

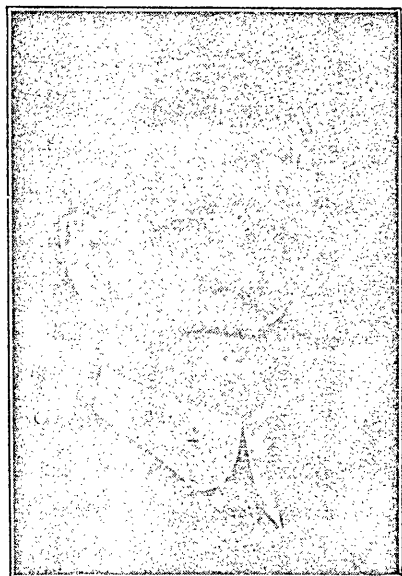
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Bishop H. A. Boaz, D. D.,
President Little Rock Conference.

**THAT YE MAY KNOW WHAT
IS THE HOPE OF HIS CALL-
ING, AND WHAT THE RICHES
OF THE GLORY OF HIS IN-
HERITANCE IN THE SAINTS.**
—Ephesians 1:18.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, HELD AT WARREN

It has been the custom of the undergraduate preachers to select each year in advance a preacher who is to preach a special sermon for them. Their choice fell this time upon Rev. C. M. Reves, the cultured and spiritual pastor of Winfield Church. On Tuesday night he preached on "The Hope to Which We Are Called," from the text, "That you may know what the hope is to which he calls you." The following is the substance of this helpful sermon.

The text comes out of one of those New Testament passages where Paul is pouring out his heart to a congregation that he loves. I think it is one of the most beautiful things in all the history of mankind, that love of this man Paul for the folks whom he was accustomed to think of as his sons and daughters in the gospel. There is hardly one of his letters, not even that letter to the Galatians which was written under such stress of passion, that does not somewhere break out in the tender expressions of a father for his children. In this letter to the Ephesians it comes before the Apostle is through with the first chapter. "Since I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and in all God's people, I never cease to thank God for you when I mention you in my prayers. The God of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation through knowledge of himself, enlightening the eyes of your minds so that you may know what the hope is to which he calls you." God be thanked that folks have had such pastors as Paul to love them and to pray for them. And then God be thanked again for the joy that is the pastor's in having folks to love and to pray for. There is no man in all

the world that has so much to be thankful for as has the man who is privileged to be a shepherd of the flock of God. (Do you ever let yourself fall to pitying ministers of the gospel?) Well, ministers of the gospel who are in a position to deserve your pity and who enjoy your pity are certainly to be pitied. I am unworthy, wholly unworthy, to be a minister of the gospel and a shepherd of Christ's sheep, but my unworthiness is not in my failure to appreciate the glory of my calling. I believe with all my heart that no man in all the world is so peculiarly blessed as is the man who, as a pastor, has it given to him to spend himself unselfishly in the service of humanity. Underpaid do you say for their services? Well, maybe so, from the standpoint of material things, but that isn't the way the preacher himself looks at it. He feels that he is the best paid man in all the world, that no other man is paid as is he, so much so that a real minister of the gospel had rather do his work for nothing than to do anything else and receive for it the handsomest salary that earth can pay for labor. And so you don't have, I say, to pity these men whose calling it is to shepherd the flocks of God. Save such pity for those who need it. Bill Nye and James Whitcomb Riley were warm personal friends, the former a man or a family and the latter, as you well know, a bachelor to his dying day. When Bill Nye's little child passed away, Riley wrote to him:

"Let me come in where you now sit weeping,
Aye, let me come who have not any child to die.
Weep with you for the little one whose love
I have known nothing of.

The little arms that slowly, slowly loosed
The pressure round your neck,
The little hands you used to kiss,
Such arms, such hands, I never knew,
May I not weep with you!

Fain would I be of service, say something
Between the tears that would be comforting,
But, ah, so sadder than yourself am I
Who have no child to die."

Don't you think it is a fine thought which the Hoosier poet expresses when he declares that there is something sadder even than losing a child and that is having no child to lose? And just so there is somebody more to be pitied than the man whose life, by the very nature of his work, is an unselfish, sacrificial outpouring of himself, and that somebody is the man who is not privileged to know such a life. The joy, I say again to you, of a Christian pastor's life no words can tell. And what is that joy? Well, a bit of it is the joy that Paul felt when he was writing the text, the joy of knowing that he was permitted to help folks to see and to appreciate their hope in Christ Jesus.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," and the blessedness supernatural is to give folks the rich things of God.

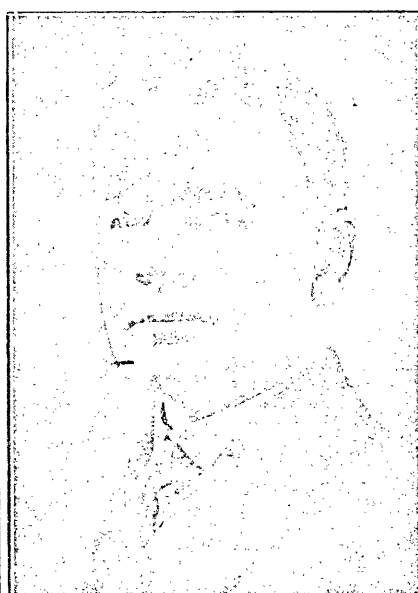
The joy which I covet for myself tonight is the joy of being permitted to stand here for a few minutes and to help you, if I can, the better to realize what a wonderful hope you have as a Christian man. And I cannot do better, it seems to me, than by reminding you of the contents of this hope which is ours as Christians. What is it that our hope as Christians involves? What have we who gather here? What have we in our Christian faith, what have we in our religion that is so tremendously worth while? One of the most significant parables which the Master ever uttered was the parable which we call the Pearl of Great Price, the parable in which He answered the age old question, What is the highest good? And He answers this question by saying that the Kingdom of God is the highest good, that religion is the supreme value in life, that the Christian hope is the pearl which a man may well sell all that he has to buy. And now I am asking you to think with me for a few moments about the contents of this hope, this hope to which we are called as Christians.

I. The Hope of Usefulness.

It is, first of all, a hope of usefulness. It is the hope of being used. It is the hope of spending and being spent for others.

Let me say that I am trying to interpret the Christian hope from the standpoint of the mind and spirit of Jesus rather than from the standpoint of our human weaknesses and limitations. I want us to understand what Christianity is all about as He would have us understand it. For it is better, infinitely better, that we should see religion as Christ sees it, that we should have His vision, however painful that may be for a time, than that we should see with our own poor eyes only to find that it was not reality but a mirage that we saw along the way of life. "Ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." And it is the truth we want. His truth about this life which we are living. We want to know this hope to which we are called as He knows it; we want the same conception of what is involved in religion that He has.

And when we begin to interpret Christianity from the standpoint of Christ, we do well to see that our hope is, first of all, a hope that looks toward usefulness. Here is the fundamental principle which Jesus taught and which He practiced: That Christianity is not primarily a matter of getting, but giving; it is not a way by which we receive something, so much as a means by which we give something. It is not so much an opportunity to reap as it is a challenge to sow. Christianity is primarily the investment of one's life in a program that looks toward the building of God's Kingdom on earth. As Christians our chief concern is not to be saved, but to be saviour. Don't fail



Rev. C. J. Greene, D. D.,
Secretary Little Rock Conference

to get what I am saying. I know it isn't what makes us feel good; it isn't what makes us take the preacher by the hand and tell him he delivered a great message. I know we don't like this kind of sermons. But I also know that this kind of preaching is the kind that squares with the teachings of Christ and that book. Listen then to what I say. Our religion is not a matter, first of all, of getting oneself saved, but it is a matter of losing oneself in a cause that involves the good of the whole world. The hope to which Christ calls us is the hope of a useful existence in the service of our fellow men.

No; this isn't the conception of Christianity that we like most. Such a conception isn't altogether inviting to many people. But, I repeat, it is the conception of the New Testament; it is, therefore, the conception which we need. All too long have we thought of Christianity as something which makes us feel good, something to talk about in sweet phrases and to sing about in rapturous ecstasies. We must come to think about Christianity as something that calls us to sacrificial living. Christianity will be for each of us and for the world a different thing when we think of it as having for each of us a cross as truly as it had a cross for Him who is Our Lord and Master. Dr. Merton S. Rice, pastor of the Metropolitan Methodist Episcopal Church in Detroit and recognized as one of the really great preachers of America today, tells an interesting story about a man who came to him to talk about joining his church. As they talked the man said, using his own plain but expressive language, "They tell me if I join your church here in Detroit, I am certain to get 'soaked.' I hear that you are undertaking big things in your congregation and that you 'soak' everybody who joins you. Is that true? Will I get 'soaked' if I join your church?" Seeing that it was a time to be frank with the man Dr. Rice replied: "Yes; if you join

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Rev. A. H. Williams, formerly of the Arkansas Conference, who has been pastor at Huntsville, Ala., at the recent session of his Conference, was appointed to Vernon, Ala.

On the first day of the Little Rock Conference it was reported that a brother of Rev. W. T. Hopkins had been killed in an automobile accident. A message of sympathy was sent.

Rev. O. H. Tucker of Fayetteville called Saturday on his way to Conference at Paragould. He had an engagement to preach at McCrory Sunday and at Jonesboro Monday where he was to make an address to the Agricultural School. He has spoken this year to over 1,500 students, has traveled 3,000 miles and preached 62 times. Brother Tucker has been attending the Conference sessions since 1880 and has missed the roll call only two times.

this church you will get soaked. We want you to come knowing that. To join this church ought to mean that you have made up your mind to be a Christian, and being a Christian always means getting soaked." Do you understand what that preacher had in mind? Do you know what he was trying to say when he took that slang expression and said that being a Christian means "getting soaked?" And do you agree with him in what he said? Do you know enough about the teachings of this Book, do you know enough about the teaching and the spirit of Jesus to know that Christianity is a religion that "soaks" folks? Well, it is true, absolutely true. The finest type of Christianity "soaks" people. Ours is a religion that costs us something. It asks for all; it brings burdens; it calls for cash; it demands devotion; it exacts earnestness; it looks for loyalty; it requires renunciation; it stands for service; it takes toll of our talents; it urges usefulness. Christianity lives by the red blood of those who embrace it. Read the history of the

Christian Church and say for yourself if Christianity doesn't "soak" men. And it is this that I am trying to say just now: That the very first thing in this hope to which we are called is the hope of being "soaked," for being useful means being used and being used means being "soaked."

II. The Hope of Satisfaction.

And now along with this hope of usefulness let me mention as a second element in our religion the hope of satisfaction, the hope of finding for ourselves the highest and fullest happiness.

What I am about to say now is not so important as what I have been saying, but it is much more to our liking. I have come to the part of the sermon now that makes us feel good. I am about to say that while our religion is primarily a religion of service, a religion of usefulness, a religion of self-denial, and sacrifice, it is, at the same time, a religion in which we find our most genuine, our most lasting, our most worth while satisfaction. Men were made to be happy, to be satisfied, to have joy and peace

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What say you?

The annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches, is to be held at Minneapolis, Minn., this year, on Dec. 8-10. The editor as a representative of his Conference is urged to attend, but it is doubtful whether he can find the time so near after the adjournment of the Annual Conferences when his work is unusually pressing.

On Saturday before the Little Rock Conference convened in the afternoon, Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker, following his custom in other Conferences of which he has been a member, called together the superannuates at what he designates as the "Golden Hour," and gave to each a substantial present, and to each member of the class received into full connection he gave a volume of Robertson's Sermons.

At noon on Friday the editor was the guest, at dinner in the Southerland Hotel, of the Conference Class of 1914. There were twelve in the original Class. All are living and seven were present: A. E. Jacobs, T. D. Spruce, W. R. Jordan, L. C. Gatlin, J. L. Dedman, C. E. Whitten, and Jesse Galloway. Four had transferred and Roy E. Farr had superannuated. The fellowship was fine and thoroughly enjoyed. All but one had been students of Henderson-Brown College.

The winter meeting of the Methodist Education Association will be held in Memphis, Tenn., in February. Presidents of Methodist schools and colleges and other religious workers and teachers are expected to attend. A special feature of the approaching meeting will be a conference of religious workers in tax supported schools and teachers of religious education in Church colleges. In addition to Dr. Stonewall Anderson, general secretary of the Board of Education, M. E. Church, South, and other officials of that board, under whose auspices the Methodist Education Association

is conducted, it expected that the attendance will include presidents of 90 Methodist institutions of learning; professors of religious education; teachers of Bible at State schools; student pastors, student assistants; directors of religious activities connected with schools and pastors in college communities.

Rev. J. E. Morgan, of Texarkana, Texas, evangelist of the Texas Conference, visited the Little Rock Conference at Warren. As a member of the Western Assembly Board he is personally well known to this editor and Bishop Boaz recommends him highly. He has held fourteen revivals this year and as result many have been converted and joined the church. He would be pleased to make some engagements for meetings in Arkansas.

In the death of Mr. C. P. J. Mooney, editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, American journalism loses one of its brightest lights and the South one of its highest types of manhood. Although a Roman Catholic, he was so tolerant and yet so pronounced in his advocacy of the value of genuine religion, that he had won the admiration and respect of people of all religious faiths. He had made his paper the advocate of all that is high and noble in American life, and set an example to men of his profession. His earliest journalistic experiences were in Pine Bluff. He had become a great moral asset to the public life of the South, and his death is greatly deplored.

Announcement last Saturday of the death of Judge J. W. Mehaffy as the result of an automobile accident, caused sincere sorrow in the Little Rock Conference in session at Warren, and a message of sympathy was sent to his esteemed father, Judge T. M. Mehaffy, who is a great friend of Methodist preachers. The younger Judge Mehaffy, just elected associate justice of the Supreme Court, was a graduate of Henderson-Brown College and of the University of Arkansas, and had made a reputation as a good lawyer and a thorough Christian gentleman. He was a member of Winfield Church and a teacher in the Sunday School. His tragic and untimely death brings sorrow to the hearts of his multitude of friends and admirers.

The question, "Who are the twelve greatest world heroes?" has been answered according to the judgment of thousands of high school students in the competition established over a year ago by Clement M. Biddle of New York. The result has been announced, and the list, arranged according to the number of votes received, is as follows: Louis Pasteur, Abraham Lincoln, Christopher Columbus, George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Woodrow Wilson, Florence Nightingale, Joan of Arc, Socrates, Johann Gutenberg, David Livingstone, and George Stephenson. The remarkable thing about this list is that military heroes are not prominent. Only two, Washington and Joan of Arc, have military fame, and they are otherwise great.

just as they were made to eat and drink and sleep and breathe and live. And the religion of Jesus Christ, this religion which involves all that I have been talking about, is designed to bring the fullest measure of satisfaction that a human being can have. Away with the idea that the religion of Jesus Christ, the religion with a cross at the heart of it, is not the way of supreme happiness for the heart of man. It is the way, the only way, that man can really find life, abundant life, eternal life.

It is easy enough to say a thing like that, and it may have some weight being said, but the statement is more than the word of an insignificant preacher of the gospel. It is a truth which life teaches men. The Christian life, which is the way of usefulness, is of all ways of life the most satisfying:

(1) Because it is most in keeping with these natures of ours. "Tis man's perdition to be safe when for the truth he ought to die."

The man who talked with Dr. Rice finally said to him: "I am going to

join your church because I want to be 'soaked.' I like the idea of a church that will cost me something and a religion that will demand something of me."

Was that the normal man? Is there in all of us that which makes us respond to the challenge of the cross. I think there is. It is the normal man, I believe, that wants to be "soaked" as religion soaks. So it is with all of us in our religion. And Christianity satisfies us because it gives to each of us a cross.

I cannot refrain just here from saying that it is in the preaching of just such a gospel as this, the gospel of usefulness, that the hope of the church lies. To preach such is to preach a gospel that draws men. Promise men and women that you will "soak" them and you will get them. Offer them a hard job and they will hear your call. I could wish that the men who stand in the pulpit next year might realize, as God has brought me to realize that the church's biggest asset is its promise to demand the difficult of those who

join it. And I wish that more and more we might make those who belong and who join know that church membership means obligations, heavy obligations. It would be a good thing obligations, many obligations, real for us and for the Kingdom of God if we could bundle up a lot of members which represent those who make no contribution to the program of the church, neither in money nor anything else, and throw them on the junk heap. It would say to these folks and to the world that one can't be a disciple of Christ and a member of the church and be a loafer and a sponge. And for every one of this kind you let out of the church you would find a real member joyously coming to take his place.

