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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Caution and courage constitute a comely combination in a counselor.

The cost of living will decrease for those who learn how to live wisely.

When your business is poor it may be because you are a poor provider and a poor pusher.

If you have a decent job, treat it decently during 1927 and it may give you a decent treat in 1928.

Dishonesty is an attitude of mind rather than a specific act; then beware of that attitude because it is father to the dishonest deed.

Do not permit personal pride in a pet plan to prevent you from pondering and pursuing promising plans approved by your competitors.

If cheap cotton results in a smaller acreage and more pounds to the acre and in a larger use of cotton goods, it may be, like the boll weevil, a blessing in disguise.

THE WAY OUT

(At the annual meeting of the Arkansas Methodist Commission, early in November, the editor in his report undertook to discover the fundamental difficulty to be overcome in publishing a denominational paper. In this study, it was concluded that the difficulty was one which all of the unselfish and spiritual interests of the Church are today confronting and that it is not peculiar to the paper. It was suggested that as the difficulty is fundamental it is not the fault of the papers and that it cannot be cured except by the united and heroic efforts of all Church leadership. The editor's analysis was accepted and his suggestions for the cure approved, and he was directed to read his report to the Conferences. The report, with slight elimination of items intended only for the Commission, was read and approval of the plans suggested was voted. Then request was made that a part of the report be published. With the elimination of matters that were personal or pertaining only to the business details, the following paper is the substance of the editor's analysis and suggestions.—A. C. M.)

To understand the problem of the denominational paper we must understand its relation to the social institutions of which it is a part.

Since the War all dealers in the necessities of life have suffered (the growers of wheat, corn, cotton, and wool), and the wisest men of the nation have not yet been able to find the way out. The necessities of commerce, railroads and shipping, managed by our biggest men, have struggled for existence. Banks and great business houses directed by trained business men have failed by the thousands.

Almost the only kinds of business that have prospered have been those that have ministered to pleasure and selfishness, such as the moving picture, the automobile, candy, cold drinks, cosmetics.

People quickly respond to demands for money for country clubs, swimming pools, hotels, and houses for fraternities; but give grudgingly to schools and churches except out of local pride. It is easy to finance a state fair, in which amusement is the chief attraction, but difficult to finance a state university. It is easy to finance a filling station, but hard to finance a church mission.

In other words, it is easy to finance any business that provides pleasures and luxuries, but well nigh impossible to finance the activities that provide for things essential. That is a bald, hard fact that cannot be ignored, however unpleasant it may be.

In church affairs the same conditions prevail. Every great denomination has, during the past nine years, projected a movement like our Centenary, and then has failed to collect more than 60 or 70 per cent. The same is true of movements for Christian Education and Superannuates, and with practically similar results. Every Mission Board in the United States is now in deep distress for

AND THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME UNTO ME, SAYING: SON OF MAN, PROPHECY AGAINST THE SHEPHERDS OF ISRAEL, PROPHECY, AND SAY UNTO THEM, THUS SAITH THE LORD GOD UNTO THE SHEPHERDS; WOE BE TO THE SHEPHERDS OF ISRAEL THAT DO FEED THEMSELVES! SHOULD NOT THE SHEPHERDS FEED THE FLOCKS? YE EAT THE FAT, AND YE CLOTHE YOU WITH THE WOOL, YE KILL THEM THAT ARE FED; BUT YE FEED NOT THE FLOCK.—Ezekiel 34:1-3.

lack of funds. Almost every college is struggling to maintain itself. In view of the high cost of living our superannuates are suffering as never before. And yet the greatest church financiers in each denomination, assisted by experts, are managing all of these movements. Practically the only denominational enterprises that can be successfully financed are local, such as magnificent churches, or social halls, where the appeal is partly to pride; and the Sunday School, where much of the money is raised by children who are stimulated by class rivalry and by men who are partly influenced by contests between churches and districts. Drop all of this rivalry in the Sunday Schools and make the appeal for money simply on the basis of a worthy cause and the collections would greatly diminish.

Consider the churches and their pastors. Almost the only churches that are regularly filled are those which use concerts, moving pictures, or sensational sermons to draw. He is a rare pastor who preaches to 25 per cent of his members twice on Sunday, or 50 per cent once on Sunday, or 75 per cent once a year. The fact that approximately half of our pastors are changed every year indicates dissatisfaction of some kind.

What is true in the publishing world? Only the papers and magazines that are ministering to more or less depraved tastes are financially successful. Sex novels sell by the million, and good books by the hundreds. Then the money made in publishing is largely derived from advertising, and the profitable advertising is of things that minister to greed, pride, or luxury.

