 31-Jan. 3, was so big that it is not easy to report.

Those in authority reported that over 4,000 were in attendance, the majority of which were young people. They were there from all over the territory of our Church.

The public addresses were nearly all from older people. In the discussion groups the older people took the lead for the first day. Then the

our earliest convenience.

Rev. J. G. Gieck of Buckner orders Wall Charts for the schools on his charge.

Rev. E. D. Hanna orders Survey Cards, interpretations of Charts, and states that he is going to have some more 100 per cent schools on the Hampton Circuit this year.

Prof. J. J. Tibbitts is taking steps leading to lining his District up 100 per cent on the Fourth Sunday Missionary offering. Prof. Tibbitts is executive secretary for the Camden District.

Mrs. C. R. Shields, superintendent of the Primary Department of the Mena Sunday School, manifests her zeal for her work by ordering program material for the Worship Service of her department.—Clem Baker.

voice of youth was heard and the trend of their thinking was learned.

The writer was in the group discussing the subject of Leisure and Recreation. Dr. Norman E. Richardson of Northwestern University was the leader the first day, and Rev. Mr. Anderson of Pittsburg was the leader the second day.

It seemed to be the sense of this group that the Church must furnish wholesome recreation for her children and young people or forfeit one of the strongest holds she has on youth. The Church may not be able to furnish all the recreation her youth need, but she can at least type it, so that they may learn to distinguish recreation with a constructive purpose from "wreck-reaction," or leisure time activities of a destructive nature.

When time and space permit more will be given of some of the essentials of fine recreation.

It was a real benediction to see such a great gathering of Methodist young people, and to hear them sing with zeal the great hymns of the Church. From the Epworth League Assembly songs that were sung while the crowd gathered each day it would seem that a large part of those attending were Epworth Leaguers.

One of the most enjoyable features of the Convention was the hour of music and song given by the vested choir of First Methodist Church, Memphis. There were 80 voices in the choir, and the pipe organ and piano furnished music, making a high hour with all present.—S. T. Baugh, Field Secretary.

TO THE LEAGUERS OF THE CONWAY DISTRICT.

Are you doing anything at all in your League? If you are, it is worth telling to somebody. The very thing that you have done or are doing in your League may be the thing that some other League wants to do and doesn't know how. Why not give them the benefit of your experience? Let's fill up the League Page with news from the Conway District.—Marie Howard, District Sec.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT.

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eral new Chapters have been organized and there are good prospects for other Chapters to be built in other communities. The new Leagues at Adona, Bigelow, Ratcliff and Havana are doing exceptionally good work for beginners. Present prospects are that some of these new chapters are going to make the older ones sit up and take notice.

We are looking forward for great things to happen in the Booneville District Leaguedom in 1926.—S. B. Wilford, Dist. Sec.

FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK LEAGUE

It is the aim of the Friendly Epworth League of First Church, North Little Rock:

1. To conduct weekly interesting and helpful devotional meetings during the year, to assist in the mid-week prayer-service of the Church, and to conduct early morning prayer-services during Holy Week.
2. To maintain the three covenants, (1) Quiet Hour, (2) Fellow Workers, and (3) Christian Stewardship.
3. To conduct monthly missionary programs, and one or more mission study classes during the year.
4. To hold monthly council and business meetings.
5. To conduct monthly socials, and quarterly programs before the public congregation of the Church.
6. To systematically carry on social service work in the community.
7. To encourage and assist the Intermediate League.
8. To have at least thirty per cent of our membership working toward a Christian Culture Diploma.
9. To conduct a study-class for the purpose of becoming more efficient Leaguers and church members.
10. To encourage members to plan for definite life service for Christ, either at home or abroad.
11. To have a budget for raising and spending money, this budget to include the Mission Special pledge of one hundred dollars.

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REGIONAL CONFERENCE IN LITTLE ROCK, FEBRUARY 24-25. PROGRAM

Stewardship Brotherhood
Mr. G. L. Morelock, Gen. Chm.
First Evening.

7:30. Address by the Bishop in Charge.

8:15. Address by Mr. William Ward, London, Honorary Life President, World Brotherhood Federation. (No one who hears Mr. Ward's messages will doubt for a moment that he is called of God to declare the principles of world brotherhood to this generation.—Bishop Beauchamp.)

Morning Session.

9:00. Devotional. Conference Lay Leader.

9:30. General Statement of Purposes of Conference, by Mr. G. L. Morelock.

10:00. The Wesley Brotherhood, Mr. Fred T. Barnett.

10:45. Christian Stewardship, Rev. J. E. Crawford.

11:30. Missionary Message, Bishop W. B. Beauchamp.

12:30. Adjournment for lunch.

Afternoon Session.

2:00. Devotional. Conference Lay Leader.

2:15. Open Conference:

(1). General Discussion of the Wesley Brotherhood, led by Mr. Barnett. Forty-five minutes.

(2). General Discussion of Stewardship Methods and Organization, led by Rev. J. E. Crawford. Forty-five minutes.

3:45. Address by Mr. Ward or Sir Richard Winfrey.

Who Are Invited to Attend These Conferences.

All Conference, District, Associate District, Charge, and Church Lay Leaders, Presiding Elders, and Pastors within the territory where the Regional Conference is held.

Members of Boards of Stewards, Sunday School Superintendents, Teachers, and other leading laymen within reach of the Conference.

The men of the Methodist Churches within the city and vicinity where the Conference is held, and also the laymen of other denominations.

Note.—Annual Conference lines should be disregarded. These are Regional Conferences and those attending should go to the city most conveniently located.

Hotel Reservation, Registration, Etc.

Reservations at hotels should be made in advance by each individual delegate or visitor.

No registration fee will be charged to delegates or visitors.

In accordance with the time-honored Methodist custom, a freewill offering will be taken each evening for incidental expenses.

Come in the Spirit of Prayer.

Make your plans to be present promptly at 7:30 the first evening and to remain through the entire program. Pray that God may be present in remarkable demonstration of His power that the Conferences may prove a blessing to each one present and to the whole Church, relating definitely in results to the good of each local Church and community represented.

BROTHERHOOD CAMPAIGN IN THE STATES.

Arrangements have been made for a campaign in which Mr. William Ward and Sir Richard Winfrey, at the request of the General Board of Lay Activities of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will participate in the United States, commencing next month. Mr. Ward and Sir Richard sailed from England on January 8, for a series of sixteen Regional Conferences for men throughout the Church in such cities as Richmond, Atlanta, Dallas, Oklahoma City, St. Louis, Louisville, Nashville, and Little Rock. The object of the campaign is to promote interest in the twin fields of Brotherhood and Stewardship, and it will be undertaken under the auspices of the General Board of Lay Activities and the Wesley Brotherhood. The Wesley Brotherhood is affiliated with the World Brotherhood Federation.

Arrangements are in the hands of General Secretary G. L. Morelock, whose Board, to further the promotion of Stewardship and Brotherhood movements, has recently sanctioned the appointment of two assistant secretaries, Dr. J. E. Crawford and Mr. Fred T. Barnett.

It is the purpose of Mr. Ward and Sir Richard to come on to Canada upon the conclusion of their visit to the United States. A letter from Mr

ALL-STATE CHURCH NEWS.

TO PRESIDING ELDERS.

Through an unusual train of events I have in my District a first rate preacher, well qualified, to do good work on a first-class circuit or a small station. If any presiding elder needs him, he is ready to go to work at once, and he may be reached by addressing Rev. S. C. Yates, Martanna, Ark.—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

A CORRECTION.

In the statistical table No. 3, Arkadelphia District, Holly Springs Charge, it gives P. E. assessed \$182, paid \$130; P. C. assessed \$1,100, paid \$785. It should be P. E., assessed \$130, paid \$130; pastor, assessed \$785, paid \$785.

These are the amounts I reported. I do not know why the change.