(2) Because it is the soul's answer to the challenge of God.

One of the great and glorious facts of life is this: God needs men. Always He has been calling for them. Listen to Him as He speaks through the lips of His servant Ezekiel, saying, "I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge and stand in the gap before me for the land." Doesn't that thrill you. Think of God out looking for man to fill up the gap and stand before Him for the land! Listen again as He speaks through the lips of Jeremiah saying, "Run you to and fro through the streets of Jerusalem and see if ye can find a man." Yes; God needs men and women. Such calls as He issued through Ezekiel and Jeremiah He is issuing today. The stampede of youth! What is this but God's call to men and women to help Him save the world by building homes that are worthy of Christ and His Kingdom. And many such calls from God are coming to us today. Yes; God needs men and women.

That is one fact. The other is this: It is in such a religion as we are thinking about today that the soul of man make its answer to God and answering finds its fullest joy. No human life ever knew such joy as filled up the cup of him whose words are my text today. And what was that joy which Paul knew? Whence did it come? What was the source of it? Come with me into this king's palace where the Apostle is a prisoner for the gospel's sake and maybe we can discern the secret of his joy. Recall the scene when Paul is before King Agrippa. What did he mean? Ah, this, I think. He was saying in substance: "One day God made me feel that He had need for me in His plans for the world and since that great day it has been my joy to give my life to the carrying out of those plans." Paul's joy, Paul's happiness came in his feeling that he was in his religious living answering the call of God for a man to help Him fill up the gap. And that joy may be your joy and mine, for to be a Christian whose uppermost thought and purpose are to serve, that is to be a co-worker with God and that is to feel the heavenly joy of answering His call for service to the world.

The hope to which we are called is a hope of satisfaction that comes with a cross. It is, therefore, with the deepest spiritual insight that we as Christians sing:

"O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be."

III. The Hope of Immortality.

And now let me set alongside these two elements of our hope a third

which is the hope of immortality. It is our hope in Christ that, being useful in time and finding in that usefulness our supreme joy, we shall come at last to happiness that is endless.

What I would do now is not to produce arguments in support of this doctrine which is a part of our Christian faith, but merely remind you that it is a part of our hope and let that fact bring to each of us the inspiration which it has for the Christian life. Personally, it is a vital element in my faith, this thought that there is for me a life unending beyond the life that now is. We cannot know much of that life; it is a spiritual existence, and we who are flesh and blood do not easily understand—in fact, hardly understood at all—the things of a purely spiritual world. Perhaps it is to be set down as one of the fine things about the life to be that we do not know much about it. But we have a hope, a sure hope in Christ that it is to be, and because we have this hope we can dream of what that life is to be and we can give values to that life. And this, it seems to me, is one of the supreme values of immortality—that it will make possible the carrying forward to completion of the things which we begin here but cannot complete and the consummation of plans and ambitions which here we cannot or do not realize. What would you like to have a heaven for? Why do you want to be immortal? For what purpose are you going to use the immortality which your faith promises you? I think I can answer such questions for you in the answer which I give to them for myself. We want a life beyond the grave, we want immortality, we long for a heaven with its unending years that there we may come to that completion of ourselves in righteousness which we aimed at down here but never fully realized. We have been saying here that religion, this religion of ours which looks first of all in the direction of usefulness in service to our fellow-men, we have been saying that this religion satisfies. And so we say again: It does, more than anything else in all the world, it does. But we do not mean by that that here in this life we reach that perfection of character wherein we feel that we have achieved all, and, therefore, rest in complete satisfaction. This conquest, this achievement, which is the supreme ambition of the human heart, is reserved for and is made possible in the eternity which our Christian hope guarantees to us. It is in our hope of immortality that we have the hope of perfected manhood and perfected womanhood. The psalmist said "I shall be satisfied when"—and we will not allow him to finish his sentence, so eager are we to know the time and place of this achievement. "I shall be satisfied," he says, "When I awake with thy likeness." And so shall it be with us, for this is our hope in Christ, that we are immortal and that in our immortality we shall at last awake with His likeness.

Usefulness in life, happiness in this usefulness, and happiness for eternity—this is the hope to which we are called in Christ Jesus. Is it any wonder that Paul's heart burned with heavenly joy as he prayed and worked that this congregation of his might know the better and the fuller enjoyment the hope that was theirs in Christ? I would to God that power were given to me to help you know the glory of the hope that is yours as a Christian, for then would my joy abound through my ministry of use-

fulness and then would your joy be increased by the consciousness of your riches in Christ Jesus. I do pray as did the Apostle for that congregation at Ephesus, that "the God of our Lord Jesus Christ grant you the spirit of wisdom and revelation through knowledge of himself enlightening the eyes of your mind so that you may know what the hope is to which he calls you and how graciously rich his inheritance is among God's people and how surpassingly great his power is for us who believe."

First Day, Nov. 17.

At 9 a. m. Bishop H. A. Boaz took the chair and announced Hymn No. 1. Then the Creed was recited and the Bishop led in fervent prayer. Using as a Scripture lesson a portion of Mark 10, he commented on the request of James and John for prominent places in the kingdom. If they were seeking place for mere appearance or power, they were wrong. Jesus told them that they were not prepared, and such places were for prepared persons. It is our privilege to make our places better or to fill our places so full that we may be called to others. Jesus told the disciples to be ready to serve. Christ came not to be ministered unto, but to minister. Let us as ministers have the mind of Christ. It is our business to win men to love God.

Dr. C. J. Greene, secretary of the last Conference, called the roll. He was re-elected, and on his nomination C. N. Baker, J. C. Glenn, and O. E. Holmes were elected assistants.

Mr. C. L. Tarlton, chairman of the official board of Warren Church, made a brief and appropriate address of welcome, to which Bishop Boaz felicitously responded.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, transferred from North Texas Conference, was introduced, and humorously remarked that he had proved his interest and confidence by paying for the Arkansas Methodist for four years in advance.

The Bishop called the name of Dr. Alonzo Monk, pronouncing him one of the greatest preachers of Methodism. Dr. Monk, closing his fifty-third year in the ministry, having belonged to eight different Conferences, asked for the superannuate relation and briefly recounted certain interesting incidents in his early ministry. He had served a circuit on a \$57 salary and held some of the best stations and districts. He had enjoyed his work. Few preachers have had longer or more varied experience.

The Conference voted to meet at 8:30 and adjourn at 11:45 a. m.

Bishop Boaz expressed his appreciation of Arkansas and his pleasure in becoming a citizen of our State. He exhibited a gavel made of olive wood from a tree near Jerusalem.

Report No. 1 of the Board of Missions was read by Dr. Thomas. It is as follows:

The General Conference has declared that "during the months of January and February, a special missionary cultivation campaign shall be conducted throughout the whole Church in every congregation, during which each member of the Church shall be given an opportunity to make a freewill offering for maintaining the General Work of the Board, which freewill offering shall be over and above the missionary assessments for the year and shall not include the income from Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues; provided, that all moneys so raised shall be directed to the Board of Missions, Section of General Work."

As to the method of carrying out

this campaign of cultivation and taking the freewill offering from our people, the General Conference declared that "the Missionary Committee shall conduct an every-member canvass in every congregation to secure a free will offering for missions, and, further, "that the goal, in this special appeal, shall be to secure at least one million dollars over and above the income from assessment, Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, for maintenance each year during the quadrennium."

Since this is now the law of our Church, the utmost cooperation becomes a duty, but we do not regard our work of extending the Kingdom entirely in this light.

It is also a high privilege and an opportunity in which we rejoice. The world calls for Christ as never before. The world needs Christ as never before. In no moment of history have more critical consequences hinged upon our giving Christ to the nations. In every land on earth the leaven of Bolshevistic atheism is working; it is being assiduously propagated by powerful proponents. The issue is not now between our religion and a heathen religion, a higher and a lower faith. It is between Christ and Anti-Christ, between God and an absolute atheism and all that atheism means to the world and the future.

No discriminating Christian can look out over the world today without being stirred by the call which this dread situation brings to him. To falter now would not only be a disloyalty—not only a sin—but it would mean certain disaster to the whole structure of society.

Resolved, therefore, that this Annual Conf. hereby pledge its hearty support and that we enter heartily into every feature of the campaign of missionary cultivation during the months of January and February.

Resolved, that we accept, and agree to raise by means of an every-mem-

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ber canvass for a freewill offering, our share of the million dollars asked by the General Conference for missions.

Resolved, first, that we elect J. F. Simmons as director of the movement in our Conference and assure him of our earnest cooperation.

Resolved, second, that we gladly accept our apportionment of the million dollars for the Little Rock Conference on this special which is \$34,000.

Resolved, third, that we request the Presiding Elders to fix the dates and places for their District Missionary Institutes as provided by the Discipline, and, if possible, these dates be fixed before the adjournment of the session of the Conference as we have a strenuous period of cultivation to put on in the "every-member canvass" for the special.—E. R. Steel, President; James Thomas, Secretary.

Pending adoption of the Report, Dr. O. E. Goddard, Foreign Missionary Secretary, made a pointed and powerful appeal for the funds necessary to carry on our missionary operations. He explained the situation and showed the need. The debt, which now embarrasses our Board of Missions, is the result of the failure of some of our people to pay their Centenary pledges. The income from rentals of the Lambuth Building will gradually extinguish the debt, and the million to be raised each year is to maintain our present missions so that there may be no retreat. It is a hard task, but we need it to use our God-given powers. We must not back off from "drives." The present curse of the Church is the love of money. We are living in luxury. We must respond to this compelling appeal. If we fail, God will be disappointed. We must bestir ourselves to save the honor of our Church. There is an uprising of atheism which threatens the life of the world. Russia has abolished God, and is seeking to overthrow Christianity. We must outlive, outlove, and outgive the atheistic forces. We need a ministry wholly consecrated to God, of the Pauline type. We made sacrifices in war; we should be as willing to make them now for the sake of our Master.

Bishop Boaz followed with a tremendous appeal, and gave illustra-

tions of the heroism of Christians in Korea. He compared our prosperous civilization with the backwardness of India and China and argued that we owed it to the element of Christianity in our civilization. It is our high privilege to give our Christ to those who struggle in darkness and need. Now is the time to prove our faith in Jesus, the Son of God.

The report was unanimously adopted.

The Bishop called the names of the superannuates, and those who were present spoke briefly and lovingly.

Rev. Rex B. Wilkes was elected to report the Conference to the secular press.

Rev. W. C. House, transferred from North Arkansas Conference, was introduced.

Rev. J. L. Dedman, representing the presiding elders, read the nominations for the committees and quadrennial boards, and they were elected.

Quadrennial Boards.

Bible Board: D. H. Colquette, J. E. Waddell, F. C. Cannon, M. K. Rogers, J. D. Rogers, J. J. Mellard, J. O. Gold.

Christian Literature: Van Harrell, W. W. Christie, J. W. Thomas, J. C. Glenn, J. M. Cannon, R. P. James, A. W. Hamilton; Lay Members: Mrs. F. M. Williams, Hot Springs; M. P. Morton, Thornton; Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Wilmar; S. T. Lassiter, Cabot; T. B. Cook, Ashdown; Fred Moore, Pine Bluff; F. M. Holt, Gurdon.

Church Extension: F. P. Doak, Rex B. Wilkes, J. R. Dickinson, J. H. Cummins, W. W. Nelson, J. D. Baker, G. L. Cagle; Lay: C. E. Hayes, Little Rock; G. W. Pardee, Little Rock; R. H. McLendon, Atlanta; Harvey Parnell, Dermott; C. L. Cade, Stamps; W. W. Taylor, Pine Bluff; W. F. Reagan, Glenwood.

Commission on Budget: J. F. Simmons, Chairman; M. K. Irvin, B. F. Musser, J. M. Hamilton, W. C. Hilliard; Lay: W. R. Boney, Stamps; J. J. Craig, El Dorado; Carl Hollis, Warren; C. F. Elza, Benton; John Pope, Pine Bluff; J. S. Utley, Little Rock.

Education: J. L. Cannon, Stone-wall Anderson, O. L. Walker, E. C. Rule, M. O. Barnett, F. M. Freeman, T. D. Spruce; Lay: Seth Reynolds, Ashdown; C. L. Hornaday, Arkadelphia; C. A. Overstreet, Magnolia; O. C. Landers, Warren; H. T. Harrison, Little Rock; Mrs. J. M. Garland, Emmett; A. W. Mills, Pine Bluff.

Epworth League: W. C. Yancey, O. E. Holmes, L. E. N. Hundley, J. L. Leonard, W. J. Clark, R. E. Fawcett, E. T. Miller; Lay: Hal Norwood, Arkadelphia; M. L. Allday, El Dorado; Dr. Hubert Shull, Texarkana; W. A. McKeowan, Glenwood; Ray Monk, Pine Bluff; Claude Roy, Little Rock.

Evangelism: J. D. Hammons, F. M. Freeman, S. F. Goddard.

Finance: J. H. Glass, W. F. Campbell, J. W. Rogers, J. D. Rogers, S. F. Goddard, J. T. Rogers, C. D. Cade, R. E. Simpson; Lay: R. F. Tackett, Malvern; G. A. Holmes, Stamps; G. M. Matthews, Little Rock; F. T. Hunter, Fordyce; J. J. Harrell, Tillar; O. A. Groves, Hope; J. W. Searan, Stuttgart.

Hospital: H. D. Knickerbocker, A. C. Millar, H. H. McGuyre, Leland Clegg; Lay: J. W. House, Texarkana; Mrs. Rex B. Wilkes, Fordyce; Mrs. H. K. Wade, Hot Springs.

Missions: W. C. Watson, J. D. Hammons, J. A. Sage, W. T. Wilkinson, J. T. Thompson, W. C. Davidson, James Thomas; Lay: J. L. Deloney, Foreman; J. H. Waters, El Dorado; R. L. Hardy, Monticello; J.

W. Trieschmann, Little Rock; W. H. Latimer, Roy Smith, Hot Springs; R. E. John, Stuttgart.

Orphanage: Jesse Galloway, E. D. Hanna, W. R. Boyd, D. A. Weems, F. A. Buddin; Lay: M. V. D. Webb, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Geo. Hughes, Benton; Mrs. F. V. Holmes, Little Rock; Ed Groves, Camden; R. L. Bradshaw, Lewisville; V. J. Trotter, Monticello.

Sunday School: P. W. Quillian, J. L. Cannon, W. C. House, T. O. Owen, F. G. Roebuck, A. W. Waddill, C. M. Reves; Lay: Chas. Goodlett, Arkadelphia; J. W. Rogers, El Dorado; A. R. Cooper, Pine Bluff; C. E. Hayes, Little Rock; J. W. Teeter, Prescott; R. E. Martin, Texarkana; D. L. Purkins, Warren.

Temperance and Social Service: A. C. Rogers, B. A. Few, H. L. Simpson; W. C. Hilliard, A. E. Jacobs, L. J. Ridling; Lay: A. P. Steele, Ashdown; R. J. Nutt, Carthage; J. O. A. Bush, Prescott; Mrs. A. R. Wilson, Pine Bluff; Thos. S. Buzbee, Little Rock.

Admission on Trial: T. O. Owen, S. B. Mann, S. F. Goddard.

Admission: J. M. Hamilton, J. L. Hoover, J. A. Parker.

First Year Committee: T. M. Armstrong, W. R. Richardson, A. W. Hamilton.

Second Year Committee: R. E. Fawcett, Leland Clegg, W. C. Davidson.

Third Year Committee: M. K. Irvin, E. C. Rule, R. M. Holland.

Fourth Year Committee: F. G. Roebuck, F. C. Cannon, F. F. Harrell.