Now consider the distinctively denominational literature. Does the Publishing House make money out of books of sermons? No. If it makes money out of books at all, it is out of the novels and similar books which it handles. The Advocates, or general periodicals of information, practically all fail to pay expenses. And it is true in all of the Churches. Zion's Herald, in many ways the best of the denominational organs, has a subsidy of \$15,000 or \$20,000 a year. Our own Christian Advocate, admirable and attractively printed, costs thousands more per annum than it earns. Our Review, one of the strongest reviews in the world, is not taken by half of our preachers and creates a deficit of about \$6,000 a year. The only church literature that is paying its own way is that published for the Sunday Schools, the Woman's Societies, and the Epworth Leagues, and all of these are either put free of direct cost into the hands of those who are expected to read and use them, virtually on the club plan, or forced upon members by the appeal to loyalty or organization pride. Practically none of these is taken by the individual simply because he wants it.

In our own Church there are only three Conference organs, which may be regarded as self-supporting, and even they have some subsidies or other sources of revenue—the North Carolina Christian Advocate, the Alabama Christian Advo-

cate, and the Texas Christian Advocate, and the first two have constituencies twice as great as ours, and the last has three or four times our constituency. In proportion to members, they all have a smaller circulation than has the Arkansas Methodist. All of the other papers live on the blood of the editors or publishers.

Some critics say that if we would do certain things the people would cheerfully and numerous-ly subscribe. But the conditions of the different papers do not sustain that contention. Some use good paper and some use poor paper, but suffer alike. Some fill their columns with personal and local news, others have little, but both lack circulation. Some print sermons and popular articles and others omit these features, but both lack revenue. Some have brilliant editorials and others plain and practical editorials, but both are criticized. Some are departmentalized and others show no system in arrangement, but both are neglected. Some have much advertising and others little, but both alike are forgotten. Some have a column of humor and others are void of it, but both are unpopular. Some cut subscribers off promptly and others give long credit, but both are blamed, the former for being too hard, the latter for being too easy. Thus it is possible, when any feature is criticized, to show that another paper lacks the objectionable feature and yet is suffering.

The Arkansas Methodist is no exception. It has had editors of diverse gifts and has tried almost every possible plan, and yet has struggled for years to maintain itself. Its financial crisis came during the war and culminated when we suddenly lost our Oklahoma constituency. Then our Conferences paid the debts and became the owners of the paper. For a short period during 1920 it was self-sustaining; but when deflation came, it suffered and has never been able to overcome the effects. Then the "Club Plan" was tried. It gave us circulation, but not sufficient income. Our most serious difficulties occurred last year, when we started in to secure 20,000 on the "Club Plan," and in the midst of the campaign the manager's health failed and the campaign was not completed as planned. The paper can be sustained on the low rate of the "Club Plan" only when the circulation is practically doubled. If we had obtained the 20,000 expected last year, we would now be in good financial condition.

Our Church, in common with all other Churches in America, is suffering from the general disposition to seek pleasure and comfort and display, and shirk the fundamental duties. Our people do not want a paper that stimulates them to higher things but might support a paper that would pander to their weaknesses and pride. Is it proper that a luxury-loving and unspiritual Church should dictate to its leaders and require them to gratify their more or less depraved tastes? Is it not the plain duty of pastors and paper to set high standards and try to bring our people up to these standards rather than to compromise ourselves by flattery and compliment and commonplace?

The suggestion that we must make a paper that will please the people of the present age may be well meant, but it is not well matured and overlooks the plainest obligations of spiritual leadership. Much as I appreciate my present position, I will not be a party to it. On the other hand, with a Bishop living with us, who wants his Conferences to achieve something worth while, may we not under his inspiring leadership, agree that we will as preachers and presiding elders and editor enter into a solemn compact and highly resolve that we will from pulpit and in press endeavor to train our people until they overcome this unholy tendency and become appreciative of the best things? If Bishop Boaz will simply say frankly to the elders and pastors that there are two or three definite things that we must do this year, and one of them is to put the Arkansas Methodist into

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Bishop E. D. Mouzon has moved to Charlotte, N. C., and his address is 707 East Morehead Ave.

Any pastor who desires the help of Rev. Ira H. Russell can reach him at 1619 South T Street, Ft. Smith.

He who has conferred a kindness should be silent; he who has received one, should speak of it.—Seneca.

If your subscription expires soon, be sure to renew and do not miss any of the good things in store for this year.

Rev. S. B. Mann has sent in a 100 per cent list for Sparkman and a good club from Sardis. His faithful efforts are appreciated. He expects a good year on his new charge.

Preach, my dear sir, a crusade against ignorance, establish and improve the law for educating the people.—Thomas Jefferson in a letter to Geo. Wythe from Paris, 1786.

Married, at Lavaca, Jan. 5, Mr. Joe Myers and Miss Bertha Bradley; and at Ursula, Dec. 25, Mr. Hubert Wilson and Miss Ida Graham. Rev. Hoy M. Lewis officiating at both marriages.