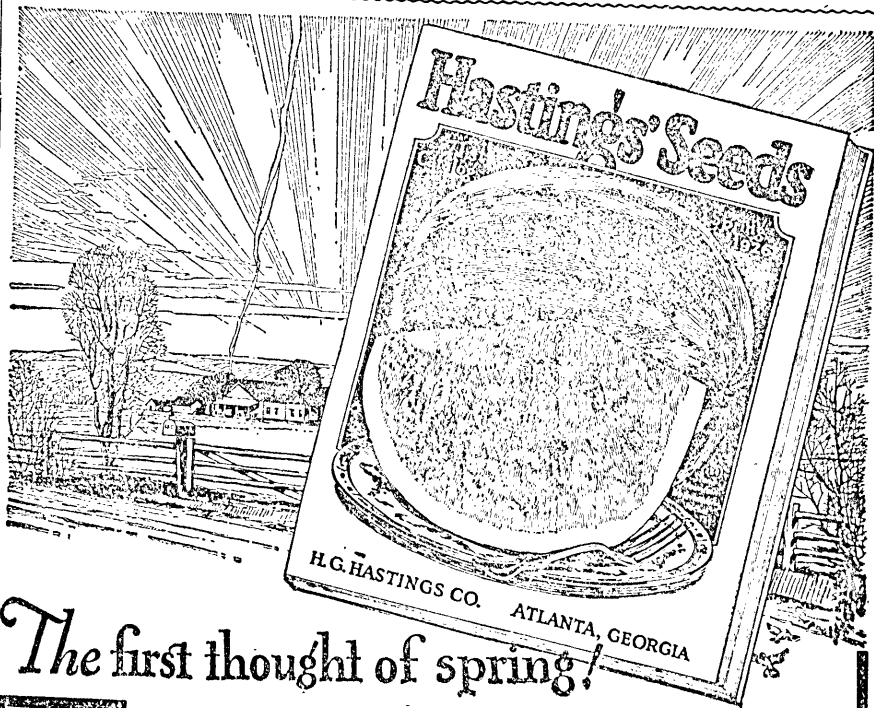
Everything moves well on our new charge. Will send in 100 per cent list soon. Best wishes to Methodist.—E. D. Hanna, P. C.

A CORRECTION.

The assessment finally agreed upon for General and Conference collections for Horatio-Gillham Charge last year was \$417 for Conference work and \$271 for General work instead of \$514 and \$374 as reported in the minutes. We paid \$395 on Confer-

Ward received as we go to press says it is definitely in their minds to make a halt at Montreal before sailing again for England. "I have a great longing to meet you all, old friends and new," he says, "and am looking forward to the speedy realization of this pleasure."

Mr. Ward cannot come too soon or too often to our Brotherhoods in Montreal.—The Brotherhood Messenger, Montreal, Quebec.



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ence work and \$258 on General work, or about 95 per cent of the whole. I don't know why it was not printed as I reported it.

Number of subscribers to Conference organ 45 instead of 28.—F. C. Cannon.

AN OBSERVATION.

It was 41 minutes from the time of opening of the Conference love feast at Arkadelphia till the meeting was thrown open for testimony. 36 minutes were consumed by the first four testimonies. So an hour and 27 minutes were taken up and only five had spoken including the leader of the service—F. C. Cannon.

N. ARK. CONFERENCE NOTICE.

Brethren:—It may be that some of you would like a few more copies of the North Arkansas Conference Journal. I can supply a limited number to a good many. Let me know if you need a few more.—F. M. Tolleson, Sec.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

We have received many nice things at the Orphanage during the month of December as will be seen from the following report:

Rose City Bakery, City, Bread.
Fred Watkins, Jr., City, Books, shoes, clothing.
West Side Jr. High School, P. T. A., Basket of Sandwiches.
W. M. S. Winfield Church, City, Sandwiches.
W. M. S. Altheimer, Big box of assorted dry goods and toilet articles, very good box.

Mrs. John B. Bond, Jr., City, one bicycle, repair of two bicycles, two scooters, one coaster wagon, ten dollars in cash used on boys' clothing.
Primary Class, Lakeside S. S., Blytheville, a box for a little boy, toys and sweater.
Miss Coley Stroud, Hackett, dolls, popcorn and other gifts.
Sterling and Elmo Shelton, City.

BILIOUS ATTACKS

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Lawrenceburg, Ky.—Mr. J. P. Nevins, a local coal dealer and farmer, about two years ago learned of the value of Thedford's Black-Draught Liver medicine, and now he says:

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one boy's coat-sweater.

Mrs. A. J. White, Springdale, Ark., one quilt.

Beginners and Primary Dept., Crosssett, S. S., two quilts.

Weldon W. M. S., big box of assorted gifts and clothing.

Mrs. W. F. Gazette, City, 30 lbs. of candy.

W. M. S. First Church, Jonesboro, box canned fruit, magazines and hose.

Sunshine Class Alma S. S., Alma, 1 barrel of canned fruit.

Galloway W. C. Searcy, three dolls and toys.

Mrs. J. A. Coe, Beebe, Rt. 1, post cards.

Quitman Junior League, fruit and Christmas gifts.

Junior Missionary Society, Tillar, box of assorted Christmas gifts.

W. M. S. Mammoth Springs, one quilt.

Sunshine Class (Alma S. S., Alma, box of beautiful mistletoe and box of Christmas cards.

Joe Scales Elliott, Fordyce, three beautiful dolls.

Gertrude Westmoreland, Prescott, magazines.

Mrs. Frank Simmons and Mary Ellen Simmons, gift for special girl, City.

Mrs. J. C. Brown, Helena, box of special Christmas gifts.

Circle No. 3, W. M. S., Forrest City, quilt, cup towels and handkerchiefs.

W. M. S., Tyrone, big box of assorted dry goods, clothing and gifts.

Circle No. 4, First Church, City, beautiful canary bird and cage.

W. M. S. Conway, box of individual Christmas gifts—all nice.

28th Street M. E. Church, City, box of fruit and groceries.

W. M. S. Heber Springs, 1 barrel fruit and preserves.

W. M. S. Mammoth Springs, canned fruit and preserves and pickles.

Young Ladies Qui Vie Club, Hunter Memorial Church, City, fourteen vanities and special gifts.

Clarksville W. M. S., 1 barrel canned and preserved fruit, one quilt.

Scott-Mayer Commission Co., City, five cases of canned goods.

Virginia Howell Class, Asbury Church, City, 30 lbs. candy.

Mr. and Mrs. John Loneygram, City, box of apples.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hawkins, City, one case of oranges.

W. M. S. Dardanelle, 1 barrel fruit, canned, preserved and pickled.

Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, fruit and groceries.

Marianna S. S., box of assorted gifts, toys, and games.

Mrs. Eliza Hoskins, City, special for Gladys and Murry, checks of \$1, each.

Sunshine Class, First Church, City, gift to their special \$5.00. bought shoes with it.

Tuckerman S. S., box of special Christmas gifts for each child. and fruit.

410 Locust St., Conway, box for special.

Junior Dept., First Church, N. Little Rock, oranges.

Primary Dept., First Church, N. Little Rock, fruit and candy.

Mrs. Thomas, 1622 Pine St., City, canned fruit, walnuts and magazines.

Junior and Senior Leagues, Primrose Church, Christmas tree and decorations.

Mrs. Warren Johnston, Dallas, Texas, one child's sweater.

W. M. S., Judsonia, one quilt and other articles.

Marthell and Roe Scroggins, Nashville, 9 Christmas gifts.

Jr. League, Rison, Christmas gifts.

Swifton, one quilt and 23 other garments.

Eudora S. S., 36 Christmas packages and fruit.

Circle No. 1, First Church, City, 36

good gifts, fruit, candy and nuts brought by Santa Claus and given to each child from tree.

Mrs. J. E. Ballinger, Grady, dry goods and books.

Epworth League, Carthage, box of nice made garments (17).