Annual Boards & Committees

Lay Activities: George W. Pardee, Chairman; J. S. M. Cannon, Secy. and Treas.; W. A. Utley, Benton; R. W. Huie, Jr., Arkadelphia; J. A. Lorance, Hot Springs; F. T. Hunter, Fordyce; M. P. Morton, Thornton; J. J. Craig, El Dorado; S. B. Lassiter, Cabot; S. H. Pace, Bauxite; O. C. Landers, Warren; Noel Martin, Warren; K. D. McNeeley, Dermott; W. B. Sorrels, Pine Bluff; W. W. Taylor, Pine Bluff; Roy Custer, Pine Bluff; W. F. Reasons, Glenwood; A. C. Kizzia, Delight; H. W. Timberlake, Washington; O. P. Steel, Ashdown; J. L. Deloney, Foreman; C. L. Cade, Stamps.

Conference Relations: W. C. Hilliard, B. F. Scott, W. R. Jordan, H. A. F. Ault, J. C. Johnson, J. A. Parker, W. V. Walthall, L. C. Gatlin.

District Conference Journals: J. C. Taylor, Rex B. Wilkes, Mrs. W. C. Hilliard.

Public Worship: J. A. Parker, E. C. Rule, Noel Martin.

The Conference adjourned at 11:45.

At 3 p. m. a large congregation assembled. After singing and prayer by Rev. T. O. Owen, Dr. J. D. Hammons, chairman of the committee on Evangelism, introduced as the specially invited speaker Dr. Edward Leigh Pell of Richmond, Va., who in a very simple and touching manner presented Jesus as seeking to perpetuate his work through men who love him. Jesus knew that the only love which would endure and get results was not a love for things but for persons. Pagan teaching connects with things, abstract principles, Jesus connects with life through love. As we love him we connect with God on one side and men on the other. Thus we can use God's power to help men. Religion is not an intellectual activity, but an everlasting love affair. Vital union with Christ is true Christianity. When we love him we naturally love our fellows. Dr. Pell has for years been saying: "Master, Thou art everything to me. Thou hast all there is of me."

Wednesday at 7.30 p. m. there was

a joint anniversary of the Sunday School and Epworth League Boards. The choir rendered beautiful music. Mr. C. E. Hayes presided. Dr. J. M. Workman read Psalm 95 and led in prayer. Rev. S. T. Baugh who has been working for both Boards threw some illustrative pictures on the screen.

Rev. Clem Baker, who during eleven years has led this Conference in Sunday School training work and won a wide reputation, briefly mentioned facts which will appear in the reports.

President Williams of Galloway College made the principal address, showing clearly that the home is the center of religious life. Unless the home is founded on Christ it is a poor place to rear children.

After this fine address, Rev. Clem Baker presented the Workman loving cup to the Pine Bluff District for making the highest record on Sunday School Day offering and teacher training. Thus closed the first day.

Second Day, Thursday, Nov. 18.

Bishop Boaz took the chair and announced as the hymn, "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and after the singing called on Rev. A. C. Millar to lead in prayer.

The Bishop read as a lesson a part of Romans 12, commenting on the value of making living sacrifices, and Paul's appeal to the nobility in our natures. What we need supremely is a deeper and richer religious experience so that we shall be ready for service and sacrifice. Paul preached a crucified but risen Christ. He ex-

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horted us to be holy and argued for transformed lives.

The minutes were read and the roll of absentees called. It was voted that further calling of the roll be dispensed with.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, secretary of the General Board of Education, spoke briefly, but forcibly, explaining the changes necessitated by action of General Conference, and called attention to the great gifts to our institutions by such men as McFarlin, Candler and the Dukes, and declared that a new day is dawning. It was an address to inspire courage and hope for larger and better things.

The report of the Board of Christian Literature was read, and pending its adoption Rev. A. C. Millar, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, read a paper which had been prepared for the Arkansas Methodist Commission and which the Commission had requested him to read. The Bishop expressed appreciation of the paper and urged loyal and hearty support. The report, as below, was adopted.

Report of the Board of Christian Literature

We your Board of Christian Literature rejoice with you in the progress of our general publishing interests, and efficient business administration that has made possible the splendid achievements of the year just closed. In view of the fact that all accrued profits go into the fund for Superannuate Endowment and as a matter of denominational pride, we would recommend that our own Publishing House be given the patronage and moral support of both pastors and laymen alike.

We call attention to the Christian Advocate and the Quarterly Review as publications for which we as a church have occasion to be grateful. Feeling that both are worthy of a much wider reading than now received, we commend them to pastors and laymen, asking that they be given their due place in the promotion of an increased interest in Christian literature.

With reference to our Conference organ, "The Arkansas Methodist" we wish to make the following statement and recommendations:

In winding up the business affairs of the Methodist for the present year, we find that there will be a deficit to the amount of five or six thousand dollars. With a reasonable circulation augmented by the regular Conference assessments, it is hoped that the management will be able finally to liquidate this deficit.

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met with the Commission in recent session, and it was the unanimous opinion of all present that the Arkansas Methodist MUST be continued. It was also their opinion, including that of Bishop Boaz, that there is no Advocate published among us stronger than is our own Conference Organ.

In view of the above financial situation, and the evident need of a state church paper that will adequately represent Arkansas Methodism, we your Board recommend as follows:

1. That the Budget Committee make an assessment of \$5,000 to help meet the expense of publication.

2. That the month of March be set aside as a Methodist Campaign month, and earnestly request that all the brethren make special effort to put the Methodist in every home in the Conference.

3. That it would be the part of wisdom to buy a home for the Methodist at the earliest possible date, looking to the establishment of headquarters for our church in the state where all Methodist agencies can have offices and carry on. In this connection we would also suggest that the Conference begin to think about the raising of an endowment that will provide a permanent income for the support of the paper.

4. That Dr. A. C. Millar be re-elected as editor and business manager; also the re-election of the present commissioners, Dr. Jas. Thomas, Dr. E. R. Steel and Dr. C. M. Reves. —J. T. Rodgers, Chairman; Roy E. Fawcett, Secretary.

The Report of the Board of Lay Activities was read, and, after a brief address by Mr. J. M. Way, editor of the Methodist Layman, in which he promised larger cooperation of the laymen, the Bishop exhorted on the necessity of getting 100 per cent on collection and the fundamental duty of winning souls and Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker and Dr. W. C. Watson briefly spoke. The report below was then adopted.

Report of the Board of Lay Activities

The secretary of this Board has visited each District in the Conference from two to three times during the year and the reports received by him from the District, Charge and Church lay leaders indicate a growing interest in the work which they have been appointed to carry forward. On February 24 and 25, one of the great Regional Conferences on Laymen's Work for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in the city of Little Rock. The attendance of lay leaders from over the State at this conference was very gratifying. A feature of this conference was the inspiring message on Missions, brought to us by Bishop H. A. Boaz, who had just returned from the Orient. Mr. William Ward, honorary president of the World Brotherhood, and Sir Richard Winfrey, both of whom came from England, delivered great addresses of the subject of Brotherhood and Christian Stewardship. The secretary of the General Board, with his three assistants, was present, lending their aid to the success of the meeting.

The secretary of the Conference Board also attended the meeting of the Men's Church League in New York City in April of this year. The secretary is of the opinion that membership in this League is not of sufficient value to justify the expenditure of time and money entailed and therefore recommends that it be discontinued.

We note that under the new constitution adopted by the General Conference at Memphis in May, the Conference Board of Lay Activities has

three definite and well-defined duties.—The promotion of Christian Stewardship, the Wesley Brotherhood, and full payment of the Benevolences.

We recommend the adoption of the following:

1st. That the Laymen of the Conference do everything in their power to carry out the three definite and well-defined duties mentioned above for the promotion of Christian Stewardship, the Wesley Brotherhood and full payment of the Benevolences.

2nd. That every Presiding Elder, Pastor, District and Charge Lay Leader in the Little Rock Conference, enter into an active and aggressive campaign in soliciting subscriptions to the Methodist Laymen, the official organ of the Board.

3rd. That Mr. G. W. Pardee be elected Conference Lay Leader during the coming year.

We also submit herewith a statement of the expenses incurred by the Board during the year:

Conference Board meetings...	\$ 350.00
District Meetings	225.00
Sam T. Poe, Conf. Lay Leader, Expense	268.73
Arkansas Methodist Assessment	150.00
Regional Conference	50.00
Printing	35.00
Postage and Stenographer ..	410.09
Traveling Expense of Secretary	436.25

TOTAL\$1,925.07
—Sam T. Poe, Chairman; G. W. Pardee, Secretary.

The following were introduced: President C. L. Hornaday of Henderson-Brown College, Dr. Richard Spaul of Southern Methodist University, Revs. H. H. Griffin, J. J. Galloway, and R. C. Morehead, all representing our own educational work, and Rev. F. M. Freeman, transferred last year from Louisiana Conference.

Dr. Alonzo Monk, who had yesterday asked for the superannuate relation, bade the Conference an affectionate farewell and stated that his home would be Benton.

Rev. J. A. Stout of the C. M. E. Church was introduced and announced that his General Conference had authorized the erection of a church in Pine Bluff in memory of his brother, the late Rev. R. S. Stout, who had been Church Extension secretary of the C. M. E. Church. He asked the Conference to contribute \$300 to help buy the site. Dr. Knickerbocker was called to the front and under his persuasive influence \$339 was soon raised. Then the colored brother sang, "Swing low, Sweet Chariot," and the Conference joined in singing the final chorus.

Report No. 1 of the Conference Board of Finance was read and adopted.

Dr. F. L. Wells, presiding elder of St Louis District, representing the General Board and Dr. L. E. Todd, spoke briefly to the report. On the \$10,000,000 to be raised for Superannuate Endowment \$2,600,000 had been raised, and of this Little Rock Conference had paid \$51,000, this year \$7,539. The Church is learning to love and appreciate the old preachers, and many large voluntary gifts had been made. Recently one man contributed \$150,000. The worst feature of the situation was that some pastors had elected themselves guardians of the pocket-books of their people and were not presenting the cause to their congregations.

The Bishop announced that, according to custom, the new quadrennial boards would simply organize at this session to be ready to function next

year.

The Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. W. P. Whaley.

At 3 p. m. a large congregation listened to another wonderful address by Dr. E. L. Pell. He indicated that Jesus regarded us as members of his family. To him war was a disgraceful family quarrel, and industrial strife was a family difficulty over house keeping. God wants us to hear his son and recognize Him as divine. Men have failed to know Christ because they have tried to find Him simply under material laws while He must be spiritually discerned. We should get Christ's vision of the sacrificial life and take his Cross and help to bear it. When Jesus becomes real to us then we know every man as a brother. Do we really love Him?

Rev. A. M. Hutton sang, "Take Time to be Holy," and the congregation was dismissed with prayer by Dr. Pell.

At 4 p. m. many members of the Conference visited the Bradley Store on invitation of the courteous and active manager, Mr. J. E. Victor, and enjoyed seeing a thoroughly up-to-date department store which would be a credit to a much larger city. Dainty refreshments were served.

At 7:30 p. m. a large congregation gathered for the anniversary of the Board of Education. After prayer by Dr. J. L. Cannon and Scripture reading by State Superintendent-elect J. P. Womack, Dr. Stonewall Anderson felicitously introduced President Hornaday as a son of North Carolina, the most progressive state in the South. Referring feelingly to his departure from his native state and his appreciation of his reception in Arkansas, President Hornaday, with clear-cut statements and emphatic utterance, discussed certain important phases of education, stressing the duty of the Church to educate the whole man so that he will become not merely a thinker but a righteous doer. He called attention to the difficulties under which our Church institutions labor on account of the standardizing agencies created by the State-support-

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ed institutions and the necessity of equipping to comply with the demands. He also indicated evils which are incident to participation in athletics and the danger of wrong emphasis. It was a strong and courageous message well delivered, and created a distinctly favorable impression of the man who is now guiding the course of our Henderson-Brown College.

Dr. J. M. Workman pronounced the benediction.

Third Day, Friday, Nov. 19.

With Bishop Boaz in the chair the Conference opened with singing and prayer by Dr. W. M. Hayes. Reading a portion of the second chapter of 2nd Timothy, the Bishop commented. Paul saw the world as a field to be conquered, and exhorted his son in the gospel to endure hardness as a good soldier. Jesus came to establish the kingdom of God and expected his followers to endure hardships. That means hardness in work—hard work, continuous work, exacting, often unremunerative work. One secret of success is hard work. A man with common sense can succeed if he will work. The Bishop declared that he expected to work and asked no preacher to work harder than himself. By hard and faithful work the preacher may win many souls and also get his collections in full. Enduring hardness means working often without conveniences it is not improper to have conveniences, but a preacher should not be dependent on them nor allow the lack of them to prevent his giving himself without reservations to his task. Our ministers are in danger of being weakened by having many conveniences. Dr. W. M. Hayes followed in brief comment.

The minutes were read and approved.

Messages of sympathy were ordered sent by the secretary to the absent superannuates.

The Bishop then took up routine minute questions, the answers to which will appear in the Condensed Minutes.

Rev. W. B. Hubbell, president of the Fulsom Training School at Smithville, Oklahoma, and Rev. Mr. Rogers, pastor of Warren Presbyterian Church, were introduced.

The following resolution was adopted:

In view of the fact that it is frequently difficult to get the facts concerning the lives of our preachers; Therefore be it resolved that the position of Conference Historian be

created and that Dr. C. J. Greene be elected to that office.

That we pledge ourselves to furnish all information that he may request in order that he may be able to open and keep accurate, complete biographical and historical records which shall be available for the History Commission of our Conference and General Boards of Finance and others who may have occasion to use such information.—J. C. Glenn, Paul W. Quillian, Clem Baker.

Resolutions on assessments and full collections were offered by G. W. Pardee, and after discussion by many members were adopted. Bishop Boaz expressed appreciation of the purpose and announced that he planned to attend all the District Conferences.

Report No. 1 of the Board of Education was read and adopted. On suggestion of Dr. J. L. Cannon, Paul Quillian, E. C. Rule, and R. E. Fawcett testified to the value of their training in the Theological School of Southern Methodist University. Their testimonies evidenced growth in religious experience and Christlikeness from contact with their teachers.

Dr. Richard Spann followed with explanation of conditions. As the result of a survey made and published by Dr. Kelly of the theological seminaries of America, it was discovered that the S. M. U. Theological School stood fifteenth among them. The school needs more endowment and especially funds for scholarships to help the ministerial students complete their courses. All members of the faculty seek to help their students to know the spirit and purposes of Christ.

The Report of the Conference Treasurer, C. E. Hayes, was read and showed that a little more than 62 per cent had been paid on the assessments. Mr. Hayes called attention to serious inaccuracies in reports of the pastors. He urged greater care in making out reports.

The presiding elders nominated and the Conference elected the following as a committee to consider the Report of the Western Methodist Assembly Board: W. C. Davidson, J. D. Hammons, T. O. Owen, L. E. N. Hundley, and W. C. House.

The following Reports were made:

REPORT OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We make the following report of the Board of Trustees of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, a corporation organized under the laws of the State for the purpose of receiving bequests and gifts of property of any character for the benefit of superannuates within the bounds of the Little Rock Conference.

We showed assets in our last report in cash, \$2,416. Since that report, we have received \$165 making a total of \$2,581, \$2,084 of which sum is in the hands of Dr. L. E. Todd, secretary, General Board of Finance, the income of which comes to our Conference in the name of this Board. \$497, is in the hands of the treasurer of this Board which is loaned out.

In addition to the cash sum set out above, we hold in trust one home for superannuates, located at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the value of which is \$3,000. The home is occupied by Mrs. J. H. Riggin and family, the widow of Dr. J. H. Riggin, deceased. We are attaching hereto, the constitution for this Board which we wish published with this report.

We beg our preachers to keep their minds on the interests of this corpor-

ation and when possible, to have bequests made to us and moneys given to us that will help us in this work.

Brother Gay Morrison and wife of Beaumont, Texas, are gradually creating the Morrison-Kilpatrick Special Endowment Fund for worn-out preachers. We appreciate this more than we can express.—J. A. Sage, Chairman, James Thomas, Sec.-Treas.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Amount of Cash for administration in hands of Sec., Dr.	
L. E. Todd, Gen. Board of Finance	\$2,048.00
Cash on hand at last report	
1925	332.00
Amount received during year	
1926	165.00
Total	\$2,581.00

—Jas. Thomas, Treasurer.