Rev. J. C. Snow, who was changed after Conference from Pleasant Plains to Bellefonte reports a pleasant reception and many good things received from his people, with prospects for a successful year.

Friends of Dr. Marion Nelson Waldrip, pastor of Central Methodist Church, Kansas City, will have an opportunity to tune in and hear him preach on Sunday, Jan. 30, at 3 p. m., Studio of KLDS, Independence, Mo.

You need a travel-accident policy more than any other kind of insurance; and you can get it cheaply by adding 90 cents to the regular subscription price of this paper when you renew. See the form for application on page 15.

Last Friday night the people of First Church North Little Rock, gave a reception to the new pastor, Rev. A. E. Holloway, and his family. There was a large attendance of the members and a beautiful program was carried out.

Rev. J. F. Glover, superintendent of Sloan-Hendrix Academy, would be glad to help brethren in meetings. His only condition is that his expenses be paid and a freewill offering taken for the Academy. Address him at Imboden.

Miss Erma Voight, dean of women at Ohio State University, says: "Students of today have more temptations to meet than students of the last generation. A student who thinks for himself is, for that reason, to be more highly praised."

When the Legislature organized last Monday Rev. J. F. Jernigan, a superannuate of North Arkansas Conference, was elected chaplain of the Senate, and Dr. W. M. Hayes, a superannuate of the Little Rock Conference, was elected chaplain of the House.

A little pamphlet, "The Fellowship of Prayer," has been received. It is intended for use during the Lenten Season. It is good. Any pastor who wants it should address the Commission on Evangelism and Life Service, 105 E 22nd St., New York City. It will be sent free, postpaid.

On Monday Rev. J. J. Galloway, executive secretary of Henderson-Brown College, called. He is very optimistic about the future of the college, and justly so when it is recalled that since he became its representative something over \$300,000 has been added to its assets. This is a remarkable record.

Dodson Avenue Church, Fort Smith, is repeating its fine record of last year in paying its "Claims" monthly, though its assessment is considerably larger this year. Rev. E. H. Hook is the pastor, as everybody knows. Jack McMurtrey is treasurer. So reports Dr. Geo. McGlumphy, treasurer N. Arkansas Conference.

Because he presents it from a different angle and gives additional information, we are this week reproducing a fine report of the Missionary Council written by Dr. C. O. Ransford for his paper, the St. Louis Christian Advocate. He is easily one of the best descriptive writers among our denominational editors. It is always a pleasure to read what he writes.

A fine wall calendar for 1927 has been received from the Board of Finance, Dr. L. E. Todd, secretary. On its pages the pictures of thirteen living superannuates are found. Together they have given to Southern Methodism more than 650 years of active service. Two of these are Little Rock Conference preachers—Dr. C. O. Steele and Dr. W. M. Hayes. They look well in this honored group.

Last Sunday morning the editor had the privilege of worshipping with Capitol View Church, and heard the pastor, Dr. B. A. Few, preach a strong gospel sermon. The attendance was good and interest fine. Dr. Few had been preaching daily for a week with excellent results and will continue during this week. Under his leadership this church seems to be making steady progress.

Rev. F. E. Dodson of Augusta writes that he has been sick since Conference and confined to his bed for four weeks. Rev. H. Hanesworth, who now makes his home at Augusta, has preached for Bro. Dodson and kept his work moving. He has had a substantial "pounding" which continued for a week, and is very grateful to his people and to the many friends throughout the Conference who have remembered him. He hopes to be out soon.

Rev. B. F. Fitzhugh of Bearden called Tuesday while in the city on account of his little daughter, Dorothy May, who was in St. Vincent's Hospital because of an operation for appendicitis which had been performed Sunday and from which she was recovering. Bro. Fitzhugh is pleased with Bearden and anticipates a good year. His Missionary Society plans to put the paper in every Methodist home. That is a fine thing for that Society to do, and we appreciate it.

While in the city this week, conferring with members of the Legislature about the establishment of proposed mountain vocational schools, Rev. C. M. Hughes called. He is pastor of our church at Huntsville and principal of the local school. He is greatly encouraged with the progress of both church and school and is deeply interested in the problem of educating the promising youth of the mountain country who are almost without local opportunities for high school education.

Our hope of wiser and better men and women who shall make a better world rests largely on the teachers.—Selected.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., whose episcopal district includes the Congo Mission, expects to sail for Africa some time in February. He will probably go by way of Cape Town on the south of Mombasa on the east coast. He will remain in Africa until the spring meeting of the College of Bishops, May 2, 1927. He will hold the annual conference of the Congo Mission at Wembo Nyama, about March 3, 1927.