Cabot, S. S., good letter from Supt. J. F. See, 65 Christmas gifts, and fruit.

Primary Dept., Pulaski Heights S. S., City, box of assorted groceries and fruit.

Primary Dept., First Church, N. Little Rock, fruit, candy and canned fruit.

J. N. Foster and family, City, pecans.

W. M. S. Waldon, canned fruit.

Asbury S. S., City, 14 well filled baskets of assorted groceries and fruit.

W. M. S. Mulberry, two quilts.

Admo Church, 12 qts. of fruit.

Intermediate League, Carlisle, 9 qts. of fruit.

Marie Flippen, Conway, scrap books.

Cox Cash Stores, 12 cakes.

Mrs. Flora V. Holmes, City, four cakes.

Circle No. 2, First Church, City, 3 gallons of ice cream.

Circle No. 2, First Church, City, Two lady friends of Home, City, eight cocoanut cream pies.

W. M. S. Imboden, dry goods and clothing.

Every Ready S. S., Greenwood, toy and dolls.

Circle No. 7, Winfield Church, City, one quilt.

Helping Hands Class, Moorefield S. S., handkerchiefs.

Spadra S. S., 5 lbs. candy and fruit.

Mrs. J. L. Casper, Lynn, handkerchiefs and other articles.

Junior Epworth League, Winslow, towels and toilet soap.

Intermediate Girls Class, Belleville, S. S., handkerchiefs, candy and fruit.

Charleston S. S., box of clothing, books, toys, etc.

Mrs. Lynwood B. Hall, City, Generous supply of Chili.

Friends, ten dollars for special girl.

Lamar League, Christmas gifts, groceries, books and dry goods.

Mrs. O. L. Lyle, Camden, Girls flannel dress.

Cradle Roll Dept., Clarksville, Wardrobe for infant.

Texarkana Sunday S., box of assorted gifts, clothing, blankets and groceries.

Wynne, S. S., or Church, large box of canned goods and Christmas gifts.

Ashdown S. S., bed linen, towels and handkerchiefs.

A. O. U. W., City, 30 lbs. candy.

DeQueen S. S., big box Christmas gifts, for individual.

El Dorado S. S., box of Christmas gifts, and clothing.

Fred Caldwell, Hope, box of peanuts.

Harrisburg Jr. Missionary Society, toys and gifts.

Blevins S. S., boys caps, dry goods and candy.

Arkadelphia, Sunday S., Christmas gifts, books and dry goods.

Intermediate Dept., Helena Sunday S., individual gifts for each child.

Epworth League, Winfield Church, South, six pairs curtains for parlor and library.

Mrs. Reyburn, 1601 West 23rd St., City, box of handkerchiefs.

Circle No. 8, First Church, City, one boy's suit of clothes and payment of one girl's music for one year.

Circle No. 9, First Church, one boy's suit of clothes.

Utopia Club, City, one over-coat, one new hat for individual boy.

Paul Probst, 815 Willow St., North Little Rock, one easel desk and black board, one erector set, and one

electric train.

Mrs. S. A. Cobb, Arkadelphia, child's coat and shoes.

Zion S. S., Zion and Goshen Ct., one quilt and Christmas gifts.

Stuttgart S. S., clothing, Christmas toys and gifts.

Beginners and Primary Dept., Central Church, Springdale, fruit and candy.

Several of the girls and boys were remembered with gifts from individuals which they have acknowledged.

Our Christmas was one of the best ever had in our Home, and we thank everyone that helped but we would like to give special thanks to Circle No. 1 of First Church, Little Rock, and their purchasing Committee and our Santa Claus who says no one can have his place, also Wade Holwell for services rendered in arranging for the tree.—James Thomas, Supt. Mrs. S. J. Steed, Matron, Children of the Home.

S. S. CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

This is the second report that I have made of the S. S. Christmas offerings received this year for the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage:

Arkadelphia District:
Third St., M. E. S. S., Hot Spgs., by O. A. Martin, Treas.\$ 42.62
Princeton S. S., Princeton Ct., by M. C. Smith, P. C. 4.75
Zion S. S., Princeton Ct., by M. C. Smith, P. C. 3.50
Macedonia S. S., Princeton Ct., by M. C. Smith, P. C. ... 3.00
Dalark S. S., by C. F. Messer, P. C. 13.70
Rock Springs S. S., Dalark Ct., by C. F. Messer, P. C. 5.00