REPORT OF THE HISTORY COMMISSION

The Conference History Commission was created in 1908 to collect and preserve the Conference documents. It was authorized to fill its own vacancies, and it was directed to report its work quadrennially at the session of the Conference next following the meeting of the General Conference.

We have on file in the library of Hendrix College nine volumes of Conference journals in manuscript, covering the period from 1874 to 1917 except for the years 1902 to 1905. This volume was lost and has never come into the hands of the Commission.

We have on hand four bound copies of the printed minutes and journals, one covering the period from 1831 to 1900, one from 1892 to 1913, one from 1918 to 1921, and one from 1922 to 1925. The journals from 1914 to 1917 have not been bound, but they are included in the manuscript copies of the Journals.

We have two volumes of the Conference statistical tables covering the period from 1890 to 1897, and two volumes of the Camden District Conference Journals covering the period from 1876 to 1904.

We have a copy of the General Minutes covering the period from 1853 to 1865 inclusive. This volume includes the minutes of the Washita Conference, about a page and a half being given to the minutes of this Conference for each year.

The Commission has no record of Conference history for the first nineteen years of its life except that contained in the one volume of the General Minutes. We cordially request any members of the Conference or the church who may have such records to furnish them to the Commission so that they may be permanently preserved.—J. A. Sage.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. E. R. Steel, and the Conference adjourned.

At 3 p. m. the services opened with singing "Rock of Ages" and prayer by Rev. S. F. Goddard. Rev. A. M. Hutton sang, and a beautiful hymn was rendered by a group of colored students of Walters Institute.

Dr. Pell, in his inimitable way, spoke on "Coming to Jesus." Philosophers want to know Jesus, but it requires a certain state of mind to really see and understand him. Controversy is usually a more or less personal quarrel over doctrinal differences, and seldom results in revealing Jesus. A beautiful picture of Jesus healing the sick and ministering to those in need, was presented. The "every-dayness" of Jesus was emphasized. He specialized in people who had no friends. Jesus has faith in men, not because of their records, but because of the worth of

their souls. Let us see Jesus and know Him.

At night a large audience assembled for the anniversary of the Board of Finance. Rev. J. H. Glass presided. Rev. W. R. Harrison led in prayer.

Rev. J. C. Glenn spoke on the value of life insurance and recommended the "Group Plan" which is in operation in the Conference.

Rev. A. C. Millar emphasized the importance of life insurance and explained the accident policy offered as a premium to all who send \$2.90 for a subscription to the *Arkansas Methodist* and the policy.

Dr. F. M. Wells, representing the General Board, presented the reasons for raising the Superannuate Endowment Fund. He took as a text a passage from I Cor. 9, and argued that those who sowed in spiritual things should be maintained by those who have the material things. The preachers have made possible our prosperity, and those who have received blessing owe the preachers a debt which has not been fully paid. Unfortunate are the people who forget the heroes and benefactors of the past. The 1,000 living superannuates have added a million members to the Church, baptized 322,000 children, and raised \$6,400,000 for Missions. Young preachers to the number of 4,000 have been discovered. These old preachers received an average salary of only \$425, and lost \$3,000,000 in salary deficits. The Church owes this and should repay in better support of the old preachers who are no longer able to support themselves. The Church to maintain self-respect should care for its worn-out servants. Secular corporations now quite generally pension their retired employees. The idea has been sold to business men. As it has been found that now the average salary of a preacher in ten leading denominations is only \$793, it is impossible for preachers to lay up funds for old age. Dr. Wells illustrated his subject with happy

Have Kidneys Examined By Your Doctor

Take Salts to Wash Kidneys if Back Pains You or Bladder Bothers

Flush your kidneys by drinking a quart of water each day, also take salts occasionally, says a noted authority, who tells us that too much rich food forms acids which almost paralyze the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken; then you may suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sours, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

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Select Notes

THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, A CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BEQUESTS AND GIFTS OF PROPERTY OF ANY CHARACTER FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUPERANNUATES WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

WE MAKE THE FOLLOWING REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH, A CORPORATION ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BEQUESTS AND GIFTS OF PROPERTY OF ANY CHARACTER FOR THE BENEFIT OF SUPERANNUATES WITHIN THE BOUNDS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE.

WE SHOWED ASSETS IN OUR LAST REPORT IN CASH, \$2,416. SINCE THAT REPORT, WE HAVE RECEIVED \$165 MAKING A TOTAL OF \$2,581, \$2,084 OF WHICH SUM IS IN THE HANDS OF DR. L. E. TODD, SECRETARY, GENERAL BOARD OF FINANCE, THE INCOME OF WHICH COMES TO OUR CONFERENCE IN THE NAME OF THIS BOARD. \$497, IS IN THE HANDS OF THE TREASURER OF THIS BOARD WHICH IS LOANED OUT.

IN ADDITION TO THE CASH SUM SET OUT ABOVE, WE HOLD IN TRUST ONE HOME FOR SUPERANNUATES, LOCATED AT ARKADDELPHIA, ARKANSAS, THE VALUE OF WHICH IS \$3,000. THE HOME IS OCCUPIED BY MRS. J. H. RIGGIN AND FAMILY, THE WIDOW OF DR. J. H. RIGGIN, DECEASED. WE ARE ATTACHING HERETO, THE CONSTITUTION FOR THIS BOARD WHICH WE WISH PUBLISHED WITH THIS REPORT.

WE BEG OUR PREACHERS TO KEEP THEIR MINDS ON THE INTERESTS OF THIS CORPOR-

anecdotes and experiences. It was an effective presentation. After prayer by Dr. W. M. Hayes the congregation was dismissed by Rev. J. D. Dunn.

Fourth Day, Saturday, Nov. 20.

Bishop Boaz conducted the devotional exercises. He suggested that it is possible to become interested in subsidiary things, and lose sight of the main objective of our ministry. The Church is maintained for the conversion of the world. As Christ was sent into the world, so he sends his disciples and those who come after them to seek and to save the lost. It is necessary to feed the flock, but it is also necessary to win others. We are to be real fishers of men. We should study to catch men. Consider the infinite value of a soul saved from spiritual death. Our task is to save souls.

The minutes were read and minute questions asked and answered.

Reports were made by the Commission on Evangelism, the Committee on District Conference Journals, and Board of Missions, and by the statistical secretary.

President Hornaday spoke briefly in behalf of Henderson-Brown College.

Reports were read by the Committee on Conf. Relations and the Presiding Elders making changes on Boards.

The names of the preachers were then called and their characters passed, and, after each presiding elder had represented his District, each pastor was given opportunity to report for his charge. The reports indicated improvement on practically all lines. On account of the failure of certain presiding elders to report statistics for absent pastors, the statistics showed a loss of some 600 members. It was, therefore, moved that the secretary be authorized to receive reports and correct the statistical tables. Charts had been prepared and suspended near the front showing the most important items reported.

Dr. C. M. Reves called Dr. E. R. Steel, retiring presiding elder of Little Rock District, to the chancel, and, assuring him of the confidence and love of his preachers, presented a

Starts Hens Laying

Here's a New Way to Get Eggs in Winter.
Costs Nothing to Try

A letter from Miss Dama Wright, Vernonia, Ore., has a real idea for chicken raisers who are not getting plenty of eggs. She says:

"Late in October, our fifteen hens were not laying at all. I started giving them Don Sung, and for ten days they still didn't lay. But on the eleventh day they laid thirteen eggs, and it is wonderful what Don Sung has done for our egg basket."

Don Sung, the Chinese egg laying tablets which Miss Wright used, are opening the eyes of chicken raisers all over America. The tablets can be obtained from the Burrell-Dugger Co., 240 Allen St., Indianapolis, Ind. Poultry raisers whose hens are not laying well should send 50 cents for a trial package (or \$1 for the extra large size, holding three times as much). Don Sung is positively guaranteed to do the work or money promptly refunded, so it costs nothing to try. Right now is the time to start giving Don Sung to your hens, so you will have a good supply of fresh eggs all winter.



DON SUNG
Chinese for Egg-Laying

handful of gold coins as a token of esteem. Dr. Steel replied in terms of affection.

Bishop Boaz called J. O. Gold and W. T. Whiteside to the chancel and after propounding the disciplinary questions and exhorting the preachers to be diligent and especially to visit the people, on affirmative vote of the Conference, received these young men into full connection.

The Commission on Budget made its report, and the chairman, Rev. J. F. Simmons, explained how the percentages were found.

A motion was carried that when the Conference adjourns, it shall meet at 2:30 p. m.

Rev. C. C. Neal, race-relations secretary of the C. M. E. Church, addressed the Conference and asked for \$1,000 to pay on debt of Arkansas-Haygood College near Pine Bluff. He made a brief address, and then Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker took a collection of \$1,039.66 for the school.

The Conference stood adjourned.

At 2:30 p. m. the Conference convened with Bishop Boaz presiding. Rev. W. R. Harrison led in prayer.

After the reading of the minutes the Board of Temperance and Social Service reported. Its report was recommended for amendment.

The preacher continued to report their charges.

Rev. W. T. Wilkinson called Rev. J. A. Parker, retiring presiding elder of Monticello District, forward and in behalf of his brethren presented a gold fountain pen with expressions of love, to which Bro. Parker responded in terms of appreciation.

Rev. J. E. Morgan, evangelist of the Texas Conference, was introduced and highly commended by Bishop Boaz.

Reports of pastors continued.

The report of the Board of Temperance and Social Service was again presented and again recommended with instructions, and later was adopted as amended.

The following reports were made: No. 2 of Board of Education, report of Rev. J. H. Glass, commissioner for the Superannuates, report of the Board of Finance, and report of the Sunday School Board. A resolution calling for a commission to cooperate with a like commission from North Arkansas Conference to work out a larger educational program for Arkansas Methodism, was adopted.

Through Rev. S. T. Baugh the Epworth League Board presented a purse and \$5 to Rev. J. L. Dedman, because the Prescott District had led in Anniversary Day offerings.

The Board on Orphanage reported.

The committee on Western Methodist Assembly reported; also the Bible Board.

Rev. J. W. Mann was elected statistical secretary and C. E. Hayes was elected Conference treasurer, both for the new quadrennium.

The Board of Church Extension, the new Board of Education, and the Epworth League Board reported.

As there was no nomination of a place for the holding of the next Conference, the presiding elders were appointed a committee to select the place.

On motion the Conference adjourned to meet in memorial session at 2:30 p. m. Sunday. Benediction by Bishop Boaz.

At night Dr. Pell delivered his final lecture, but as the editor could not be present on account of other duties, no report was had. The addresses, which were intended to help us understand Jesus and love Him more and serve Him better, were very

stimulating and helpful.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

Sunday 11 a. m.
Methodist Church,—Bishop H. A. Boaz.

Presbyterian Church—F. M. Freeman.

Bethel C. M. E. Church, D. H. Colquette.

Sunday, 7:30 p. m.

Presbyterian Church—P. W. Quillian.

Baptist Church—J. W. Hamilton.

Methodist Church—H. D. Knickerbocker.

Fifth Day, Sunday, Nov. 21.

At 9:15 the Conference Love Feast opened with Rev. W. C. Hilliard in charge. Psalm 103 was read responsively and Rev. T. O. Owen led in prayer. Bro. Hilliard read Psalm 20 and commented. The bread and water were distributed by W. W. Christie, G. N. Cannon, S. K. Burnett, J. R. Dickerson, B. F. Scott, S. C. Dean, J. D. Dunn, and F. P. Doak.

The following gave testimonies: W. M. Hayes, who had been preaching 59 years, W. W. Christie, F. P. Doak, J. D. Dunn, T. O. Owen, W. R. Harrison, A. M. Hutton, C. B. Davis, W. T. Wilkinson, J. C. Johnson, J. E. Waddell, B. A. Few, S. C. Dean, Otto Teague, A. J. Bearden, C. B. Powell, J. A. Sage, A. J. Christie, J. L. Cannon, J. J. Mellard, G. N. Cannon, R. M. Holland, L. J. Ridling, and M. T. Rose.

Bro. Hilliard closed the service by reading an appropriate poem, "The Builders."

Just before the eleven o'clock service, according to previous arrangement, Bishop Boaz baptized six infants, using water from the River Jordan brought over in a brass vase made at Damascus, and gave to each mother a white rose. It was a beautiful and impressive service.

After singing Hymn 105, the Creed was recited, and prayer was offered by Dr. J. J. Stowe. Dr. James Thomas led in reading Psalm 24.

Using as his text Phil. 2:5-11, Bishop Boaz preached a masterly and inspiring sermon. It is practically impossible in a brief resume to do justice to this impressive deliverance; hence only a few sentences will be reproduced. Christ was sublime in serving, in suffering, and in triumph. Service is the key that unlocks the world. Many have rendered great service, but none has compared with the Galilean. In world history are many great events, but all dwindle into insignificance in comparison with the coming of the Galilean king in his humility, his teaching, his sinless life, and his crucifixion. We cannot fully measure the value of his service, because we cannot adequately understand what Christ surrendered to serve. He was in the form of God, equal with God, absolute deity. He was not created, but is the Creator of all things, and yet he surrendered all to serve. Christ laid aside the form of God and assumed the form of man and perfectly united the human and divine natures. This is the wonder of wonders, the mystery of mysteries, the miracle of miracles. He went lower still, and took the form of a servant. He became a carpenter and forever dignified manual labor. He descended yet lower, and became obedient unto death, even the ignominious death of the Cross. He was not appreciated. He was denied by a friend, and betrayed by a disciple. Oh, wonderful contract! A king and yet he was spit upon by brutal soldiers. But he will be exalted and have a name above every name. His glory

will be ineffable and unapproachable. Think of his program! A Jewish carpenter preparing to establish a universal and eternal kingdom. We should be glad to follow such a leader. Our boys flocked to the flag to "make the world safe for democracy." More should follow Christ's banner seeking to save the world from the domination of evil. Christ is calling us. Let us respond to the call and have the mind of Christ.

At the close of the sermon the following were called to the chancel: W. J. Whiteside, R. W. Groves, and J. A. Ginnings. Rev. J. W. Harrell read the Epistle and Rev. W. J. Whiteside read the Gospel, and Bishop Boaz ordained the first three as deacons, closing with prayer and benediction.

At 2:30 p. m. the Conference in memorial session with Rev. J. A. Sage in the chair. After singing and prayer, Bro. Sage read 2 Tim. 4:1-8, and called Question 14, What preachers have died during the year? Answer J. W. Vantrease and R. R. Moore, A memoir of Bro. Vantrease was read by J. A. Sage and one of Bro. Moore by J. L. Cannon. The following memoirs of wives of preachers were read: One of Mrs. Etta Mellard by Rev. J. A. Parker, one of Mrs. Beulah McSwain by Rev. W. W. Christie, one of Mrs. Elizabeth Sharpe by Rev. J. D. Rogers, one of Mrs. Mary E. Steel by Rev. W. R. Harrison, and one of Mrs. Hattie B. Holland by Rev. J. A. Sage. The following paid tribute to those who had fallen: J. A. Parker, E. R. Steel, F. P. Doak, J. J. Colson, J. H. Glass, J. D. Hammons, S. K. Burnett, W. W. Christie, J. D. Rogers, R. B. Wilkes, McClenden, J. L. Cannon, W. M. Hayes, and A. J. Bearden.

The minutes of the last session and of the afternoon session were read.

It was announced that the undergraduates had elected Rev. F. A. Buddin as their preacher next year.

Adjourned to meet after preaching Sunday night.

At 7 p. m. the auditorium was filled to capacity. Prayer was offered by Rev. F. F. Harrell. Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, D. D., preached, taking as his text John 2:23-24. His subject was "The Glory of the Abandoned Life." He presented many characters whom we would not have approved, and showed that Jesus had faith in them; and presented other characters whom we would have approved, and showed that Jesus did not trust them. The characteristic which caused Jesus to trust them was willingness to surrender to him, to cut loose from everything, and love and trust him, to do his bidding or die. It is impossible to report satisfactorily a sermon so full of pith and anecdote as that which Dr. Knickerbocker preached. It is necessary to see and hear him to appreciate his inimitable sermon and its effect.