In our issue of Dec. 16 it was stated that Dr. C. M. Reves had preached the sermon at the Union Thanksgiving Service in this city. This is an unaccountable error. The preacher was Rev. F. A. Buddin, pastor of our Asbury Church, and it is reported that he preached a great sermon peculiarly appropriate to the occasion. We regret to make mistakes, but are always glad to correct them when our attention is called. Bro. Buddin was too modest to mention it, but an auditor who enjoyed the sermon called attention to our mistake.

Schools are the chief instruments that we use consciously to transform personal freedom into liberty and to save it from corrupting license. They are the chief supports of a democratic system of life organized to give liberty and happiness a wider spread. They are the developers of initiative and appreciation, the makers of modesty and confidence in men. Their services are sanctified by a hundred historic civil guarantees and a thousand urges to a better life. We believe in them, because we aspire to that kind of civilization which cannot exist without their supporting strength.—Henry Suzzallo.

Dr. and Mrs. S. H. Wainwright, who have just arrived in this country from Japan, upon landing on Dec. 24, sent the following telegram of greeting to the Board of Missions and to the Church: "We arrived today. Enjoying reunited family Christmas Eve. Missionaries are faithful in teaching the doctrines on the field. Hope the Church is steadfast in believing the doctrines in homeland. The call is for perseverance by all, otherwise the cause cannot be won. Christmas blessings upon you." Dr. Wainwright is scheduled to deliver the Fendren Lectures at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, early in the spring.

Those who are seeking to discredit Prohibition are now making a big noise about the "poisoning of the people's drink," because the government is denaturing commercial alcohol with poison and a few sots have died after drinking the stuff. In the first place they have no business to drink it. The denaturant is used in order to prevent drinking. Next, the denaturing with poison is not because of the Eighteenth Amendment or the Volstead Law, but is done under a revenue law passed in 1909 without the slightest reference to Prohibition. Lastly, while it is charged that a number of people have recently died from drinking denatured alcohol it should be remembered that there have always been deaths from alcoholism, and in 1910, nine years before National Prohibition there were considerably more deaths from alcoholism in New York City than in 1926. Any argument that is presented by Senator Reed of Missouri may be taken with, not simply the proverbial grain of salt, but with a handful of salt. He makes his facts and then uses them to suit his purpose.

Dr. McGlumphy, N. Arkansas Conference treasurer, writes that the Conference Journal fails to give Kibler Circuit, Fort Smith District, credit for \$128.85 which the pastor, Rev. J. E. Peters, remitted on the "Claims." Tuckerman Station has overpaid its first quarter of the "Conference Collections". D. R. Parrott, the Church Treasurer, writes, "Our work has started off fine this year, and we are all highly pleased to have Brother Lester and family returned to us for another year." Hughes, Helena District, has already done the "big thing." Under the fine leadership of the pastor, Rev. F. H. Cummings, it has paid up "in full" with five dollars over for good "Methodist measure." This is the second Church "to go over the top" this year. Who will be next? Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, H. F. McDonal pastor, Mrs. Clara Lindley, treasurer, has paid its first month's quota of the "Claims." This Church believes in starting early and keeping at it. No wonder it makes fine records. The payments on the Conference Col-

OUR BISHOP'S CORNER.

EVANGELIST TO LIVE IN LITTLE ROCK

A recent letter from Dr. D. L. Coale, general evangelist, of Los Angeles, Calif., informs me that he is expecting to move to Little Rock immediately. He wishes me to announce that he is available for revival meetings in January and February.

I regard Dr. Coale as one of the most efficient evangelists in our Church. He has held many remarkable meetings. He is safe and sane, deeply spiritual, and will be a great blessing to any church that he may be called upon to serve. Letters addressed to him in my care will be delivered to him as soon as he arrives. To those wishing the services of an evangelist, I cheerfully recommend Dr. Coale as one of the very best.—H. A. Boaz, Arminstead Road, Little Rock.

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE FIRST MISSIONARY COUNCIL

The recognition of the problem is the beginning of the solution. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has a missionary problem. Some folk see it and are studying the way out. Others see it not and are given to criticism.

Whatever may be one's opinion of the great world movements set for the correction and for cure of the evils attendant on the World Court or the programs of the church for healing and restoration, all must agree the church of Jesus Christ holds the avenues that approach the better way and the light that can illumine their darkness.

Beginning the Study

Our recent General Conference gave careful consideration to the proposals of the Mission Board secretaries and provided a working program for the quadrennium. The methods of procedure and inspirational powers for effective operation were left for future development.

To the end that the problem might be studied and inspiration be begotten a Council of representative leaders of the church was ordered to be held annually. The first Council meeting was appointed for Louisville, Ky., December 15, 16, 1926.

Under the direction of the Mission Board president, Bishop W. B. Beauchamp, and the secretary, Dr. W. G.