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Manchester S. S., Dalark Ct., by C. F. Messer, P. C.	1.50	City	5.00	Bardstown S. S., Joiner Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E. ..	12.75	Crowder, Treas.	3.00
From S. S. on the Arkadelphia Ct., by R. W. Groves, P. C. ..	7.00	Mrs. Ida Skillern, City, Gift ..	20.00	Whitten S. S., Joiner Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	5.05	Ministerial Alliance, City, by E. D. Hanna, Treas.	14.70
Park Ave. S. S., Hot Springs, by R. C. Clinton, Hst Spgs.	20.00	NORTH ARKANSAS CONF.		First Church S. S., Jonesboro, by F. A. Hamilton, P. E. ..	100.00	Virginia Hogg Mother's Class, Winfield Church, city	10.00
Camden District:		Batesville District:		Huntington Ave., S. S., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	15.40	—James Thomas, Supt.	
Christie Chapel, Atlanta Ct., by Mrs. Owen Christie, T. ..	2.40	Swifton S. S., Alicia Ch., by I. L. Claud, P. C.	8.37	Mt. Carmel S. S., Jonesboro Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	3.00	ATKINS.	
Mt. Ida S. S., Buckner Ch., by Olen Baker, Treas.	2.50	Cotter S. S., by C. E. Hopkins, Supt.	5.00	Pleasant Grove S. S., Jones- boro Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	3.00	When the Bishop announced the appointments for this year we were glad to find ourselves back among friends.	
Chidester S. S., by F. R. Can- field, P. C.	16.00	Newark S. S., by B. F. Adams, Supt.	7.40	Forest Home S. S., Jonesboro Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	4.00	The past two years have been very fruitful, and there is every reason why the present one should be more so.	
Emerson S. S., Atlanta Ct., by W. O. Tisdale, Supt.	2.75	First Church S. S., Newport, by F. P. Umsted, Sec.	40.00	Lake City S. S., Lake City Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E. ..	6.72	3. All our homes are taking the Arkansas Methodist and will be in- formed on all important movements of the Church.	
Strong S. S., by G. C. Craig, Secretary	5.00	Booneville District:		Lake View S. S., Lake City Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	4.82	4. After being cordially received we were bountifully pounded, so that we start the new year with a full pantry.	
Waldo S. S., by B. F. Fitz- hugh, P. C.	18.65	Caulkessville S. S., by Miss Violet Kuykendall	2.85	Leachville S. S., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	12.00	We will soon be in Pre-Easter evan- gelistic campaign which promises to be a great one.	
Mt. Carmel S. S., by Irma Ded- man, Secretary	4.35	Wesley Chapel S. S., Maga- zine Ct., by A. D. Murry, Supt.	2.00	Lepanto S. S., by F. R. Hamil- ton, P. E.	16.00	Already we have received nine members, since conference, have more on the waiting list.—G. C. Johnson, P. C.	
Little Rock District:		Huntington S. S., by Mrs. J. H. Wilkinson, Treas.	5.00	Luxora S. S., by F. R. Ham- ilton, P. E.	14.00	McRAE.	
Forest Park Ct., by Marion W. Miller, P. C.	7.10	Mansfield S. S., by Lott Cald- well, Sec.	11.53	Marion S. S., by F. R. Hamil- ton, P. E.	41.00	We are starting well in our new field. Wife and I arrived in McRae Dec. 3. We were cordially received by the good people of McRae.	
Bryant S. S.,	5.00	Waltreak S. S., by V. F. Far- ris, P. C.	5.00	Truman S. S., by F. R. Ham- ilton, P. E.	10.00	On Thursday evening we went to prayer meeting and were very pleas- antly surprised with an old-fashioned pounding, for which we are very grateful. On Monday evening, Dec. 7 we had another pounding from the good people of Garner, for which we are also very grateful. I have preach- ed at every point and find a fine peo- ple. We have good congregations at all the services. I have never met a finer people. I think I can truly say our motto for 1926 is "Put God First." We had our first Quarterly Conference Dec. 20, 8 p. m. After the P. E. preached a wonderful ser- mon, J. C. Holt was elected secre- tary. We had a good report for an	
Primrose S. S., by Mr. Dixon	7.30	New Blaine S. S., by C. J. Wade, P. C.	2.84	Tyronza S. S., by F. R. Ham- ilton, P. E.	13.47		
Winfield S. S., by J. B.		Scranton S. S., by C. J. Wade, P. C.	5.36	Wilson S. S., by F. R. Ham- ilton, P. E.	12.79		
Owens, Treas.	100.00	Conway District:		Shiloh S. S., Brooklyn Ct., by Bernice Turner, Sec.50		
Bethlehem S. S., Hickory P. Ct., by H. D. Ginther, Supt.	10.00	Plumerville S. S., by Dewey Mann, Treas.	1.75	Fisher Ave., Church, Jonesbo- ro, offering at Christmas Service	20.00		
Hebron Church, Hickory P. Ct., by L. White, Supt.	4.00	Fayetteville District:		Fisher Ave., S. S., Jonesboro	5.00		
Monticello District and		Prairie Grove S. S., by I. L. Carr, Supt.	15.08	Fisher Ave., Sr. Epworth	5.00		
Pine Bluff District:		Mt. Zion S. S., Goshen & Zion Ct., by R. Jones, Sec.	2.72	League	5.00		
Dermott S. S., by Vivian Mor- ris, Treas.	25.00	Centerton Community S. S., by Leslie N. Brown, Supt.	7.60	Fisher Ave. Y. P.'s Missionary Society	3.00		
Wilmar S. S., by J. D. Fomby, P. C.	15.57	Parkdale S. S., Farmington Ct. by Mrs. Will Drain, Supt. ..	4.00	Fisher Ave., Jr. Epworth	2.00		
Humphrey S. S., by R. C.		Green Forest S. S., by J. D. Roberts, Treas.	2.90	Lake St., S. S., Blytheville, by F. R. Hamilton, P. E. ..	9.73		
Walsh, P. C.	10.00	Central Church, Fayetteville, by K. C. Key, Supt.	26.44	Monette S. S., by F. R. Ham- ilton, P. E.	17.00		
Good Faith S. S., Pine Bluff Ct., by R. C. Locke, Sec.	5.00	Oakley's Chapel, Bentonville Ct., by W. T. Bone, P. C. ..	3.76	Macey S. S., by F. R. Hamil- ton, P. E.	1.50		
Star City S. S., by W. R.		New Home S. S., Bentonville Ct., W. T. Bone, P. C.	2.63	Bibbs Chapel S. S., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	1.50		
Stephens, Jr., Sec.	7.56	Eureka Springs S. S., by Miss Mary Lena Barnes, Sec.	5.00	Osceola S. S., by F. R. Ham- ilton, P. E.	38.19		
Hawley Memorial S. S., by Mrs. J. J. Austin, Treas.	6.00	Winslow S. S., by H. K. Stew- art, P. C.	6.00	Paragould District:			
Prescott District:		Thornsbury Chapel S. S., Elm Springs Ct., by M. R. Lark, P. C.	5.91	Mammoth Spring S. S., by H. J. Nennich, Treas.	25.79		
Antoine S. S., Delight Ct., by E. C. Wingfield, Sec.	3.75	Huntsville Ct., by E. Van, P. C.	17.30	Biggers S. S., by Geo. F. Johnson, Supt.	7.25		
Glenwood Sunday School by W. C. Yancey, P. C.	25.00	Buttram Chapel S. S., Pea Ridge Ct., by W. E. Bishop, P. C.	5.35	Pleasant Hill S. S., Lorado Ct., by Rev. J. A. Gatlin, P. C. ..	8.00		
Mt. Ida S. S., by A. W. Ham- ilton, P. C.	5.00	Lincoln S. S., by O. M. Camp- bell, P. C.	5.00	Hoxie S. S., by Nina McLane, Sec. and Treas.	25.00		
Bingen S. S., Bingen Ct., by J. C. Johnson, P. C.	10.00	Ft. Smith District:		Williford S. S., by G. H. Mey- ers, Sec.	1.60		
Doyle S. S., Bingen Ct., by J. C. Johnson, P. C.	2.35	First Church S. S., Ft. Smith by S. A. Galloway, Supt. ..	26.50	Searcy District:			
Pump Springs S. S., Bingen Ct., by J. C. Johnson, P. C.	2.00	Hackett S. S., by R. E. Wilson P. C.	6.00	Marshall S. S., by A. A. Hud- speth, Supt.	2.10		
Sweet Home S. S., by J. C. Johnson, P. C., Bingen Ct. ..	2.47	Kibler Church and Kibler Ct., by J. E. Peters, P. C.	4.45	Rosebud S. S., by Grant Gif- ford, Treas.	5.00		
Ozan S. S., by Mrs. Oscar Nel- son, Treas.	4.85	Midland Heights S. S., Ft. Smith, by Mrs. F. S. Elder, Supt.	5.86	Heber Springs S. S., by A. T. Galloway, P. C.	16.00		
McCaskill S. S., by W. R. Gor- ham, Treas.	10.06	Cecil S. S., Cecil Ct., by J. H. Ruble, P. C.	6.10	Individual Gifts—N. Arkan- sas Conference:			
Texarkana District:		Green Prairie S. S., Cecil Ct., by J. H. Ruble, P. C. ..	5.25	Gift from Unknown friend ..	5.00		
Horatio S. S., by F. C. Cannon, P. C.	16.27	Helena District:		Gift from Unknown friend ..	5.00		
Horatio Jr. League, by F. C.		Elaine S. S., by Lucille Phelps, Treas.	10.00	—James Thomas, Supt.			
Cannon, P. C.	2.81	W. Helena S. S., by J. W. Moore, P. C.	15.00	METHODIST ORPHANAGE			
Walnut Springs S. S., by F. C. Cannon, P. C.	4.54	Palestine S. S., Wheatley Ct., by P. A. Veasey, Treas.	1.01	During the month of December, the following cash contributions were re- ceived for the Orphanage:			
Richmond Epworth League, by Adler Robertson, Treas.	5.25	Jonesboro District:		Belleville Class of boys, by G. E. Thompson, Teacher ...\$.80		
Wilton S. S., by J. F. Taylor, Treas.	1.85	Yarbro S. S., Blytheville Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E. ..	5.10	Mrs. J. B. Duncan's Class, England	10.35		
Individual Gifts—Little Rock		Promised Land S. S., Blythe- ville Ct., by F. R. Hamil- ton, P. E.	5.10	Mrs. H. C. Rule, Abeles Apts. City	1.00		
Conference.		No. 9 S. S., Blytheville Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E. ..	10.80	Mr. J. C. Milan, 3905 W. 13th St., city	3.50		
Circle No. 2, First Church, by Mrs. F. V. Holmes, Treas. ..	10.00	Minirth S. S., Dell Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	2.00	Lono Ct., by H. A. F. Ault, P. C.	4.00		
Unknown Friend, gift	10.00	Dell S. S., Dell Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	5.00	Sunshine Class, First Church City, for one girl	10.00		
Mrs. J. R. Gibbons, Bauxite, gift	5.00	St. John S. S., Dell Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	1.50	Cradle Roll Dept., Fisher St. Church, Jonesboro, by Inez			
By C. Ross Piercey, Treas., Hugh DePayens Command- ery, No. 1, Knights Templar		Hickory Ridge S. S., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	2.20				
		Joiner S. S., Joiner Ct., by F. R. Hamilton, P. E.	12.50				

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early Conference. The assessment for preachers was \$1,040. The District stewards not having met, the P. E.'s assessment could not be made. The pastor was paid \$150.