After the sermon the Bishop ordained the following elders: R. C. Walsh, W. C. Yancey, E. D. Galloway, J. B. Pickering, W. J. Clark, G. E. Williams, and C. D. Cade. Revs J. J. Stowe, F. N. Brewer, and A. C. Millar assisted in the laying on of hands.

The Conference was called to order by the Bishop. Resolutions of thanks were adopted by a rising vote. A resolution providing for a committee to consider the question of entertainment was adopted. The minutes were read, Bishop Boaz read the appointments, and the Conference adjourned.

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Make a thorough search through your attic or store room for those old war letters. Fortunes in rare stamps or franked envelopes have been found in old trunks which no one ever dreamed contained anything of value. Keep the letters if you wish, but send the envelopes to Mr. Harold C. Brooks, Box 258 Marshall, Michigan, and he will immediately write you, stating their value. In sending them to him you are not obliged to sell unless his offer meets with your approval. Anything not purchased he will return in good order. Mr. Brooks, who is mayor of his city, is a private collector and has paid thousands of dollars for old envelopes. Although the rare issues are especially desired he also buys many of the commoner kinds. Many people in this way are getting Christmas money with very little trouble and no expense.

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HAROLD C. BROOKS,
Box 258 Marshall, Mich.

ARCADEPHIA DISTRICT

J. J. Stowe, P. E.

Progress has been made in most charges in the District. The Epworth Leagues have been active, and the record of the year is encouraging.

In the Sunday School we have made headway; a fine Training School was held at Hot Springs, and Cokesbury schools at several points.

Almost all charges paid in full assessments for Sunday School Day. A number of Sunday Schools not paying any Missionary money in the past have lined up with the law of the Church.

The laymen have been active beyond other years. One Wesley Brotherhood has been organized at Malvern and the club at Central Ave., Hot Springs took the final step to become a Wesley Brotherhood. The District lay leader, W. A. Utley, has been active, which is true of his assistant District lay leader, R. W. Huie, Jr., and J. A. Lawrence.

About 350 have been added by profession of faith. Our church at Tulip has been finished and dedicated; our church in west Malvern where the situation seemed absolutely hopeless, has been paid out of debt and is ready for dedication.

In our campaign for the *Arkansas Methodist* almost every charge reached 100 per cent.

Financially, in spite of the slump in cotton prices, we have advanced. Three times as many charges paid all obligations as paid in full last year. Most charges made great advance in paying Conference Claims.

Including the special we paid some \$5,000 more than last year. Our District will suffer the loss of four men who will go on the honor or superannuate list.

CAMDEN DISTRICT

J. W. Harrell, P. E.

This closes my third year on the Camden District. Gains on all lines will be shown over former years. People are more religious. This is shown by the great increase in church attendance. People are thinking more about religion and God than formerly. We have had many good revivals in the District, with more than one thousand net increase.

At Waldo and Stephens, each, we have built and brought to completion two beautiful up-to-date brick churches. At both the above places we have modern parsonages. A new parsonage at Norphlet, also at Louann.

Thousands of dollars have been expended on improvements in other parts of the District.

The District will make the best financial showing in its history by far. The showing on the claims ordered by the Conference will be in advance of last year, but not in full. Add to this \$4,873.27, our Mission Special, as shown on my book by reports of the preachers to me, and this will put the District far in advance of any former year. Upon the whole we have done well. Hope to do better next year.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

E. R. Steel, P. E.

This is the end of my fourth year on the Little Rock District. They have been years full of expectancy and good fellowship. God has been good and my brethren have been patient. Almost in the midst of my quadrennium my health gave way, and much of the last two years I have not been at my best. Through the help of the Lord and my brethren I have been able to carry on.

Little Rock District is a most delightful field in which to labor being

situated in the center of our great state. It is dominated in the rural sections by the three great industries of cotton, rice and truck farming.

I found the District well planned and well manned, and I have tried to keep up the organization and personnel.

First Church has provided very fine equipment for that great Sunday School by erecting a thoroughly modern Sunday School building.

Asbury has added departmental rooms for two departments giving to that school the necessary equipment for an "A" grade plant. Besides this they have placed a beautiful pipe organ in their church auditorium and otherwise beautified and improved both heating and lighting systems.

England has built a beautiful and adequate \$50,000 plant that will minister to the religious field of that town for years to come.

Winfield Memorial has brought to completion one of the most expensive and adequate buildings for worship and work that is to be found in any denomination in the state. Imposing, majestic, and beautiful, it is a real adornment to our Capital City. Other churches have made substantial improvement and our people are reasonably well housed in the District.

The revival fires have burned almost continuously throughout the quadrennium. Every quarterly round has shown a substantial gain in members and has found some congregations in special efforts for the salvation of the lost, and each year almost every charge has spent some time in separated service of prayer and effort for the unsaved.

Our District parsonage, valued at \$7,500 is well located and in a splendid state of repair. A little over \$1,500 has been spent on the property during the quadrennium and the women of the District have placed about \$400 worth of furniture in it. There is one more note of \$500 to be met by the District fund. This will be due next July and then the property is free from debt. I surrender it gladly to my successor.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

J. A. Parker, P. E.

I am now finishing my fourth year on the Monticello District. These years have been full of work and joy. I have traveled about ten thousand miles each year, preached from two to five sermons per week. I have preached in every church in the District except one. I have enjoyed the work with the officials. Have been in many of their homes. As far as I know I am leaving the District without any friction between the presiding elder and official boards. They treated me royally. Have said many kind words to me. During the fourth and last round they have passed ringing resolutions in my favor, all of which is very much appreciated, but perhaps unworthily bestowed. I leave the District with my heart full of love for all with whom I have worked. The District during these four years has accomplished much in Church buildings. We have built six splendid churches and paid the debt on one other new church. We only lack two buildings in the delta half of the District of having a church where churches are needed, and we are now preparing to build one of those. We have had some good revivals. Our net increase for this year is 243. The Sunday School work in many ways has increased a hundred fold during these four years.

We are now getting new classrooms and better equipment which will enable us to do much more ther-

ough work.

We have built two splendid parsonages and repaired others. The District covers a great country, containing many noble people and will in the near future become one of our best Districts.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

J. L. Dedman, P. E.

The Prescott District has had a year of prosperity in many departments of her church work. We lacked a few dollars only of reaching our quota in the Special Mission Effort, and it seems in addition to this, we are having quite an increase in our general benevolences over last year, having four or five charges paying out whereas we had only two last year. Many other charges are having some increase. Sunday School work has been done in a very gratifying way. We will reach our Sunday School Day offering quota, and many credits in teacher training have been earned. The Epworth League is doing splendid work in many charges. We had quite a number of Leaguers at the Summer Assembly. Our Woman's Missionary Society has many strong organizations within the Prescott District, all of which have done a magnificent work. Revivals and evangelism in the Sunday Schools have been very successful in many charges. We will report an increase over last year in additions to the church. We have emphasized *Arkansas Methodist* in the Quarterly Conferences and the pastors have solicited subscriptions in most charges.

Our pastors and laymen are the finest to be found anywhere. They have cooperated in every movement that has been ours to do. The laymen are realizing the importance of supporting the ministry in a larger way so that their pastors may be well cared for and that they may do a larger and better work. In consequence of this fact, salaries are advancing in almost every charge as well as other interests of the church.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT

Francis N. Brewer, P. E.

In the Texarkana District this year we have had a gross increase of 877 members in our churches. Of this number 400 were received by vows, and 477 were received by certificate and other wise. We have lost by deaths and dismissals 508, making a net increase of 369.

Our Sunday School work has gone steadily forward and our people are manifesting an ever increasing interest in this department of service. The reports of the pastors will show that we now have an enrollment of 6,871 S. S. scholars.

We have held one District Standard Training School with a total enrollment of 100, in which 80 units of credit in the Training Courses were awarded. A number of our pastors and other workers attended the Standard Training School held in Little Rock in March of this year and many received units of credit in that school. We have held one Cokesbury School in which 6 units of credit were given. We have paid \$775, on Sunday School Day, and the Schools of our District have contributed \$1,045 on our Dual Missions Special.

Our Epworth League work has not shown marked progress, but I think the reports will show that we have, at least, maintained the standards of former years. We have an efficient corps of District League officers and they are putting forth especial efforts to advance the League work.

The work of our Woman's Missionary Societies is well organized and the reports will show substantial gains over last year, both in membership and in contributions.

We have paid on the Missionary Debt Special the sum of \$1,960.

Nine of our charges have paid the assessments for pastors salaries in full. Five report a deficit on salaries. The per cent of payments on salaries for the entire District is 90 per cent.

Our people at Lockesburg, under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. L. C. Gatlin, have built a new church at an approximate cost of \$30,000. The building is planned according to the best standards of modern church and Sunday School architecture and fully meets the requirements of our General Church Extension Board. The people of Stamps under the leadership of our Bro. Burnett have just completed a commodious modern building at a cost of \$36,000. Also two splendid rural churches have been built by our beloved John F. Taylor on the Winthrop Circuit, located at Winthrop and Gravelly. These do great credit to the head and heart of this "Soldier of the Cross."

This summary of the work of the year gives no occasion for undue boasting, but it does call for profound gratitude to the great Head of the Church for his presence with us, and his blessings upon our labors. On the whole, we feel justified in using the proverbial and well worn phrase, "We have had a good year, Bishop." Our preachers have all been true and faithful. No shadow of complaint or moral or ethical grounds has been lodged against any one of them. No serious sickness, or other misfortune, has come to any one of them during the year. The messenger of death has not invaded our ranks. We have had a year of peace and prosperity in the work of the Lord. Our people have not been disturbed by serious doctrinal disputes; they have not been agitated over any proposed reforms, or changes, in our church polity, or administration, and there has been no serious internal strife at any point in our District.

A very fine spirit of harmony and love has prevailed between the pastors and the people. We are at peace among ourselves.

Special revival services have been held in nearly all of our churches during the year, and all of our preachers have sought diligently to lead men to a saving knowledge of Christ, and to build up Christian men and women in their most holy faith.

Pains in the Back; Getting up Nights

ARE DANGER SIGNALS

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REPORTS OF PASTORS.

SWAN LAKE-BAYOU METO.—We have had a good year. First of Conference year we found one Standard "C" type Sunday School. Now all of the Schools (four in number) are 100 per cent "C" type. The increase on General and Conference work is more than four times that of last year. The presiding elder and preacher in charge are paid in full. The entire charge has enjoyed a good revival year and a healthy growth in church membership.—Geo. W. Warren, P. C.

FIRST CHURCH, EL DORADO.—Have had a net gain of over 400 in membership. Raised over \$70,000 during the year. Paid all claims in full took care of all indebtedness. Have taken a missionary in Poland at an annual expenditure of \$1,200. Paid out and presented to Bro. R. W. McKay the deed to his home at Cabot.—J. D. Hammonds, P. C.

WINFIELD MEMORIAL.—The year has been the greatest in the history of Winfield Church. The new building has been completed at a cost of \$300,000 with furnishing. 159 have been added to the membership. The Woman's Missionary Society has raised \$4,202; the Epworth League, \$608; the Sunday School, \$5,260; and for all purposes \$114,813. One fine young man, Mr. Virgil Morris has been licensed to preach and one of our best young women, Miss Mary Alice Darr, has gone out to Korea to teach. The church looks forward with hope and courage for greater things.—C. M. Reeves, P. C.

ARK. & SOUTHERN CAMPS.—My work consists of two large logging camps, the Camp of the Arkansas Lumber Co., and the Southern Lumber Co., both of Warren. We have about 200 people in the Southern camp, and we have an all-year-round Sunday School there. We have about 150 people in the Arkansas camp, we also have an all-year-round Sunday School there. This S. S. is doing a splendid work. We have all departments of the Sunday School in the Arkansas camp except the Home Dept. We also have in the Arkansas camp a regular chartered Senior, and a Junior Epworth League, doing the best work I have ever had a League do. We have had go out from our League and Sunday School in the Arkansas camp this year, a life service volunteer for the foreign mission fields. She is now in training in Scarritt College. These camps are modern little villages within themselves.—W. C. Lewis, P. C.

WILMOT.—This charge, like several others in the Delta section of our Conference, depends almost wholly on the success of the cotton grower for its prosperity. No finer cotton crop, perhaps, was ever produced than that of 1926. But the cotton planters are not prospering. The price is below the cost of production. In the face of these facts, however, our loyal people have paid more than 100 per cent on regular assessments above the average for the past five years. We are going to build a new church here in the near future. That is our most pressing need just now.—J. M. Cannon, P. C.

FOREMAN.—The second year in my pastorate here. Some advancement made over last year. The Woman's Missionary Society includes the Adult and the Young People's Departments. There are 29 members. The attendance and interests this year, probably greater than ever before, were very gratifying. These departments raised for the year \$306. There is fine interest in the Sunday School. The school, "C" type, checks 100 per cent, and has advanced from running behind in payments for literature to advanced payments, besides paying to Mission Special. The official board is composed of a very fine and loyal brethren. The charge did not pay out everything in full, but contributed \$3,618 to various causes of the Kingdom. Twenty members were added to the roll. The outlook is encouraging.—J. L. Leonard, P. C.

McGEHEE STATION.—We have almost finished a beautiful new three-story brick and tile church which will undoubtedly be the finest and best adapted church in Eastern Arkansas. We have raised for all purposes \$16,500, which is a tremendous advance on anything ever done before. In addition to this we have received 87 new members, a net increase of 67. We have a splendid band of loyal women and our young people stay to church. McGehee is growing rapidly and with a splendid building to worship in will soon take rank with the best stations in the Conference.—W. T. Wilkinson, P. C.

NEW EDINBURG CHARGE.—This charge is composed of 5 churches with a total membership of 267. There are 158 families represented. We have 93 men and 174 women. We have no member under 14 years of age. We have one Sunday School. Received into the church this year 7 members and dismissed 51. Held five meetings resulting in two conversions. I was in hospital for a serious operation almost a month. I baptized and con-

ducted 6 funerals, held church conference at each place, administered the Lord's Supper at each church, preached 115 sermons on the charge (13 on other charges) and visited in at least 115 homes of my members, picked 1/2 bale of cotton, and feel fine and able to do a year's work next year. Salary and Conference Claims very much behind. Raised for all purposes \$956. Needs of this charge for next year: (1) A real Holy Ghost Revival of Religion. (2) A new preacher—one dominated by the Holy Spirit. (3) A new people, consecrated leadership, active, loyal membership. (4) New work to do—more and better Sunday Schools, more church papers read, more family altars, more Bible study, more self-sacrifice for God, more personal work, less thoughts about car-riding and jazzy life, more church members in Sunday School, more Sunday School pupils in church. Yes, all these are needed, but that is what every Methodist church needs.—L. A. Alkire, P. C.

TAYLOR CHARGE.—Taylor charge from many standpoints has had a very good year. Sunday School interest has increased and there has been good progress; with Taylor Sunday School reaching one-hundred per cent. A Woman's Missionary Society was organized and a very splendid work has been done. Good work in the devotional department of the League has been done in two of our churches. Good revivals in all of the churches. Finances short.—L. T. Rogers, P. C.

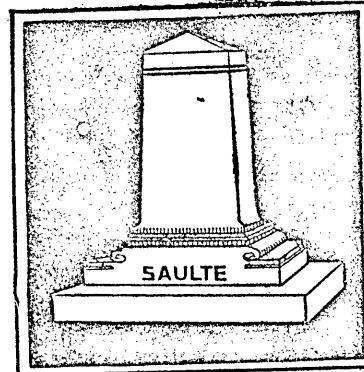
LAKESIDE, PINE BLUFF.—Lakeside has enjoyed a very splendid growth through the year. Eighty-sev-

en have been added to the membership and the church has been strengthened spiritually. Leagues, Sunday Schools and Missionary Society have all had splendid success in their work. All finances are in full and the Church is cheerful and happy.—L. E. N. Hundley, P. C.

WESSON CHARGE.—We have two good Sunday Schools, both have done good work. We have one Woman's Missionary Society. Our women are doing fine work. The preacher's and presiding elder's salaries are in full. Our District work over-paid the Conference and General work 62 per cent of assessment. Our Missionary Special apportionment in full. Our League at Fredonia is doing excellent work. We have added 26 to church rolls and dismissed 26 by death and certificate. There is no finer group of people to be found anywhere than our people on Wesson Charge. We have had the most delightful year we have ever had. To know the people on Wesson Charge is to love them.—Alva C. Rogers, P. C.