Cram, approximately two hundred ministers and laymen from various parts of the connection assembled.

All the bishops, the entire Mission Board executive, and the Conference Mission Board presidents and secretaries were present. With few exceptions every editor of the connection and conference papers was present. It was a serious-minded group, prayerfully seeking a way to carry out Christ's program of world evangelization.

The Spiritual Emphasis

That a religious emphasis might be given every session, Dr. O. E. Goddard, one of the Mission Board secretaries and as all are agreed one of the most spiritually minded men in the church, conducted a devotional service at the opening of each session, morning, afternoon and evening.

These brief talks were spiritual refreshings. They were apostolic and practical. His themes were, "A Spiritual Church," "A Church With an International Mind," "A Pentecostal Church," "The Scriptural Basis of Giving," and "A Church With a Missionary Passion." All these talks, if elaborated and written out would make a worth-while book. Dr. Goddard was importuned by many to give them publicity. He has promised, his duties not preventing, to prepare them for the church press.

Generating the Power

Bishop Beauchamp, the president of the Board, who directed the Centenary Campaign and whose quadrennium in the superintendency of our missions in Europe placed him in immediate contact with the world missionary program, made the opening address.

It was one of the best speeches we have ever heard him make, and we have heard him often. Without introduction he plunged into the discussion of world conditions which he said were serious and critical. With the greatest opportunities the church has known there had been constantly decreasing appropriations for missions, while gifts for local and general church purposes were being increased. The church in consequence was becoming near-sighted and was losing the vision of a world in need.

The leaven of the Christian faith working in all lands was creating social and national conditions most seriously affecting Christian propaganda. Our equipment and number of workers was inadequate to meet the rapidly changing conditions.

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The spirit of nationalism was creating a demand for national churches, but it would be unsafe without an adequate program and financial support to release foreign control. The converts had faith in the church but were uncertain about what the church would do.

Turning Away From Opportunity

He deplored the failure of the United States to enter the League of Nations, and declared it was the turning away from a supreme opportunity. The nationalistic disorders now affecting all Europe might have been averted had a strong and unpartisan leadership such as the United States might have given been available.

He thought the church was also turning away from the helpless world so much in need of Christ's evangel. "There is but one solution," he declared. "We must come back to the commission of Jesus." "We cannot modify the commandment of Christ." "We must revive the great commission." "The church cannot retreat, when he has given orders to go forward."

John Wesley, who said "The world is my parish," is still the world's largest figure. Throughout all England churches where he preached are being made memorials of his labors and their proudest insignia are these great words. The character, vision and wisdom of John Wesley gave him leadership among men.

Home Land Needs

Following the address of Bishop Beauchamp there was a discussion of Home Mission Problems, directed by Dr. J. W. Perry, secretary Home Department Board of Missions. Dr. J. W. Speake, director of Industrial Missions in the Upper South Carolina Conference, discussed conditions among the textile workers. Bishop Sam R. Hay, in charge of conferences on the Pacific Coast, discussed the work among the Koreans and Japanese in California. Concerning the regular conference work he said conditions were most hopeful. In the extreme Northwest and in California he had attended assemblies of young people and at each there were approximately 500 percent.

As a pastor, presiding elder and bishop with extensive acquaintance throughout the church, he declared there were no more problems nor were they more difficult in the west than elsewhere. He paid a strong tribute to the Pacific Methodist Advocate as a helper in all our western work.

Bishop H. M. DuBose discussed the problem: "A program was being worked out for consolidation of the weaker churches with the purpose of centralizing in a strong church in a community center or town."

Making the Home Church Christian

Bishop F. J. McConnell, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, was the special council speaker. Those who have heard him speak and read his books need not be told that he is one of the foremost authorities and a most popular speaker on national religious and industrial problems. There are few men in the United States in his class. He perhaps knows more about the foreigner in our midst and the problems of capital and labor than any bishop or minister in America.

As a college president he was a student of economic problems. As a bishop in his church his superintendency threw him in contact with many acute situations where duty compelled study and his position brought responsibility. He has a record of never having shirked a task. His fair studies and impartial leadership have condemned the spirit of worldliness so to all men.

The burden of his message was in these words: "Foreigners think of religion, not as a philosophy for study and discussion, but as a moral code affecting conduct." "That is what we teach," he said, "but do not always practice. Consequently it is much harder to be a Christian than a worshiper in a heathen religion."

Making the Nation Christian

Now the foreigner has difficulty in separating between the traveler and the missionary. All are from the Christian country and he thinks as in his land all should be followers of the same cult or system.

America must be made Christian in her diplomacy, commercialism and industry to carry the right message to foreign lands.