We are having some good heart-felt prayer services which mean much to the pastor. We are happy in our work and ask the prayers of all the brethren that we may have a great ingathering of souls this year. Our one aim is to win souls to Christ through love.—J. J. Decker, P. C.

A GOOD CHRISTMAS AT LAVACA, ARKANSAS

A few days before Christmas the good people of Lavaca gave a fine "pounding" at the parsonage which we were very grateful for.

Then Christmas came.

The Christmas tree was at the school house, a union tree, a tree for everybody and the preacher's family too.

Many nice presents, and the preacher's family was along with others getting presents. The Stewards Board, and members made it one of the best Christmas occasions this family has ever had, for which we are very grateful. Many nice presents, and the kind spirit in which it was given, make one know they have the spirit of a Christian. We are starting well at each appointment, and will work hard to make this one of our best years.—Hoy. M. Lewis, P. C.

DOUGLASSVILLE AND GEYER SPRINGS

Some surprises have come to me the past few weeks. The first was a "Stunner" that struck me at the close of our annual Conference when the Bishop read me out for Douglassville and Geyer Springs.

As I gradually recovered from the shock and began to find myself, a

great big question confronted me saying, "How do you like it?" Scratching my head meditatively I thought back the answer: "Give me more time to think it over," and then moved dreamily on down the street wondering how it all happened. As I grew more and more conscious that something had hit me I felt an equally increasing inclination to say: "I don't care if he did." By morning I was feeling better about it and was soon on the road home. In a little more than 48 hours after reaching home another great big surprise was sprung on me. This was from the other end of the line—the home end. It came from what seemed to be a very happy source. It was from Douglassville. Quite a happy bunch of those fine people swooped right down on us and "pounded" and "pounded" us until we were as happy as they seemed to be. Added to the good things to eat that fell upon us were so many good things they said. And, they looked it. Oh, the language of a happy smiling face! You know. It means and says so much that can't be set to speech. Well, that's it; or, some of it.

Now you just think of about a couple of dozen of such faces beaming gladness right down on you at once! O, man, it's glorious! By the time the delightful party was in full swing I was feeling I would have missed a fortune had I failed to returned to those splendid people.

So I have begun my work and am expecting a good year of it. I am anxious to get the charge in a well organized condition this year. It ought to develop into a splendid half station in a very few years. We want to get in line with the 100 per cent charges of the Arkansas Methodist honor roll, besides lining up with the program of the church in a most loyal and active way. More anon.—W. R. Harrison, P. C.

TAYLOR CHARGE.

We arrived in Taylor on the night of December 1, and were entertained in the home of Bro. Gillispie, and while our things were coming, we visited Magnolia and McNeil, as we had jollied around these places quite a good deal while on the Magnolia Circuit in 1917 and 1918. By Wednesday night we were in the midst of setting up among the good people of Taylor.

Everything seems to be very hopeful for the new year. Everybody appears to be giving us a hearty reception, in their many ways of kindness and courtesies, and especially on the 24th, Christmas eve, when they remembered us so graciously with a Christmas donation at the parsonage.

While we had four very fine years on the Hot Springs Circuit with people we appreciated and regretted to part with, we hope to have just as good success here, with the same hearty co-operation and pleasantness that we met with on the Hot Springs Circuit.

We already have half of the money in hand for renewal of the Arkansas Methodist.—L. T. Rogers, P. C.

ROWELL CIRCUIT.

After the Conference was over we returned home that night and were on the way to our new home by Wednesday. Our baby took very sick before we reached Carthage, but we found a good friend in our good Dr. Cox of Carthage so we stayed awhile and from thence to Randall where we had to call the second doctor in the person of Dr. Glover who gave of the best assistance, and the family of one of our merchants on this work and a Methodist as well gave us one of their best rooms and looked after

each need as if we were a king and queen. May the Lord bless all who had a hand in helping us, is our prayer. Thence from Randall to the parsonage at Rowell, where we found in our good friend Bro. Williams a friend indeed. Our things had not yet arrived so we all stayed from Thursday night until Monday morning without having a fight.

Brether, if you ever need to just place yourself in good hands just get the Rowell Circuit, and, believe me, they know just how to treat you. I have six churches and all six are taking it time about "pounding" and only one is left out and that is Union which has promised a "pounding" as soon as we can work some of the things up that are so liable to go to the bad. They brought hams, shoulders, big sacks of flour and fresh-meats of all kinds and plenty of it, some bit of money and almost every thing you could think of a preacher's family needs. Another good thing. They looked over the furnishing and decided to place some more nice things for the parsonage which they have already done now and are making plans to pay everything in full this fall, if everything runs so they can. We are expecting to put the Arkansas Methodist into all the homes. Our congregations have been good and everything starts in a fine way. They say that they pound all the year here, and so far we have not missed a week yet. Pray for us that we may go on to victory and have a fine report this fall.—H. A. F. Ault, P. C.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT MEETING

The Monticello District meeting was called to order by Rev. J. A. Parker at Dermott, Dec. 17.

The Sunday School work was presented by Rev. Clem Baker. A comprehensive District program was adopted. Some points on the year's program are as follows: \$300 Christmas offering for the orphanage, \$705 Sunday School day offering, 500 additions to the Church through the Sunday School, five daily vacation Bible schools in the District, fifty Wesley Classes, attain "C" type elementary work, 400 training credits, each superintendent to attend a superintendents' conference.

The missionary cause was then taken up under the lead of Brother Simmons who spoke on the critical missionary situation. The askings for money necessary to maintain our present work are \$1,759,000 and the income from the regular sources is \$930,000. Missionary salaries are very small, \$700 dollars a year for a single man and the largest salary is that of a highly skilled physician who is head of a great hospital and having six children receives a salary of \$2,600. That is often (contrary to the general idea) less real income than the same amount at home. The Mission Board has a debt of \$1,200,000 due to failure to pay Centenary as counted on. They are therefore holding up the 1926 appropriations and appealing to the church to make a free-will offering of \$750,000 in order to hold the line. It was a clear convincing statement. He was followed by Rev. E. R. Steel who spoke on the relation of this situation to our religious life. The call was to him timely as it ought to bring us to our knees and lead us to deep heart-searching. He spoke of the young people's feeling of dissatisfaction with the lack of reality in our religious life. To him the evangelism of the world is the typical mission of the Church. It is the appeal of a personal loyalty to the Christ. We are all one, there are 500 missionaries on the front line and for the second line there are 2,500,000 Methodists, the

front line holds, the second line wavers. What a shame it would be to fail at home! We are going to be loyal. It was a fine, heart searching appeal not stereotyped and staid in the phrasing of the high-powered get-ter, but pulsing with a man's love for the cause of Christ.

A committee was appointed to make a program of suggested offerings for the Churches of the District and reported after the evening meeting. It was suggested that the goal be ten per cent of the amount paid for the pastor's salary in 1926. The suggestion was adopted.

At noon the ladies of the Dermott Church served dinner in the social hall of the new church, where the meeting was held. While the dinner was being served Rev. J. J. Galloway represented Christian Education and Henderson-Brown College in particular. Brother Glenn spoke on the Arkansas Methodist.

Afternoon Brother Wilkerson of McGehee presided and Brother Glass represented the Superannuate Cause. Hon. James McChaffy, for the Board of Lay Activities spoke on the Memphis meeting of the young people and on the Stewardship of Influence and Money. He also announced a Regional Conference of Laymen at Little Rock February 24.

There then followed discussions of the laymen's work. Brother Ridling spoke of the splendid work of Bro. Johnson as lay leader at Wilmar. Bro. Glenn spoke of the plan to have a layman's column in the Methodist. Bro. Balnaks of Wilmar spoke on "Putting the Lay Leader to Work."