FAIRVIEW, TEXARKANA.—Our reports show a net loss of 73 members. This is due to the transfer of North Heights Church to the Texarkana Circuit, and to a careful and thorough revision of our rolls of membership. Our Sunday School has had an average attendance of 179, and has raised for all purposes \$825. Of this amount \$157 was for missions. Our Woman's Missionary Society has enjoyed a large increase in membership and in contributions.

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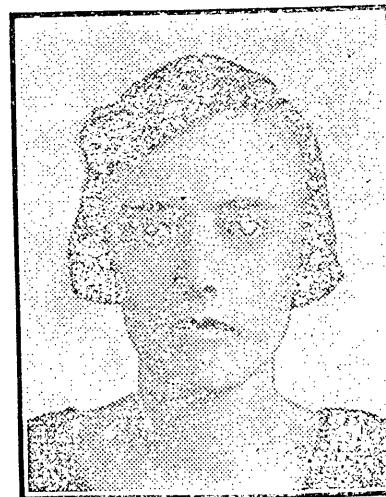
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and General Work was paid. The total raised for all purpose was approximately \$5,000.—J. A. Sage, P. C.

EL DORADO CIRCUIT.—I have finished my four years on this charge. They have been years of success. We have a \$7,000 parsonage. The people have been good to the family and me. The man who follows me will be appreciated. He will have good people to serve.—S. B. Mann.

AUSTIN CIRCUIT.—We have had a fine year on this charge which consists of six churches and better than six hundred members, one hundred added to the Church during the Conference year. There is no finer type of people anywhere than those on the Austin Charge. The pastor and people are in hearty cooperation and are planning, if permitted to work together another year to do a greater work than has been done.—J. C. Williams, P. C.

DOUGLASSVILLE & GUYER SPGS.—I have supplied Douglassville and Guyer Springs, a two appointment charge near the city of Little Rock. Have had only eight additions to the church. We have two Sunday Schools and 1 Missionary Society and a Ladies' Aid Society. Last year the charge paid from all sources \$1,126. This year the total reached \$2,561. The Church at Guyer Springs was painted on the outside with two coats of paint. The walls of the inside were finished with a splendid coat of plaster. We also installed electric lights in the church. A large part of the cost of all this was paid by Sunday School class of young ladies. All claims are paid in full except a small deficit on salaries.—W. R. Harrison, P. C.

LOCKESBURG COMMUNITY CENTER.—I am reporting for a very fine charge. We are building a church to meet the requirement of a community center. This is to be worth \$25,000 and will be a beautiful edifice. The people of this charge are certainly proud of their work and say to their pastor, "Go forward," and we "go forward." Community Center work is one of the only ways to better the rural charges. It is fine. This charge has 85 subscriptions to the *Arkansas Methodist*.—L. C. Gattlin, P. C.

PULASKI HEIGHTS.—The writer assumed charge of the Pulaski Heights Church early in August, succeeding that prince of young ministers, the Rev. Mims Thornburgh Workman, who accepted an important position in the University of North Carolina. The field was in splendid shape, a worthy predecessor having left me a well-cultivated parish. The cultured membership, loyal and responsive, gave me their unstinted co-operation and hearty support, making it possible to come to the close of the year with flattering results. All claims were paid in full. We exceeded our annual quota on the Superannuate Endowment Fund by \$232. Special attention was given to the collection of Christian Education pledges, and every other interest of our great Church carefully looked after.

Our membership has grown marvelously this year. One hundred and fifty-eight were received into the church. Of this number thirty-two came in by vows. It was my very great pleasure to receive ninety-two of this total during the ninety days in which it was my pleasure to serve this growing church in Little Rock's exclusive residential section.

Whether Bishop Boaz and his cabinet return me or not, I shall always feel grateful to the splendid membership and fine officiating of Pulaski Heights for their wonderful co-operation during my brief pastorate. If I am returned, be assured that I shall enter upon my work with pleasure and satisfaction.—J. C. Glenn, P. C.

PARK AVE., HOT SPRINGS.—The two years I have spent with this church have been pleasant in many ways. In that church is found some as loyal and true members as can be found anywhere. There is a great opportunity for development in that part of the city. A new church building located in a place where the noise from the traffic will disturb less would help much. We made a good increase in the money raised for the benevolences of the Church.—B. F. Scott, P. C.

SMACKOVER.—We have had a good year. Received seventy-nine into the Church, thirty by profession of faith

and baptism. All the assessments paid in full with Superannuate Endowment brought up to date.

The church furnished their pastor a Ford, and a good friend donated the upkeep of the same. The *Arkansas Methodist* is 100 per cent.

Good will has prevailed and we are looking forward to a greater accomplishment for this loyal people.—O. L. Cole, P. C.

OKOLONA.—Our work at Okolona during the past year has been both pleasant and profitable. The writer made the statement early in the year that some of the best people on earth lived in the rugged hills of Okolona. This statement has been proved over and again during the year.

We have Junior and Senior Leagues in the church at Okolona that are doing a noble work. We have organized Senior Leagues at both Trinity and Center Grove churches with about sixty members each. These Leagues furnish a Sunday night service for the whole church at each place. Their work is constructive and uplifting.

The spiritual tone of the churches in this work is splendid. God has wonderfully blessed our efforts and many new souls have been born into the Kingdom. We are praying for still greater blessings during the coming year.—J. C. Yancey, P. C.

CAPITOL VIEW.—One hundred received into the church, thirty-five of these came on profession of faith. Good Sunday School, Epworth Leagues, W. M. S., and Prayer Meeting. Salary paid in full. Claims a little short.—B. A. Few, P. C.

OAK LAWN AND LONSDALE.—These two churches have made an excellent record for the year in all departments. There have been seventy-five conversions and reclamations; twenty-seven added to the churches. Salary and claims overpaid. Oak Lawn has asked for full time, and Lonsdale feeling the need of more services has arranged to be served by a student pastor from Henderson-Brown. We have had a great year in every way; but are looking forward to greater things for another year. E. T. Miller, P. C.

WATSON-KELSO.—Very good year, all things considered. More accessions to the church on profession of faith than for four years previous combined. Baptized nine babies. Salary for P. E. and P. C. slightly less than last year. An increase of 44 per cent over last year on Conference collections, counting Missionary Special and Fourth Sunday S. Missionary offerings. The advance over last year for missionary purposes a little more than 135 per cent. God bless the good people of Watson-Kelso who made these things possible.—J. B. Pickering, P. C.

KINGSLAND CHARGE.—I have finished my third year on the Kingsland Charge which was the best year of the three.

We have had a net gain in membership of 24. The total financial report is in advance of any previous year.

There are many good people on this charge who love the church and are kind to their pastor and his family. The pastor and family have been brought under lasting obligations to a number of the good people on the charge for special reasons.—J. E. Waddall, P. C.

HOT SPRINGS, CENTRAL AVE.—Have had 157 additions to the church this year, with fine congregations. Sunday School has paid nearly \$300 to missions. \$2,600 has been paid on our old debt. Nearly \$25,000 has been paid on the budget. It has been a good year.—W. C. Watson, P. C.

STAMPS.—Built church at cost of \$36,500 and paid on the church \$26,500 this year. Salary and all the claims in full. Grand total for year \$34,282. Had a great revival.

Received 54 members into our membership. This has been a very happy year with this preacher and family.—S. K. Burnett, P. C.

TRASKWOOD CIRCUIT.—Have had a good year. Keith Memorial Church paid for all purposes \$4,000. Traskwood, Ebenezer and Keith paid pastor and presiding elder in full. We built a sleeping porch to the parsonage, cost \$100. We bought a piano and paid for it. 43 additions to the church. Organized two W. M. S. and one new League.—W. T. Campbell, P. C.

SHERIDAN AND NEW HOPE.—There have been some advances over last year in some phases of church work in this charge. This is true as to the Sunday School. There has been an increase in attendance and in the character of the work done in the Sunday School. Also there has been an increase in additions to the church. A net gain of more than forty in membership during the year. The general benevolences, also, are more than twenty-five per cent in advance of last year. We are grateful for the advancement made and trust that more may be done the coming year.—M. K. Rogers, P. C.

WASHINGTON-OZAN.—Salaries paid in full and 40 per cent on claims. Planned improvement on parsonage. Some advance in Sunday School work. A Senior League organized. The Washington Church and people pleased the pastor and wife the most pleasant informal farewell reception it has ever been our privilege to receive in our thirty-five years as pastor. The new preacher will receive a hearty reception.—S. C. Dean, P. C.

ARCADELPHIA CIRCUIT.—We have had a fine year in a spiritual way. Our finances are not quite as good as last year. Our camp-meeting at Davidson Camp Ground was a great spiritual success. Bro. E. T. Miller did some fine preaching here. Over 100 souls were brought to the Lord. Right at the close of the year we had a sad loss. The old Mt. Zion Church was burned. This was one of the oldest churches in the state, the building we lost was about 70 year old, but on the same ground stood an old log house which was built over 100 years ago.—R. W. Groves, P. C.

FIRST CHURCH, PINE BLUFF.—116 additions, 48 by vows and baptism, 68 by certificate. Good increase in salary with all salaries and collections in full. \$1,000 superannuate endowment, missionary special \$750. Expended on church and parsonages \$15,288. Most of this amount went to church debt. Raised for all purposes \$36,603. Very happy and satisfactory year. A great church and a great people.—W. C. House, P. C.

CARTHAGE AND LEOLA.—We have had a good year. 61 have united with the church, 54 of them by vows. Have baptized 9 babies. Carthage and Leola paid the presiding elder & preacher in full. The Conference Claims for the charge were \$112 in advance of last year. We completed the new church at Tulip and dedicated it the 4th Sunday in October. We have one of the best Missionary Societies in the Conference at Carthage. We have two 100 per cent Sunday Schools and during the year had a fine Cokesbury School with 22 credits.—O. C. Birdwell, P. C.

CHIDESTER CIRCUIT.—We are glad to report this year an advance over several years preceding, collecting nearly as much as has been collected on claims as was collected the past three years and more on other collections in proportion and an advance in salary over last year and an advance in the grand total of over six hundred dollars and some advancement spiritually. No new buildings.—F. R. Canfield, P. C.

BINGEN CHARGE.—Bingen is a fine point Circuit and a delightful charge to serve and pleasant people to associate with. They have been exceptionally kind to the pastor and family. Had some good meetings during the year. Received 25 members on profession of faith and 15 by certificate. Pump Springs, Doyle and McCaskill paid in full on pastor's salary. Bingen paid 85 per cent and Sweet Home 75 per cent. Doyle and McCaskill have the best Sunday Schools it has ever been my privilege to be pastor of, each presided over by a woman superintendent. Blessing upon the people of Bingen Charge.—J. C. Johnson, P. C.

BRYANT CIRCUIT.—The circuit has as good people as can be found anywhere. We have six Sunday Schools doing good work, nine Leagues, and seven appointments. We have received 33 into the church this year and baptized nine infants. We have remodeled and painted the parsonage. The Ladies' Aid has placed a lot of new furniture in the parsonage. We have put up a new yard and garden fence. All repair and furnishing counting labor amounted to about \$600. Many people that once lived on this charge have moved away and others found. We have raised \$3,100 in all this year. Our Sunday Schools have made good progress. We checked them all and found some had gained as many as two seals over last year. We have divided our classes by screens in three churches. Small seats have been put in for the children. Our people are awake on Bryant Circuit. I never preached to a people I loved more than these.—W. M. Mears, P. C.

HAZEN AND DEVALL'S BLUFF.—This is a most delightful charge. Our people are true and loyal to the program of the church. Our church has a great opportunity and its possibilities are unlimited to serve the community. There were 76 accessions to the church, one new church organized (Union Grove) in the country. Hazen paid every thing in full. Devall's Bluff is a little in arrears in both pastor's salary and Conference Claims. W. R. Jordan, P. C.

HUMPIREY-SUNSHINE.—This charge has made substantial increase in all departments this year. Sunday Schools and Leagues are well organized and doing good work. Our League is one out of the few that paid its quota on anniversary day. Sunday Schools paid their apportionment on Sunday School day with a plus. A spirit of harmony and good feeling prevail throughout the church.—R. C.

Walsh, P. C.

PINE BLUFF CIRCUIT.—We have received into the church thirty-five, sixteen on profession of faith, nineteen by church letter. We are just completing a \$5,000 brick veneer church at Good Faith, four miles out of Pine Bluff. The salary was paid in full. We paid more on Conference Claims than the charge has ever paid. There is not found in all Methodism a more loyal people to the preacher and the program of the church than the people of the Pine Bluff Circuit. We believe the work has advanced in all lines this year, due chiefly to the blessing of God and the cooperation of the people.—M. E. Scott, P. C.

ROWELL CIRCUIT.—Preacher's salary paid in full. P. E. paid in full. District work paid in full. Conference work and general work paid 25 per cent of assessment. \$20 paid on Superannuate Endowment fund. A hundred dollars paid to help during the revival meetings. \$30 paid on furnishing the parsonage. \$31.15 paid on Sunday School Day money.—H. A. F. Ault, P. C.

ARCADELPHIA.—The church is in better condition than ever before. There has been a steady advance in spirituality. The Sunday School is large. The Missionary Society has raised nearly \$6,000 for all purposes this year. This group is composed of ninety-nine members. The church is out of debt for the first time in many years.—J. L. Cannon, P. C.

HIGHLAND CHURCH.—We closed our second year at Highland Church. All in all we have had a good year. More than sixty accessions and about half on profession of faith. Our Sunday School and Epworth League interest are doing good work as is the Woman's Missionary Society. Finances were in full. We have enjoyed our work and there is a bright future for the churches.—J. H. Cummins, P. C.

JUNCTION CITY.—We have 158 members. \$2,969 raised for all purposes. This is \$18 per member. All services have been held. We had a good meeting. The year has been pleasant and helpful. The people are kind and thoughtful. We show a small decrease in membership because of people going to the oil centers.—W. W. Christie, P. C.

BAUXITE.—The work at Bauxite has been very pleasant indeed. The people of the church have been in harmony with one another and with the program of the Church. Also the attitude and cooperation of the American Bauxite Co. have been of the finest kind and to them the church is in deep gratitude. The Sunday School, Epworth League, Woman's Missionary Society, are all doing good work. There have been twenty accessions and with the exception of a 25 per cent shortage in the collection of Superannuate Endowment, our Church met its financial obligation 100 per cent. Bauxite is a great little church.—A. J. Christie, P. C.

THIRD STREET, HOT SPRINGS.—This church has bought and paid for a most beautiful location on which to build a new church. It is on an elevation on the corner of two of the best streets in Hot Springs. We will be far enough away from the street cars to avoid the noise. We want to build this conference year. The church has had a gradual growth. The city is building fast in this neighborhood. These people are not rich, but are liberal and willing. They are all together on building a new church. The Superannuate Endowment fund has been more than paid every year. Everything is paid in full this year. We expect to go forward to greater things next year. If in the providence of God we are returned to this charge we hope to make it a great year. The work is heavy, but the workers are many. Mrs. Doak and I are in love with the people of Third Street.—F. P. Doak, P. C.

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WINTHROP-WILTON CHARGE.—At both Winthrop and Wilton, our people have good Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. One rural Church, Gravelly, has been built and our elegant Church at Winthrop was finished the first four months of the Conference year. Eighty-five per cent of the pastor's salary and 100 per cent of Conference Claims paid. Have had a small net gain in church membership. We have a small Woman's Missionary Society, and recently the children have been organized into a Junior League at Winthrop.—J. F. Taylor, P. C.

PORTLAND-PARKDALE.—We have just closed our third year on this delightful charge.

Three years ago when we reached Portland I found two old dilapidated churches houses; with no arrangements to take care of a Sunday School in any adequate way.

We now have two as good church houses as there are any where, with every facility for Sunday School and church work.

In 32 years I have never found a more royal, a more loyal, or a more heroic people. They were not satisfied to build just for themselves, but they said, we will build for the future, so both towns have built for generations yet unborn.