The foreigner in our midst is getting wrong impressions of the Christian teaching because of the moral let-down, crime and lack of law enforcement. He gave illustrations of what the foreigners among us are thinking by relating experiences speaking to the Bolsheviks in Boston and the Communists on the Bowery in New York. "These people," he said, "knew much more about what was going on in the world than most

lections in the North Arkansas Conference are Tolleson, Rev. Wm. Sherman, Rev. J. W. Chichlow, over 24 per cent ahead of the same date last year. Mr. W. R. Stuck, and Mr. G. C. Hardin for the This is certainly very encouraging news that North Arkansas Conference. Under the presidency of Bishop Boaz the Commission met in this city Monday and organized, electing Dr. Hammons as vice-president and Dr. Tolleson as secretary. This meeting was purely preliminary and no further announcements are authorized.

THE WAY OUT

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practically all of our homes, so that our people would all come under the influence of the facts of our history and the inspiration of the larger and better things, it could be done, and the result in the quickening of denominational loyalty and liberal giving would amply justify and unusual effort.

Then think of the influence this might have on the whole Church. It would be said that, if Arkansas can do this thing, other states and Conferences can also do it. May it not be that we have come to this day for this thing? That we have made up our minds to cease trifling with a matter that can be quickly and easily settled? If you all see it as I do and will stand behind me and do the things that an editor cannot do, I am willing to redouble my diligence and if need be make still greater efforts to give our people the paper that they need.

Let us undertake to purchase a desirable site

and erect our own building and equip it with a modern printing plant so that we may save expense and make something out of printing, and then raise an endowment of \$100,000 so that the paper will have the same kind of financial backing our colleges and hospitals have. It is an educational enterprise and there is no more reason why it should be expected to pay its own way than that our schools should run without endowment.

Finally, let us solemnly resolve that we will put on a campaign in the paper and in the pulpit for 100 per cent on everything in Arkansas Methodism, a campaign for honesty in all Church finances and for consecration of dollars as well as for prayer-meetings and revivals. We can do it if God will help us, and He will help us if we are willing to preach a whole Gospel and do full work. We are not preaching a whole Gospel when we are failing to educate our people to the necessity of honesty in meeting Church obligations; and we are not doing full work when we neglect to circulate the literature of our Church. The editor can make the paper, but he cannot by himself get it into the hands of the people, and the people will not read a properly edited paper unless their spiritual tastes are improved by the teaching of the pulpit. These things are fundamental. Shall we not do the fundamental things and find the way out of all our Church difficulties?

Dr. E. H. Cherrington, general secretary of the World League against Alcoholism, has declined to accept the secretaryship of the Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to which he had been elected by unanimous vote of the Board of Bishops. His declination is due to his feeling that he can render his best service at this time by devoting his training and efforts to the promotion of the movement throughout the world against alcoholism. We are glad that this is his deliberate choice, because we believe he is the man best fitted to advance this great reform and he is needed in that field. He is one of the greatest laymen in Methodism and is well known in our Church for his interest in unification of Methodism.

At the last sessions of our two Conferences resolutions were passed authorizing our presiding Bishop to appoint a joint commission to work out a larger program of education for our Church in the State. Recently Bishop Boaz appointed the following: Dr. James Thomas, Mr. H. C. Conen, Mr. L. B. Leigh, Dr. J. D. Hammons, and Dr. C. M. Reves for Little Rock Conference; and Dr. F. M.

folk thought and were keenly critical of the church and church folk."

He closed with a beautiful story from the life of Bishop James Thoburn, who entered Manila shortly after the occupation by the United States Army. While there he met people from many other lands, among them were some Hindus. As he had been a missionary in India he could converse with them and he asked an explanation of their presence. They said, "We have heard a new flag was flying in these lands and we came to inquire what kind of life is lived under it." "The flag of America," said Bishop McConnell, wherever it flies must declare a Christian doctrine and exemplify Christ's teachings."

Woman's Work in the Church

In the afternoon session, Woman's Work of the Church was presented. Mrs. J. W. Perry presided and Mrs. F. F. Stephens, president of the Woman's Missionary Council, and Mrs. Luke Johnson, one of the departmental officers, made addresses and assured the general Council of their cordial good-will and co-operation in the larger church programs.

Needs in the Foreign Field

The afternoon session was concluded with addresses on our foreign fields by Bishop H. A. Boaz, recently returned from the Orient, Bishop James Cannon, Jr., in charge of missions in Brazil, and Dr. J. C. Hawk, missionary in China at home on furlough. All these were illuminating addresses and carried inspiration to the Council.

Bishop John M. Moore, who has seen service in both South America and the Orient, in brief condensation gave an unusual address on the world missionary situation. These addresses marked a high hour in the Council discussions.