The preachers reported on the pros-

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pects for this year's work and several of the laymen spoke on the conditions in their churches. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to the ladies for the dinner, to the Dermott Church for the use of the Church building and to the visiting speakers.—Secretary.

DR. O. E. GODDARD ENDORSES EVANGELIST S. M. YANCEY.

To whom it may Concern:
Rev. S. M. Yancey is a duly authorized evangelist of the North Arkansas Conference. Brother Yancey is a good evangelist, an effective preacher, and good all-round help for a pastor. Having served as pastor for a long time he knows the pastor's viewpoint and the pastor's needs. Our pastors will be fortunate to secure his services.—O. E. Goddard.

P. S. The foregoing needs no reinforcement. Both Dr. Goddard and Brother Yancey are men of sterling character. Any one desiring the latter's services may reach him at Conway.—J. C. G.

OUR GOOD FRIEND, G. E. PATCHELL, AGAIN ON HONOR ROLL.

As we had been expecting, we received a fine list from Rev. G. E. Patchell who is on his new work at Brinkley. Bro. Patchell's church last year was one of the 100 per cent churches and we felt sure we could count on him this year for a fine list. Bro. Patchell is one of our best friends.

ASBURY CHURCH CONTINUES TO READ THE METHODIST.

We have on our desk a big list from Rev. F. A. Buddin of Asbury Church, this city. Brother Buddin placed his church on the 100 per cent list last

year and promptly renewed the list this year. Asbury Church is doing great things under Brother Buddin's leadership.

ANOTHER FINE LIST.

Rev. R. E. L. Bearden of Batesville sends in a fine list which represents every Methodist home in his church. We are glad indeed to have this splendid list and thank Bro. Bearden and his fine church for their co-operation. Bro. Bearden is one of our loyal friends.

A GOOD WORD FROM REV. J. C. JOHNSON.

Rev. J. C. Johnson of Bingen Circuit writes us as follows: "I am highly pleased with my new charge. I have a splendid five-point work. They gave us a pounding December 8 and more than 100 people came. will do some good work for the Arkansas Methodist in January.

REV. H. K. MOREHEAD WRITES OF RECEPTION AT RUSSELLVILLE.

Rev. H. K. Morehead, our new pastor at Russellville, writes us as follows concerning his reception at that place: "Russellville Methodism has given the new pastor and family a most cordial reception and already we are feeling at home among them. The parsonage has been repaired and refinished at a cost of several hundred dollars and the salary of the pastor has been increased \$1,100 over that of the past year. Have preached to a full house at every service, the crowds being larger the second Sunday of my pastorate than the first one; a good sign of progress, I imagine. A great work is before us here and we shall do our very best to do it well."

OFFICIAL BOARD PRESENTS DR. FLETCHER WITH PORTRAIT.

The First Church official board presented Dr. and Mrs. Fletcher with a life-size oil portrait of Dr. Fletcher, painted by Mrs. Fanny Dunaway Hogan, the noted artist. It is a very superior piece of work and a living likeness of the subject. He highly appreciates the gift, presented as a Christmas present. It was presented on Christmas Eve by Mr. H. G. Frost, in behalf of the Board members.—First Church Bulletin.

REV. ELI MYERS SLOWLY RECOVERING.

The business manager filled the pulpit at First Church, North Little Rock, Sunday morning, January 3, in the absence of the Rev. Eli Myers, who was injured in an automobile accident. While his injuries were not serious, yet they were painful and will require some days to overcome. Brother Myers is recovering rapidly however, and will soon be ready to fill his pulpit. First Church, North Little Rock, is in a healthy condition. Brother Myers is a fine pastor. He is entering upon his fourth year with bright prospects.

A DELIGHTFUL VISIT TO SCOTT'S.

It was the privilege of the business manager to preach at Scott's, Ark., Sunday night, January 3. This is one of the most cultured and appreciative congregations that I know. The music is especially impressive, being rendered by a vested choir of trained voices. I appreciated more than ever that beautiful definition of music which I read some months ago after hearing that splendid choir: "Music is God's universal language of love to the human family."

I was greeted by a splendid congregation. The citizenry of this community appreciate the church

They are responsive, loyal and liberal.—J. C. G.

PRESCOTT TAKES LEAD IN MISSIONARY CRISIS.

Under the direction of Rev. F. G. Roebuck, Prescott Methodism is enjoying splendid progress. In fact, Prescott was the first church in the Little Rock Conference to lead out in the present missionary crisis. Following a wonderfully helpful sermon by the pastor on the 2nd Sunday in December, a voluntary offering of \$235 was taken. Of course, this amount will be supplemented because this was merely a spontaneous outburst of the missionary zeal of his people occasioned by his thought-provoking message.

WORKMAN AND CLARK SPONSOR GREAT TRAINING SCHOOL.

A Standard Training School was held January 4 to January 8 under the Auspices of the Pulaski Heights Church of this city. Four courses were offered. Number 1—Junior Organization and Administration, taught by Mrs. Clay Smith; Number 2—Principles of Teaching, Prof. H. W. Means, instructor; Number 3—The Methodist Church, taught by Rev. J. F. Simmons; Number 4—Bible (teaching of Jesus), Rev. M. T. Workman, teacher.

This is something new under the sun. Pastor M. T. Workman and Superintendent W. O. Clark were largely responsible for this great undertaking. Attorney John P. Streepy acted as dean.

It was the business manager's privilege and very great pleasure to deliver an address on "Personal Evangelism" before the entire School Monday night during the half-hour platform period.

GOOD LETTER FROM REV. M. S. MONK, MONROE, LA.

(Quoted in Part.)

"I am supremely delighted with my work here. It is a great church and

a most wonderful opportunity. We have received an unusual welcome by everyone. The board has done a magnificent thing in the way of salary. They also provide a full time secretary at \$2,400. We have a membership of about 1,300, and are living in a beautiful new parsonage valued at \$20,000. So you see I have every reason to be delighted. Methodism is rapidly coming into its own in this Catholic state. Watch its growth.

"I want you to know that I read with more interest than ever my Methodist now. I find, whenever it is even one day late, that I am rather lonely.

"If you ever pass through here stop off and make me a visit. I want to show you over the greatest little city in the country, and let you meet some of the finest folks in the world."

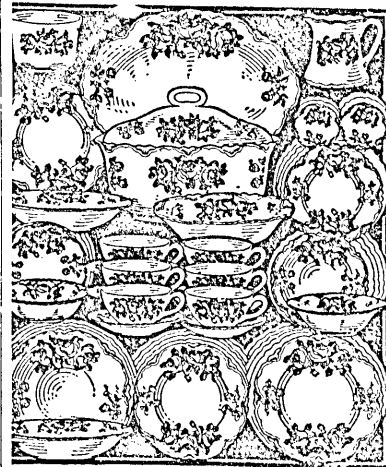
B. L. HARRIS AND LEACHVILLE 100 PER CENT.

Rev. B. L. Harris, our energetic pastor at Leachville, has qualified for the Honor Roll. He is not only a true blue Methodist and an efficient pastor, but he is a 100 per cent booster for the Arkansas Methodist. In a recent letter to the business manager, he had this to say: "I have just secured the following committee, which joins with me in placing the Arkansas Methodist in all Methodist homes in Leachville Charge. We plan to make a thorough 'every-household canvass' and secure all the individual subscriptions that we can. If, after having done this, there is a deficit, the members of the committee will share equally the deficit and see that

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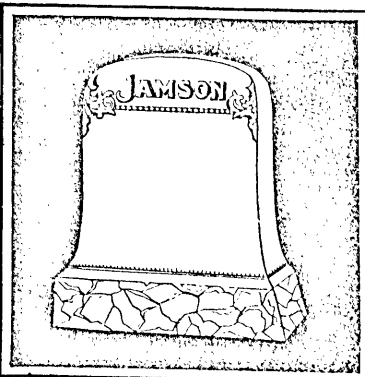
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it is paid in full and promptly."