Sunday, November 14, was a great day in this country. Bishop H. A. Boaz was with us at Portland and preached at eleven a. m. to a large and attentive congregation. It was a great message, and not only a great message, but a very helpful message, a message that can not soon be forgotten.

At the close of the morning service we were served to a great feast prepared by the good ladies of Portland Missionary Society, ably assisted by our good Baptist friends.

This could not help being a good Missionary Society with Mrs. H. H. Gregory for my first two years as the president. Sister Gregory is the daughter of our own affable F. N. Brewer, and, to be sure, she would be a good and wise president.

Then for the past year the Society has been wisely, and successfully led by Mrs. T. Y. Wall, and like Peter she is true to the name, for when once she decides, and plans, nothing can turn nor even hinder her until she has put it over the top. Either of these two women could fill full the president's chair in any Missionary Society. Mrs. Wall will serve as the president for the next year.

The Parkdale Society and their presidents are also of the best and, and there is not in their vocabulary any such a word as CANT.

Time would fail to tell of all our good leaders these two churches.

We have on our official board two of the most tireless and efficient secretaries and treasurers any preacher ever had, G. A. Lindsey at Portland and A. F. Montrose at Parkdale.

After we had finished with our dinner we drove to Parkdale and Bishop Boaz gave us another great message, after which he laid the corner stone for the Parkdale Church.

If we are returned to this charge, we expect to complete the Parkdale Church in a few weeks. We are now using the basement.

Everything is moving along nicely, and as the Bishop does not want any reports on the low price of cotton at the Conference, I will just say a word. The price is running from 6 to 12 cents and it takes several pounds to bring \$1.

While that is true, none of us are going to starve.

We are rejoicing that the Lord has been so good to us, and has given some success to our labors. We are among God's noblemen, and noble women. I crave to be worthy of their love and esteem.—J. R. Dickerson, P. C.

CARLISLE STATION.—Carlisle Methodism has enjoyed an average year with some hardships and some success. We have had a small net gain in membership. We have met promptly all debts on our beautiful church as they came due.

Our people are loyal and there is a fine spirit that was shown in the close-

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REPORTS OF L. R. CONFERENCE BOARDS

REPORT OF CONFERENCE ORPHANAGE BOARD

We your Conference Orphanage Board, having had the superintendent's report before us, beg leave to submit the following:

The year closing has been, from every standpoint, entirely satisfactory. We heartily commend the work of the present management and find the Orphanage is still making something out of each child committed to its care. Some have already found important places for themselves since going from our institution.

There is a real family influence thrown around the entire body of inmates.

The religious atmosphere is splendid and twenty-five of the thirty-seven children now in our institution are members of the Highland Methodist Church.

Some of our children are finishing high school and preparing to go on to some college.

One high school girl graduated during the year. She worked for a time in self support, but recently married and is building a home of her own.

We had in the beginning of the year thirty-five children. Since then we received fifteen into the Home and have placed thirteen in homes, having a fine family of thirty-seven.

During the history of our institution, we have placed 453 children in what we believe to be good homes.

The financial statement shows the collections for the Orphanage as follows:

Received

From the two Conferences . \$ 5,096.73
 From the two Sunday School

ing out of the year's work.

Our total of finances raised for the year was a little over \$7,500.

Whoever is the pastor of Carlisle another year should be a happy and busy man.—Jesse Galloway, P. C.

HOLLY SPGS. CHARGE.—Rev. C. R. Andrews and his faithful wife had a real good year at Holly Springs. They were able to report two 100 per cent "C" type Sunday Schools, 4 real good revivals with forty-three conversions, one Cokesbury training school with 29 certificates being awarded. We are looking forward to the return of these good people to our charge for another year and hope this faithful wife and pastor's guide will soon recover from her recent serious illness that has caused her to be away from home during the past several weeks.—J. O. Taylor, Layman.

STAR CITY.—We have finished our first year on this charge, with some advancement. Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues are doing splendid work. Congregations at preaching services have grown in number throughout the year. Financial conditions, while making great progress, are not what they should be; but there are evidences of renewed interest which promises a very substantial advance for the coming year. We are in love with all our people, for we have some who are as loyal in every way as can be found anywhere.

Therefore, we are looking forward, as a charge, for a very great year in our history.—A. E. Jacobs, P. C.

BUCKVILLE MISSION.—I lived in Hot Springs on account of affliction in my family, preaching at places from 25 to 50 miles up in the hills. Travelled 7,000 miles—wore out a Ford car on the rocks. Preached 150 sermons. Received 7 persons into the church. Paid out \$1,000 more than I received. The people are eager for my return.—T. O. Rorie, P. C.

MAGNOLIA STATION.—The work of the church at Magnolia has progressed in a most splendid way this year. The people have been kind and considerate of the pastor and family and the year has been happily spent.

Salaries were increased over any foregoing year, as were the claims. They are all in full. \$400. paid on Missionary Special. The church is well organized and faithful and loyal. Total amount raised for all purposes more than Ten Thousand Dollars.—J. W. Rogers, P. C.

Offerings 6,607.70
 From all other Sources 2,485.02
 Cash on hand Oct. 1, 1925 .. 480.83

\$14,670.34

Expenditures:

Salaries \$ 2,040.00
 Insurance 509.00
 Taxes 395.56
 Running Expenses and
 Miscellaneous 11,832.13

\$14,776.69

This leaves a deficit of \$ 106.25

The liberality of our Christmas offering and private gifts have saved us from grave embarrassment.

We recommend that this Conference through its Sunday Schools, Leagues and Congregations double its efforts in securing Christmas offerings that will be worthy of them and that will abundantly supplement the income of our Methodist Orphanage.

Our Presiding Elders, Pastors, Sunday School Superintendents, and members of the Methodist Church are our only agents and solicitors. We therefore ask that you plead the cause of this, one of our greatest institutions.

The Orphanage is run without any overhead expenses and every dollar we raise goes directly to our Orphanage. The Board of Directors and superintendent serve without salary. The only salaries paid are for the matron and her helpers and amounts to only \$2,040.00.

We urge full payments of all Conference collections so that the orphanage may share in these collections and have funds to run this institution in a most efficient and Christ-like way.

We ask the same amount as the assessment for our work as last year which is \$5,000.

We recommend that Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker take the place left vacant on the Board of Trustees by the transfer of Dr. P. C. Fletcher.—J. D. Dunn, Chairman, Jesse Galloway, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WESTERN METHODIST ASSEMBLY

The 1926 Assembly has been very satisfactory. The following programs were given: Evangelism, Temperance and Social Service, Patriotic, Sunday School Leadership School, Missions, Young People's Leadership, Lay Activities, Epworth League, and Regional Missionary. The General Board of Education sponsored a course of Bible lectures.

The total admissions were 16,500 with some three thousand spending a night on the grounds. Total receipts were \$14,000, making a net profit for the summer of \$2,100, but does not quite meet the expenses of the year, such as taxes an up-keep.

The Woman's Missionary Societies have laid the foundation of their \$35,000 building and hope to have it ready for use next summer.

The Epworth Hall is not yet completed, but the Leaguers at their recent Assembly took steps to finance and finish the building this year.

Lots are still being sold, and the proceeds used from the sale thereof to defray expenses of the Assembly and reduce the indebtedness. The total indebtedness now stands at \$25,000.

We are very much gratified at the remarkable success of the Assembly in so short a time. As it is predicted that the Ozark regions will be the next section of the country to attract tourists and home seekers, we are very fortunate as a church therefore in having the beautiful location

for our Western Assembly.

We recommend, First, That we express to Mr. J. L. Bond, our appreciation for his work as superintendent, and to Dr. A. C. Millar, for his untiring efforts in pioneering this enterprise.

Second, that we keep the Assembly before our people in order that they may know of its work, and advantages for summer homes.

Third: That Dr. A. C. Millar and Senator George Vaughan be elected Trustees to succeed themselves.—W. C. Davidson, Chairman; W. C. House, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON BUDGET

We, your Commission on Budget submit the following report;

1. The amount of the assessment made by the General Conference apportioned to this Conference is \$50,366.00.

2. The amount of the assessment made by the Annual Conference for all interests for which assessments are made is \$80,663.00.

3. The General Conference assessment added to the Annual Conference assessment, gives a combined total assessment of \$131,029.00 which is apportioned to the several districts as follows:

Arkadelphia District	\$15,068.
Camden District	22,930.
Little Rock District	26,206.
Monticello District	15,823.
Pine Bluff District	17,034.
Prescott District	16,279.
Texarkana District	17,689.

TOTAL \$131,029

4. The percentages of the General and the Annual Conference Claims of the combined assessment are as follows:

	Ratio	Amount
Gen. Conf. Ass. ....	.3844	\$ 50,366.
Annual Conf. Ass. ...	.6155	80,663.

1.0000 \$131,029.

5. The following table shows what per cent the assessments made for each cause is of the combined assessments:

Assessment by the Gen. Conference.

	Ratio	Amount
Missions .....	.1437	\$18,917.
Negro Work .....	.01083	1,419.
Church Extension ..	.03302	4,327.
Education .....	.02328	3,050.
Theological Schools ..	.01445	1,892.
Board of Finance ...	.03447	4,516.
Epworth Leagues ..	.00848	1,112.
Sunday Schools ....	.03447	4,516.
Bishops' Fund .....	.04060	5,320.
American Bible Soc. ..	.00902	1,182.
Gen. Conference Exp. ..	.00722	946.
Temp. & So. Service ..	.00433	568.
Federal Council ....	.00181	237.
Lay Activities .....	.00902	1,182.
Hospitals .....	.00902	1,182.

\$50,366.

Assessments by Annual Conference

Church Extension ..	.03482	4,563.
Education .....	.14653	19,209.
Conf. Missions .....	.06869	9,000.
Sunday School .....	.06105	8,000.
Epworth Leagues ...	.01145	1,500.
Ark. Methodist ....	.03816	5,000.
Conf. Claimants ....	.17706	23,200.
Conf. Exp. Fund ...	.01297	1,700.
Orphanage03816	5,000.
Lay Activities02672	3,500.

\$80,663.

—J. F. Simmons, Chairman, C. F. Elza, Secretary.

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REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

Your Sunday School Board is glad to report progress this year along lines that cultivate better schools and a better trained leadership. A detailed statement of our work has already been handed to each member of this Conference, hence our report is confined to recommendations for the new Conference year.

While your Board is gratified over the type of work being done in our better grade of Sunday Schools both in city and country, it is conscious of the fact that there is an ever increasing gulf between the work being done in this type of schools and the small schools in our poorer rural charges. The most humiliating figures that will be presented to you by the statistical secretary this year will be the items showing number of Sunday Schools, and the total Sunday School enrollment. These statistics will show 39 less Sunday Schools and 3,172 less enrollment than last year. Only one District in the Conference, the Pine Bluff, shows a gain over last year. Part of this decrease is due to lack of any statistical reports whatever from several charges; part to errors already discovered in the reports from pastors, but most of all to the humiliating fact that the Methodist Church seems to be losing its hold on our rural sections. We have taken one District as typical of what has happened this year. Last year this District reported 57 schools with 10,727 enrollment. This year it reports 49 schools with 9,733 enrollment. This is a loss of eight schools and 994 members. A study of the statistical table No. 2 for this District, as it will be printed in the Minutes, shows that one strictly rural charge that had an active pastor last year with 9 Sunday Schools and an enrollment of 400, has had no pastor whatsoever this year and the report is blank. This accounts for a loss of 9 schools and 400 members. Another charge in this District has been without a pastor most of the year and the part of a year they had a pastor he worked in the city all the week and only filled the appointment on Sunday. This charge lost 2 Sunday Schools and 231 members. Another charge in this District lost its pastor by sickness early in the year. This charge reported one school with 175

enrolled last year. Another charge in the District reports two schools with a total enrollment of only two members. This is clearly an error in filling out the report blanks, but it accounts for the lost 350 members of the Sunday School. On these four charges according to the above reports we lost 12 schools and 1,154 members this year. What is true in this District, we have analyzed, is true to a greater or less extent in each of the Districts that report a loss this year. From the above it can be seen that while we can ease our conscience to a certain extent by charging up some of the loss to errors it is still distressingly true that we have had an alarming loss in our Sunday Schools this year. And this loss is all to be found in our rural charges. For when the total of the town and city charges is added up it shows an actual gain both in schools and in enrollment.

In view of this critical situation, your new Conference Sunday School Board has called an all day meeting for the 29th of this month, at which time it hopes to work out very definite plans for a vigorous campaign during the coming year in the interest of our neglected rural charges. In the mean time we earnestly beseech our bishop, our presiding elders, our pastors, our superintendents, and all others who love our beloved Zion to join with us in prayer and work to save the Methodist Church from losing it once stronghold in the country.

We ask your approval of the following recommendations:

First: A campaign for Christmas offerings for the Orphanage.

Second: A three months' campaign of Evangelism in the Sunday Schools, closing with Easter Sunday.

Third: An intensive cultivation of week-day religious education and Vacation Bible Schools.

Fourth: Co-operation with the leaders of the C. M. E. Church in Training Schools for their people.

Fifth: The endorsement of the policy of our Dual Mission Commission as to our rural extension program, with the request that the Bishop appoint Rev. S. T. Baugh as superintendent of our Rural Sunday School work in connection with his work as Epworth League field secretary.

Sixth: A continuation of our present policy for District institutes and training work.

Seventh: The cooperation with other boards in the Hendrix Summer School for pastors and the Statewide Leadership School at Little Rock.

Eighth: The publication of the names of Sunday School superintendents in the Conference Journal.

Ninth: The cooperation with other agencies and the appointment of a representative on the Methodist Commission on Rural Church Life in Arkansas.

We have asked the Budget Commission for the same appropriation as last year, which is \$8,000.

We have appointed the following representatives from this Board on the several joint committees and commissions provided for by our Discipline and Conference policy.

With the Board of Education: P. W. Quillian, W. C. House, F. G. Roebuck.

With the Board of Church Extension: T. O. Owen, A. W. Waddill, F. A. Buddin.

On the Dual Mission Commission: C. E. Hayes, Clem Baker.

On the Board of Managers of the Hendrix Summer School: C. M. Reves, Clem Baker.

We have elected Miss Fay McRae Conference elementary superintendent; Mrs. R. A. Thomas, office secretary; and D. H. Colquette superintendent of Sunday School supplies.

We respectfully ask the Bishop to appoint Brother Colquette to the office to which we have elected him.

We have elected Clem Baker Conference superintendent of Sunday School Work, and respectfully ask the Bishop to appoint him to this office.

We attach herewith the report of our Treasurer, showing receipts and disbursements of all funds handled by this Board this year.

In conclusion we wish to thank the Bishop and the entire membership of this Conference for the unstinted support given to this Board throughout the entire year.—C. E. Hayes, Chairman; Paul W. Quillian, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

We, your Board of education, having been together for several hours in careful study and deliberation, beg leave to make the following report:

The presidents of our three colleges have been before us and have made splendid reports of the work being done by their respective institutions. In the opinion of your Board, no finer work has ever been done by these schools than that done within the past year. The colleges are growing in resources and in patronage year after year. The common need of these institutions is found to be more funds with which to meet the growing demands of the Church and her people.

The Board finds itself in the most hearty sympathy with the work that is now being done in our State University, and at the State Teacher's College by our student pastors.

Dr. Richard Spann representing the Department of Theology of the Southern Methodist University made a most satisfactory report of the work being done there.

Rev. R. C. Morehead was also before us and gave us an excellent report of the work done in his field. We feel that the Conference should be apprised of the excellent work done by Bro. Morehead as secretary of the Christian Education Movement. He has collected more than \$25,000 with-

in the past year, in Little Rock Annual Conference.

After due consideration, we respectfully recommend the following: That the work now being done in our State supported schools be continued.

That this Conference request the General Board of Education to appropriate \$1,500.00 to continue the work of student pastor at the State University, and that \$1,200 be appropriated for the work of a like nature at the State Teacher's College.

That, since the General Conference has assessed upon the Little Rock Annual Conference, the sum of \$3,050.16 for General Conference Education and the sum of \$1,891.75 for our Theological Schools, our Conference make these assessments.