Our Indispensable Gospel

At the evening session Bishop Warren A. Candler took up the words of Dr. O. E. Goddard's devotional talk on the Pentecostal Church and discussed the whole Christian system with all its doctrinal implications and moral precepts. With keenest sarcasm he condemned the spirit of worldliness so insidiously affecting the church. He believes absolutely in the gospel. His dogmatism is splendid. "Our gospel" he said, "is for a sinful world." We must assert its authority and not reduce its requirements." Again he said, "Our gospel is indispensable. It is full and final. A man who does not believe in a crucified Savior can boast of neither his religion nor virtue."

To take the man, his manner and voice from the message is to rob it of half its power and effectiveness. A great personality speaks in the man. There is but one Warren Candler. To be appreciated, he must be heard and not quoted.

Conference Board Administration

The morning of the second day began with a discussion of our Annual Conference Missions and the board programs. Dr. W. A. Shelton of the North Georgia Conference discussed Board Administration. His address was thoughtful and intensely practical. His frankness was refreshing. He made a plea for getting service rather than dispensing money. His strictures on some churches and ministers receiving appropriations were severe, but not unjust. The increasing demands on the church for world missionary support was making a demand for a more economical use of the funds to be appropriated.

"Money, after all," he said, "is the wrong end of religion. We must get the people interested, if we would have them serve and give. Religion

is being saved by periodic revivals and we will save the church when we save the world."

Dr. J. W. Moore, of the Virginia Conference, and Dr. W. B. Ricks, of the Tennessee Conference, also in a practical way discussed the administration of Conference Boards and funds.

Missionary Education and Stimulus

The Missionary Education Program was discussed by Dr. E. H. Rawlings, editor Missionary Voice; Dr. D. L. Mumpower, of the Epworth League Board, and Dr. E. F. Cook, of the Sunday School Board. These men declared the crux of the whole missionary program was dependent on the information carried down to the individual member.

"Not occasional high pressure movements, but a sustained educational process carrying interest and conviction is the need," said Dr. Cook. "No man can accept Jesus as Savior and reject his ideals and programs. Christianity is a movement with a great purpose."

There is hope of making the church missionary when we consider the 264,000 women in our missionary societies studying missions and 2,226,000 people of all ages each quarter having a missionary lesson with occasional groups and training schools taking special courses. "Missionary education," he said, "will develop a definite expressional activity."

Mr. G. L. Morelock, secretary lay activities, brought a message of hope for a better day among the men of the church through organization in Wesley Brotherhoods.

Our Missions in Europe

Some months ago we reported several addresses by Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, on our missions in Europe. This man of the evangelical spirit, true heart and great faith has a message most tender and appealing. The handful of converts in Belgium, Poland and Czecho-Slovakia so eager, so faithful and brave in sacrificial service, seem like another persecuted apostolic band of martyr followers of Christ. They are as a handful of seed on the top of the mountain, but who shall despise the day of small things? A little leaven leavening the whole lump. From them may yet come other forerunners of a Protestant awakening in Europe.

Getting Ready for Action

The closing hour of the Council was given to a discussion of the January and February program to secure in free-will offerings \$1,000,000 for missionary maintenance. Dr. W. G. Cram was the first speaker. He spoke of the Mission Board indebtedness and the steps already taken for reduction. The church must come to the Board's aid and by an increase in payments on the conference collections from which a certain portion is taken each month, the debt must be further reduced.

He said: "If every church in the connection would give a minimum of \$100 there would be enough to pay the whole debt and leave a surplus for maintenance."

Dr. E. H. Rawlings presented the program in the local church. He emphasized the importance of the district missionary institute and the pastor's responsibility in the every-member canvass.

Terribly Critical

Bishop W. B. Beauchamp again thrilled the conference with an inspiring message. He said: "The present crisis compels study and action." He made it plain that it was not easy, but terribly critical. The cutting down everywhere of appropriations was dis-

couraging and was breaking morale on the mission field. "The church," he said, "had sent money to the field and then had asked for its return to apply on the indebtedness." To reduce the appropriations was bad, but to ask for a return in part of the money appropriated was disastrous. The situation could not be worse. "We must not think," he said, "of this special appeal as merely a free-will offering. A definite personal appeal must be made." Four thousand churches gave \$650,000 in the appeal last summer, but ten thousand others gave nothing. He asked, "Can it be they had no opportunity?" He said he had heard of several large churches where no missionary sermons had been preached in years.

"The danger to the Christian faith today," he said, "is not in pagan lands across the sea, but in self-indulgence at home."

"We must be terribly in earnest," he said, "and have faith in God and the work will be done."