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This is indeed a strong committee. It is composed of Bro. Harris' leading officials and other prominent business men of Leachville.

I appreciate very much the splendid co-operation of Bro. Harris and his committee on Christian Literature.—J. C. G.

DALARK CHURCH IS ON OUR HONOR ROLL.

Rev. C. F. Messer made us glad the past week with a splendid list from his church which represents every Methodist home in Dalark. We trust the weekly visits of the Methodist will be enjoyed by our good friends at Dalark.

SILAM SPRINGS 100 PER CENT.

We have a list from our friend, Rev. A. L. Cline, Silam Springs, and all the Methodist people there will now receive the Methodist. We thank Bro. Cline and the good Methodists of Silam Springs.

BROTHER ADCOCK PUTS HIS CHURCH ON 100 PER CENT LIST.

Rev. W. M. Adcock, Lake Street Church, Blytheville, sends us a list from his church and all his members will now receive the Methodist. This is Brother Adcock's second year at Lake Street and he is doing a good work. Thank you, Brother Adcock, for your loyal support.

MISSIONARY SPEAKS IN FIRST CHURCH, MALVERN.

Rev. A. W. Waddell, pastor of First Church, Malvern, has been emphasizing Missions in an effort to help meet the needs of our General Board of Missions. Miss Blanch Gard, member of the Methodist Episcopal Church and missionary to Japan, who is now at home on furlough, delivered a stirring address last Sunday night. Brother Waddell is one of our most active pastors. He has at heart all of the interests of the church. He is especially anxious that we continue in our worth-while program of evangelism and to this end is going to contribute his part financially. Malvern, First Church, will meet its quota.

As has been previously announced the Arkansas Methodist goes into every home. This is another forward step. The writer is to be at Malvern next Sunday at both hours, speaking principally with reference to Christian Literature.—J. C. G.

REV. WM. SHERMAN PRESIDES OVER HELPFUL DISTRICT MEETING.

Rev. Wm. Sherman, presiding elder of the Paragould District, held a very interesting meeting of the preachers and lay members at Hoxie, January 5 and 6. Our missionary activities and the crises which we are now facing were emphasized. Dr. O. E. Goddard, director of the emergency campaign in the interest of Missions, both

national and international, delivered three stirring addresses during the conference. Presiding Elder Sherman also encouraged the pastors and lay members to help meet the crisis and save our Church at this time.

Practically all of the members were present and a large delegation of lay members. The spirit of the meeting was excellent and doubtless all returned to their several charges with a determination not only to take care of the emergency missionary campaign but to formulate and carry out a program of service in 1926.

Rev. Don C. Holman, pastor-host, provided splendid entertainment for the visitors. Hoxie Methodism is loyal and hospitable. In this connection I might state that Brother Holman is now making plans to renew the 100 per cent list to the Arkansas Methodist. We are sure that he will encounter no difficulty in doing so because Hoxie has been 100 per cent for several years.—J. C. G.

JONESBORO PREACHERS' MEETING A SUCCESS.

Rev. Fred R. Hamilton, the newly appointed presiding elder of the Jonesboro District, presided with the ease and dignity of a "veteran" over the recent district preachers' meeting held at Jonesboro. A large attendance of both preachers and lay members was noted. Brother Hamilton made it known at the outset that the present missionary crisis and how to meet it would receive major emphasis. Rev. H. K. King, a returned missionary, now pastor of Fisher Street, Jonesboro, delivered a very forceful and appealing message on our missionary situation abroad. Dr. Goddard, director of the emergency campaign in the North Arkansas Conference, delivered a strong address, emphasizing the emergency that we are now facing in our missionary enterprise. Needless to say, Jonesboro accepted its quota. Presiding Elder Hamilton assured Dr. Goddard that the District would "go over the top."

One of the outstanding features of the meeting was the enthusiasm with which the presiding elder, pastors and lay members entered into the missionary question and the program of the Church for 1926. One interesting feature was the way in which First Church, Jonesboro, has rallied to the emergency campaign appeal. Rev. J. Wilson Crichtow placed in the hands of Dr. Goddard at the close of his address a check for \$500 as First Church's "free-will" offering. Last but not least, Jonesboro's superb hospitality featured the occasion. A splendid luncheon was served at the noon hour and a delicious banquet at the evening hour. The men of First Church sponsored the banquet and it was a wholesome, enjoyable occasion.—J. C. G.

HUNTER CHARGE.

On Wednesday evening, Jan. 6, 40 of the good people of Hunter drove up to the parsonage and stormed the preacher and family with an old-time "pounding" in the old-time way. They filled the dining table with all kinds of good things to eat and they filled one corner of the dining room, then after every body was seated that could be we sang old-time songs and read the Bible and had an old-time prayer meeting. Several led in prayer and we had old-time religious testimonies. All are looking forward and praying for a great year for Hunter.

We have a fine League and a splendid prayer meeting. After the benediction all expressed themselves that they had enjoyed a good old-time John Wesley cottage prayer-meeting. All denominations in Hunter joined in the pounding. We have preached

two Sundays here and have received two into the church. We expect to go over the top one hundred per cent with our church paper at Hunter. Brethren, pray for us. We need your prayers. I sincerely ask the whole church to pray for my dear companion who suffered a severe paralytic stroke on the night of May 12. Up to this time she has not been able to be on the work with me. She has been under the treatment of the doctor all this time. So help me to pray God that she may be restored to health, as she has been such a great help to me in my ministerial work. I want to do my very best to go over the top with every part of my church work this year. May God's richest blessings rest upon all the brethren and our church paper that is so much help to all the pastors of the church.—John A. Gowen, P. C.

SARDIS CHURCH, BRYANT CHARGE.

This church was the first church in Arkansas to take the special missionary offering now before our people. On the fifth Sunday in November Rev. J. F. Simmons was attending a Sunday School institute and merely referred to the fact that during January every church in our Conference would be asked to raise at least as much as forty cents per member to relieve our missionary situation. Before the people were out of the church Mrs. Hunter Tull was collecting from the membership, and Bro. A. C. Miller, the Sunday School superintendent, assured me that the amount for Sardis church would be sent in within the next few days. And so it was. A check for \$30 was sent to the credit of Sardis church.—Reporter.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT MEETING.

The pastors and laymen of the Paragould District met at Hoxie Jan. 5 and 6.

By the request of the alert, brotherly, and efficient presiding Elder, Rev. Wm. Sherman, I give the readers of the Methodist, some adverbs, adjectives, pro-nouns, prepositions and conjunctions along with the nouns and verbs of the meeting.

The P. E., had a talkable, practicable and workable program. And each "Noun" and "Verb," assigned a place on the program was present, save two. They all "adjectived" and "adverbied" admirably and did justice to the subjects and themselves. The meeting was religious, with brotherly fellowship and the goal reached was to put over the work of the church, and put Paragould District at the head of the column next fall at the Conference.

Twenty-two of the pastors were present, eight absent, three on account of sickness, cause of absenteeism of others unknown to the writer.

Rev. C. O. Hall was in the hospital at Memphis and his father at his bedside.

Rev. J. B. Evans was called to see a sick kinsman.

The genial Glenn, of the Arkansas Methodist was present, and said some mighty good things.

Dr. E. O. Goddard (the St. Paul of the North Arkansas Conference) was present and no Adverb or Adjective can express the delight of the brethren at his presence and wise counsel. I did not hear his sermon, as wife was sick last night, and I could not go, but I heard good reports of it.

A goodly number of laymen were in attendance, and the lay leader of the District, Brother Jones of Mammoth Spring, made a fine talk, and "stepped on the gas" a bit, and the preachers said, "Amen."

We are yoking up in this District

after the manner found in Acts 6:1 and 8. Read it.