That the following assessments be made by this Conference for:

Henderson-Brown College	\$5,000.00
Galloway Woman's College	5,000.00
Hendrix College	5,000.00
Summer School for pastors	1,500.00
Ministerial Education	1,200.00
Student Pastor, State	
Teacher's College	600.00
Incidentals	200.00
Student Pastor, State	
University	700.00

That this Conference accord to representatives of the Southern Methodist University the privilege of raising funds for Scholarship Endowments for the School of Theology.

That the following appointments be made:

Dr. C. J. Greene, Professor in Hendrix College.

Dr. R. C. Rhodes, Professor in Emory University.

Rev. M. Thornburgh Workman, acting dean and professor of Biblical Literature and History in the School of Religion at Chapel Hill, N. C.

Dr. James Thomas, Fiscal Secretary of Hendrix College.

Dr. J. L. Cannon, Conference Secretary of Education.

Rev. J. G. Gieck, student at Yale.

Rev. J. A. Coleman, student Southern Methodist University.

Rev. Paul V. Reed, student Southern Methodist University.

Rev. Neal Hart, student Southern Methodist University.

Rev. Harold Sadler, student Southern Methodist University.

That we endorse Rev. J. J. Galloway as financial secretary of Henderson-Brown College, and Rev. H. H. Griffin as financial secretary of Galloway College.

That the election of the following trustees be confirmed:

For Henderson-Brown College: W. C. Ribenack, Finis Pharr, James Me-haffey.

For Hendrix College: Adam Triesman and Dr. James Thomas to succeed themselves, J. J. Harrison to succeed H. T. Harrison Alumni Trustee.

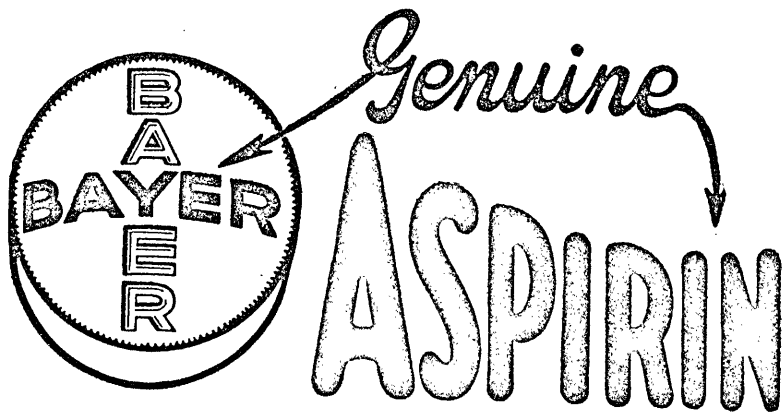
For Galloway Woman's College: Dr. C. M. Reves, Mr. W. W. Brown, and Mrs. J. P. Walt to succeed themselves, Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker to succeed Dr. P. C. Fletcher, Rev. Paul Quillian to succeed Dr. W. P. Whaley, Mr. R. B. Wilson to succeed Mr. J. T. Beal, deceased.

For Southern Methodist University: Dr. J. L. Cannon to succeed himself. —Stonewall Anderson, Chairman; O. L. Walker, Secretary Pro Tem.

RESOLUTIONS ON COLLECTIONS

WHEREAS, the General Conference of 1926 made no appreciable increase in the benevolent assessments, and,

WHEREAS, every dollar of these assessments is needed to carry on the program of our great Church and to advance the Kingdom of God here on



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WHEREAS, the average collections of the benevolent assessments are far less throughout the entire Church than they should be; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that we, the pastors and laymen of the Little Rock Conference pledge ourselves to do all in our power to secure the full collection of all the benevolent assessments in the various charges in the Conference, and that we will use our best endeavors to secure pledges for the full amount of same not later than March 1, 1927, and to have actually collected at least one half thereof not later than May 1, 1927. Be it further

RESOLVED, that this Conference work in harmony with the provisions of paragraphs 569 and 579 of the 1926 Discipline.—G. W. Pardee.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Rev. W. B. Hubbell, Principal of the Fulson Training School came before our Board and made a report of the work of his great school. We desire to express our appreciation of the establishment and development, by the Centenary Commission, of Fulson Training School in Southeast Oklahoma. This school is the property of the General Board of Missions; and serves the highland country along our western border. We are informed that more than 40 per cent of its patronage is drawn from the state of Arkansas. We commend this school to our people to whom it is accessible, and invite its representatives to feel free to visit our people in the interest of the institution.

We recommend that, Dr. C. L. Hornaday Mr. H. T. Harrison, and F. M. Freeman be appointed to represent the Board of Education as members of the Inter-Board Committee on Religious Education.

That: A request to the General Board of Education for a loan for Bro. Grizzard, who is a ministerial student in Henderson-Brown College, for \$75.00 be approved.

We respectfully call the attention of the Conference to the new law with reference to the requirements for candidates for admission on trial in the Annual Conference, which requirement is that the candidates for admission must have equivalent of two years of college credit in addition to the high school requirements of the present; and that this law become effective, after the Conference session of 1927.

We note with pleasure that no applicant has been admitted under the "two-thirds" rule at this session.

Rev. C. C. Neal, Secretary of Race Relations in the C. M. E. Church, was before our Board. We recommend that we observe Race Relations Day on the Sunday nearest Lincoln's birthday, in our churches, sending the proceeds of an offering to be taken to him at Moten, Ark.

We recommend that the Sec.-Treasurer of the Board of Education, be placed under bond to the amount not less than \$1,000.—Stonewall Anderson, Pres.; O. O. Walker, Sec. Pro Tem.

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RESOLUTION ON EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM

Whereas, Arkansas apparently is entering upon a period of unprecedented prosperity; and, Whereas, the people of our state seem to be catching a vision of higher education;

Therefore Be It Resolved, That this Conference request our presiding Bishop to appoint a commission of five, two of whom, at least, shall be laymen, to work with a like commission from North Arkansas Conference and report to our next annual Conference, their findings regarding a larger educational program for Methodism in Arkansas.—J. D. Hammons, C. M. Reves, W. C. Davidson.

REPORT OF BIBLE BOARD

At an average of fourteen Bibles per minute the American Bible Society, the accredited agency of the Protestant Churches in America, is sending out the Word of God to the ends of the earth. The total distribution last year in round numbers amounted to more than nine-million volumes of Scriptures in Japan, and four-million copies in China last year. The work is carried on through ten home agencies and twelve foreign agencies at a cost of a million and quarter dollars per year.

The Southwestern Agency, managed by Rev. J. J. Morgan, includes Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. In this territory we distribute more than 338,000 volumes of Scripture in thirty-three languages. As far as our funds would permit we have co-operated liberally with mission churches and Sunday Schools, and have supplied jails, hospitals, rescue homes and other charitable institutions either at cost or donation. The American Bible Society never sells a Bible for profit. The Arkansas Depository, managed by Rev. D. H. Colquette, made the greatest record of its history last year. The distribution reached over 72,000 volumes and Brother Colquette was diligent in ministering unto shut-ins in penitentiaries, hospitals, jails, poor-houses and other like places all over the State.

We cannot over-emphasize the importance of circulating the word of God among all the people. The American Bible Society is the main source of Bible supply for all Protestant denominations in the home lands, second only to one other if any in foreign lands and is therefore worthy of our hearty report.

We recommend:

1. That we as pastors co-operate with our agencies in the distribution of Scriptures.

2. That we observe the first Sunday in December, or as near thereto as practicable, as Bible Sunday.

3. That Rev. D. H. Colquette be appointed agent of the American Bible Society.—W. C. Hilliard.

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

We congratulate the charges of the Little Rock Conference on the magnificent response to the Special for Missions made last spring which, according to the figures, amounted to over \$20,000. This was secured without having reached but a small per cent of our membership. We take it that it is only a prophecy of our ability and willingness to do the larger things that comes off in our program of January and February, next.

1st. We nominate Rev. J. F. Simmons for Conference Missionary Secretary.

2nd. We hereby urge our Presiding Elders and pastors to see that a Missionary Committee is appointed that will function in each congregation in the Little Rock Conference, through whom the Every-Member Campaign for the special shall be made and through whom the Every Member Campaign may likewise be made for the securing of the benevolences for the Church. Especially is this important because this Committee, under the new law, is now auxiliary to the Annual Conference Board.

3rd. We urge the presiding elders to follow the law and prepare a date and select a place for the Missionary Institute in each one of the Districts at the earliest practical moment.

4th. We beg the presiding elders to relate themselves to the Board of Missions in every possible way to help us to put over the program of the Church.

5th. We recommend the election of the following Committee on Evangelism for the quadrennium: Rev. J. D. Hammons, Rev. F. M. Freeman, and Rev. S. F. Goddard.

We beg leave to make the following appropriations:

Arkadelphia District	\$1,100.00
Camden District	800.00
Little Rock District	1,200.00
Monticello District	950.00
Pine Bluff District	750.00
Prescott District	1,050.00
Texarkana District	1,275.00
Dual Missions-Little Rock	

Conf.	500.00
Prisons and Hospitals	250.00
Student Pastor, Conway	250.00
Student Pastor, Fayetteville	400.00
Rural Dept., Hendrix Coll.	300.00
Camden District Mission, W.	
M. S. Per Month \$25.	300.00

Total\$9,125.00
—E. R. Steel, Chairman; James Thomas, Sec.-Treas.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

Amount remaining on hand	
unappropriated at conclusion of last Conf. year	\$ 3,233.01
Amount received from Centenary Treas., Nashville,	
Tenn.	1,216.18
Amount received from Epworth League for Missions	500.00
Total	\$ 4,999.19

Contra	
Amount appropriated in the interim	\$ 325.00
Expenses during the year	125.42

	\$ 450.42
Balance on hand	4,548.77

Amount received during year ending with this Conf. from C. E. Hayes, Treas., Little Rock Conf.	5,629.92
Total	\$10,178.69

Amount of appropriation at this Conference	\$ 9,125.00
Amount set aside for expenses for incoming year	250.00
	\$ 9,375.00

Amount of cash remaining on hand	\$ 803.69
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—James Thomas, Sec.-Treasurer.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Receipts	
Balance from 1925	\$ 1,023.44
From C. E. Hayes, Treas.	\$11,888.20
To Ark. Methodist	500.00 11,388.20
	\$12,411.64

Disbursements

Henderson-Brown College	..\$ 2,997.00
Galloway College	2,997.00
Hendrix College	2,997.00
Summer School for Ministers	899.10
Ministerial Education	719.28
Incidentals	119.88
Student Pastor at State Normal	299.70
Student Pastor at Fayetteville	359.64

\$11,388.60

Balance on Hand\$ 1,023.04

OBITUARIES

SMYTHE.—May Simpson Smythe was born Oct. 20, 1895. Married to Mr. Emmet Smythe Nov. 28, 1921. Sister Smythe was a loyal and faithful worker in many ways and held the high esteem of her many friends whom she leaves behind. She was for many years a member of the Methodist Church at Cincinnati, having been converted when only a child. She was a very efficient teacher in the public schools of Washington County, and was teaching at Friendship at the time she took sick. She was sick only six days, and our Heavenly Father called her home. Sister Smythe leaves behind a sorrowing husband, father, mother, sisters and brothers, and a great host of friends. She departed this life Sept. 30, 1926 and was laid to rest in the Washington Cemetery.—W. C. Hutton, Pastor.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

MONTICELLO DISTRICT (First Round)
Nov. 28, 11 a. m. & 7:30 p. m., Monticello
Nov. 28, 2 p. m., Monticello Ct.
Dec. 5, 11 a. m., Warren.
Dec. 5, 7:30 p. m., Dermot.
Dec. 12, 11 a. m., Montrose-Snyder.
Dec. 12, 7:30 p. m., Crossett.
Dec. 19, 11 a. m., Arkansas City
Dec. 19, 7:30 p. m., Wilmot.
Dec. 31, 11 a. m., Tillar.
Dec. 31, 7:30 p. m., Dumas.
Jan. 2, 11 a. m., Arkansas City.
Jan. 2, 7:30 p. m., Dermot.
Jan. 9, 11 a. m., Watson-Kelso.
Jan. 9, 7:30 p. m., McGehee.
Jan. 16, 11 a. m., Fountain Hill.
Jan. 16, 7:30 p. m., Hamburg.
Jan. 23, 11 a. m., Hermitage.
Jan. 23, 7:30 p. m., Warren.
Jan. 30, 11 a. m., Banks.
Jan. 30, 7:30 p. m., Monticello.
Feb. 6, 11 a. m., Lake Village.
Feb. 6, 7:30 p. m., Eudora.
Feb. 13, 11 a. m., Arkansas & Southern Camps.
Feb. 13, 7:30 p. m., Wilmar.
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Lesson for November 23

GIDEON AND THE THREE HUNDRED

LESSON TEXT—Judges 7:1-25.

GOLDEN TEXT—Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Gideon and His Brave Band.
JUNIOR TOPIC—A Brave Leader.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Gideon and the Three Hundred.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Working Together With God.

Because of Israel's sin, God permitted them to be brought under the cruel yoke of bondage at the hands of the Midianites. So grievous was this affliction that they hid in dens, caves and strongholds (Judg. 6:2). In their distress they cried unto the Lord and He sent deliverance to them through the judgeship of Gideon. The angel of the Lord appeared to him while at the post of duty. Gideon hesitated. His hesitancy was not due to unbelief but to modesty and cautiousness. He came from an obscure and unimportant family (Judg. 6:15). Before going forward in this enterprise he wished to be doubly sure that God had called him (Judg. 6:36-40). The tangible evidence was furnished by means of the fleece. Gideon began his reformatory work at once (Judg. 6:25-27). He not only began at once, but began at home. This is God's order.

I. The Opposing Armies (v. 1).

Gideon and his army arose early on the eventful day of his victory and encamped by the spring of Herrod. Over against them was the host of Midianites in battle array. Gideon's army was quite insignificant in comparison with the Midianites.

II. The Sifting of Gideon's Army (vv. 2-8).

At Gideon's call, 32,000 men responded ready for the struggle. This seemed a small army to go against the Midianite army—135,000 strong, but God said even this was too many, lest they be led to boasting and self-confidence. Their real danger was not in their small army but in their pride. All that were faint-hearted were allowed to go back, leaving only 10,000. There were 22,000 cowards in that group of men and worst of all, they were not ashamed to confess it. Still, this was too many. When God was through with His sifting process only 300 remained. The 10,000 were brave men, but not of proper quality and fitness. Those who lapped the water showed alertness and watchfulness.

III. God Gives Encouragement to Gideon (vv. 9-15).

God commanded Gideon to go down to the Midianite camp where he would hear something that would cheer his heart and strengthen his hands. God always comes to cheer us when our hearts are faint. When he came near he heard a man tell a dream which was that of a barley cake tumbling into the camp and smiting it. He also heard the interpretation given to that dream which made Gideon to be that cake. This greatly cheered his heart and strengthened him for his work and caused him to break forth in praise to God. The barley cake is a very insignificant thing—a very cheap affair in itself, but with the hand of God upon it it would be sufficient to spread consternation among the Midianites and bring destruction upon their armies. No matter how weak and insignificant a man may be, if God is with him he shall not fail.

IV. God Gives Victory to Gideon (vv. 16-23).

His attack was unique. The whole matter was of faith (Heb. 11:32). The ground of his faith was God's Word and the token which He had given him. Gideon with his 300 men formed into three companies, each man being

provided with a lamp concealed within a pitcher. Thus armed they surrounded the camp of the Midianites. They were all instructed to keep their eyes upon their leader and imitate him. We too are to keep our eyes on our Leader, Christ, and to ever do as He does. At the proper moment they blew their trumpets and broke their pitchers, giving opportunity for their lights to shine out. This awful crash of breaking pitchers, followed by the sound of trumpets accompanied by the shout "the sword of the Lord and of Gideon" threw the Midianites into a panic, causing them to fight amongst themselves: 120,000 were thus slain, leaving but 15,000 of that mighty army (Judg. 8-10).

In making the application to ourselves in this age, we can think of the sound of the trumpets as representing prayer or calling to God; the torches as the light of the Gospel; the pitchers our human nature, the whole as this treasure in earthen vessels.

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