Brethren, we ought to have 2,500 converts and accessions to our Church. Why not? They are here, and we have the right of way to them, as fully as any Church in Arkansas. Be a Soul Winner. That is the divine seal on your credentials. One brother has made a date for me on fourth Sunday in July. If others want me, note this date. Pastor Holman and Hoxie "Adverbied" delightfully, beautifully and bountifully—Jas. F. Jernigan.

LEACHVILLE.

The people at Leachville have received us most kindly. We have been given a generous pounding. The ladies of the Missionary Society have added a beautiful kitchen cabinet to the already well furnished parsonage and looked after our every comfort. The board of stewards are "on the job;" a large new stove has been placed in the church and paid for; insurance and other obligations cared for, and we are starting the new year with a 100 per cent financial basis as our goal.—B. L. Harris, P. C.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT.

(First Round.)

Stranger's Home, Clover Bend, Jan. 16-17, 2 p. m. and 11 a. m.
Swifton-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.

BOONEVILLE DISTRICT

(First Round.)

Dardanelle Ct., Centerville, Jan. 16-17.
Perry-Houston, Perry, Jan. 17, 2:30 p. m.
Bigelow-Opello, Bigelow, Jan. 18.
Plainview, Jan. 19.
Rover Ct., Salem, Jan. 20.
Gravelly-Bluffton, Gravelly, Jan. 21.
Waltreak Ct., Waltreak, Jan. 22.
Belleville Ct., Ranger, Jan. 23-24.
Danville, Jan. 24, p. m.
Belleville-Havanna, Belleville, Jan. 25.
Where the hour for the Conference is not given I will be at the place indicated at 10 a. m. and will preach at 11 a. m. and at night, leaving the pastor to set the hour for the business session of the conference most convenient for his officials. The preachers of the District are called to meet at Booneville Jan. 12 at 10 a. m. The District Stewards are called for 1:30 p. m. Come prepared to spend the night if need be. We desire to arrange a comprehensive program for the year.

—W. B. Hays, P. E.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

(First Round.)

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.

SEARCY DISTRICT

(First Round.)

Weldon, 11 a. m., Jan. 17.
Cotton Plant, 7 p. m., Jan. 17.
Clinton, 11 a. m., Jan. 22.
Marshall, 11 a. m., Jan. 24.
Leslie, 7 p. m., Jan. 24.
Gregory, 11 a. m., Jan. 31.
Augusta, 7 p. m., Jan. 31.
Beebe, Feb. 7, 11 a. m.

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Lesson for January 17

JESUS AND NICODEMUS

LESSON TEXT—John 3:1-17.
GOLDEN TEXT—For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Nicodemus Visits Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—A Ruler Visits Jesus by Night.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Nicodemus Learned From Jesus.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The New Birth.

I. The History of Nicodemus (vv. 1, 2; Cf. 7:45-52; 19:38-42).

The lesson of today has its peculiar significance in the light of Nicodemus' station in life. He was a learned rabbi, a doctor of the law, and presumably a man of good character. His coming by night indicates his timidity. Like Joseph of Arimathea he was afraid to openly espouse the cause of the new teacher of Galilee. Though timid, as an honest man he investigated and got first-hand information. Because of this information he uttered the brave words in the Sanhedrin against judging a man before hearing him (John 7:45-52), and he also rendered the loving service at the Lord's tomb (John 19:38-42).

II. Jesus' Discourse With Nicodemus (vv. 3-17).

The subject of this conversation was the new birth.

1. The Necessity of the New Birth (vv. 3-7).

It is not a matter of choice whether one is to be born again, but of necessity, if he is ever to see or enter the kingdom of God. Regeneration is the first demand the gospel of Christ makes upon man.

(1) The kingdom of God is a spiritual kingdom, therefore there must be a spiritual birth in order to enter it (v. 3). As we enter the physical kingdom by a natural birth, so we enter the kingdom of God by a supernatural birth.

(2) The nature which we get through the natural birth is radical and essentially bad (v. 6; cf. Gal. 6:19-21). That which is born of the flesh is flesh. The flesh cannot be improved (Jer. 12:23); cultivate and educate it all you please and it will still remain flesh. In order to enter into the kingdom of heaven there must be a nature fitted for heaven. There is nothing that can be substituted for the new birth. Men today are trying to substitute morality and education for the new birth. Nicodemus possessed these, yet Christ declared that he needed something more. It is no more possible to have a physical being without a physical birth than it is to have a spiritual nature without being born of the spirit.

2. The Mystery of the New Birth (vv. 8-13).

Though mysterious, its results are definite. We cannot discern from whence the wind cometh, or whither it goeth, but we know that it blows by its effects. The fruits of our life demonstrate our nature, whether it is heavenly or carnal. We need not be told that we have had a physical birth, for our bodies with their various faculties prove it. Even so, the presence within us of a nature which has no affinity for the things of the world, but a strong affection for God and a disposition to yield prompt obedience to His commands, proves that we have been born from above.

3. The Ground Upon Which the New Birth Rests (vv. 14, 15).

Christ's atoning death on the cross makes regeneration possible. He took the place of sinners. His infinite merit was placed to their account; He

suffered in the sinner's stead.

4. For Whom Salvation Was Provided (vv. 16, 17).

"Whosoever believeth on Him." These verses give in a condensed form the whole plan of salvation. Observe:

(1) Its source—"God so loved." (2) Its ground, the death of Christ—"He ever." (4) Its condition—"believeth on Him." Its results—"should not perish, have everlasting life."

III. Man's Attitude Toward Christ (vv. 18-21).

1. Some Believe and Are Saved.

Those who believe are now free from condemnation (John 5:24). They are not only saved now but forever (John 10:28, 29).

2. Some Will Not Believe and Are Therefore Resting Under the Condemnation of God.

The awful sin which causes men to be eternally lost is unbelief in Christ. The cause of their unbelief in Him is their love of sin. Refusal to come to Christ proves that men's deeds are evil and that they love darkness rather than light.

OBITUARIES.

CHASTAIN.—Mrs. E. A. Chastain, wife of J. N. Chastain (deceased) was born March 11, 1845 in Walker Co., Georgia. Died Oct. 30, 1925, in Branch, Ark. She was converted in early life, joined the M. E. Church, South, and lived a consistent member ever since. Married J. N. Chastain Aug. 1866. To this union ten children were born, five boys and five girls, of whom three boys and one girl survive her. She was a dear loving mother and was constantly urging her children to be loyal Christians.—S. O. Patty.

THATCHER.—J. W. Thatcher, one of the city's most highly respected citizens died at the family home Friday night, Oct. 2, 1925 and was buried Sunday at Oak Hill Cemetery. Mr. Thatcher, who was a retired railroad engineer, came to Booneville some five years ago and purchased a home, where with his good wife he had lived a quiet and peaceful life. Mr. Thatcher was a pleasant gentleman, honest in his dealings with his fellowman, a devout church member, who was true to his God and his church, and a man whose friendship was to be highly prized, because it was so deeply sincere and true. His was a life, not of great deeds publicly proclaimed, but he was a man who lived in his every day life the teachings of the lowly Nazarene, and made this existence one of goodness and truth that was in reality a preparation for the better life beyond the grave, and we feel that as we weep today he is enjoying the fruits of his labors in this preparatory existence.—Max Hampton.

BRYAN.—Aunt Harriett Bryan was born in Jackson Co., Ala., Aug., 1841, and died Aug. 30, 1925. She was married to Jno. W. Bryan Sept. 13, 1876. No children were born to this union. She came to Mo. at the age of ten and on to Ark. four years later where she made her home excepting one year in La. Her husband having died May 30, 1919 she made her home with W. R. Riggs, her nephew. Aunt Harriett was a fine specimen of the old stock, hospitable, lovable, gentle and kind. It was a joy to the writer to talk to her and be in her company. She was loved by all who knew her. She was laid to rest in Holly Springs Cemetery. Funeral services conducted by the writer.—E. D. Hanna.



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