In a Hard Fight

Bishop McMurry, always practical, gave the closing exhortation. He began by telling of an experience at college chapel one morning, when a popular student was very ill following a critical surgical operation. He asked the boys and girls in Central College to stand for a moment in silent prayer. Quickly following the prayer the college yell leader came to the front and said: "Fellow students, we have heard what the bishop has said about our friend. He is having a hard fight. Let us give fifteen rahs for him." Then with the spontaneity of their young life they gave their cheers as for a comrade fighting desperately in life's hard game.

The bishop said: "Our Mission Board secretaries are having a hard fight. I would like to give fifteen rahs for them."

"The church has the money," he said, "and we are able to give. If we can get the whole church to work it shall be done. If we begin early and work consistently we shall not fail."

Keeping Faith With God

This word of exhortation we must give. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is facing the greatest crisis we have ever known. It is not merely the raising of one million dollars for missionary maintenance, but of keeping faith with our God, redeeming our promises to our converts in all mission lands and sustaining the morale of the church.

Methodism must not, dare not, turn back. Our Christ is on the firing line with his blood-stained hand pointing the way forward. We must close up the ranks and take our stand by his side. We bear no sword and shield, but in our hearts are love and faith, and in our hands offerings for the King, for whose kingdom we should daily pray, and whose mighty power and grace ruling in all men and nations is the end of his glory and the salvation of the world.—C. O. Ransford in St. Louis Christian Advocate.

WETS NOW BOLDLY ADVOCATE DISOBEDIENCE

Are some of the more radical wet leaders running ahead of the wets' program?

It would seem so, judging from the utterances of some of them, made in recent days.

The Association Against the Prohibition Amendment and most of the kindred organizations are emphatic in their declaration of purpose to obey the law, "obnoxious" though it is. The most that could be said

against these organizations on this point is that they have encouraged law violations by their furious attacks upon the law, pronouncing it unjust, unrepresentative of the will of the people, unenforceable. But recently there have appeared some of the more radical of the wet camp who openly advocate violation of the law as a patriotic duty and the only method of destroying the Eighteenth Amendment.

Clarence Darrow is quoted in the press as declaring that violation of the Volstead law is a civic duty. Congressman Gallivan on the floor of the House protested against voting one cent to meet the expenses of enforcement. Fabian Franklin, Walter Lipmann and others, at least by inference, are advocating what is known as the "doctrine of disobedience." They intimate that the man or woman who violates this law will be in the class with the colonial patriots who revolted against King George.

It will be interesting to observe whether wet organizations will follow this lead of their more audacious



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brethren. If they do, the fight will soon be over and the cause of law and order will not come out second best.—American Issue.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Friends of prohibition enforcement are heartened by the unequivocal statement of President Coolidge urging both law observance and law enforcement set forth in his message to Congress and in his budget message.

Politicians in both political parties with wet leanings are talking about the possibilities of electing a president on a platform pledged to modification of the Volstead law. A number of the most prominent wet leaders within the fortnight have frankly admitted that Modification is nullification, and some of them are openly advocating the "doctrine of disobedience" as the only means of overthrowing the Eighteenth Amendment.

The impossibility of any national administration following any such program of modification or nullification is succinctly stated in the President's closing words of his pronouncement on prohibition enforcement in his budget message. He says:

"What is necessary to put into effect the expressed will of the people as written into the Eighteenth Amendment and the will of Congress as expressed in the Volstead act, will be done. Whatever funds may be necessary to vindicate the law and secure compliance with all its provisions should be provided. The constitutional duties of the President and the Congress make any other course indefensible.—American Issue.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN AMERICA, OCTOBER 22, 1926.

On recommendation of the Committee on Temperance and Prohibition, it was voted

"That the Administrative Committee call the attention of pastors to the significance attaching to Sunday, Jan. 16, 1927, as the anniversary of the adoption of the Federal Prohibition Amendment, and suggest that they make appropriate recognition of the occasion, with a view to emphasizing the moral and spiritual issues that are involved in the prohibition movement and the responsibility of the churches in connection therewith. It is further recommended that denominational agencies, the religious press and local federations of churches be invited to cooperate in calling attention to such a recognition of the day."

To celebrate the seventh anniversary of Constitutional Prohibition the administrative committee of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America is calling upon the churches of America to set apart, Sunday, Jan. 16, 1927, for special sermons and addresses upon the great value of the prohibition law; the good results obtained therefrom; and the necessity for constant vigilance because enemies of prohibition are still continuing their fight against the enforcement of the law.

Bishop James Cannon, Jr., who represents the Methodist Episcopal

Church, South, on the administrative committee and is also a member of the Committee of seven on Temperance of the Federal Council, says this is the first time that the administrative committee, which is the executive arm of the Federal Council, has made such an appeal, and it indicates the determination of the great religious bodies to stand by the Prohibition Amendment and demand its enforcement.

PULASKI HEIGHTS ANSWERING THE MACEDONIAN CALL OF 1927

The above is the slogan of this progressive Church for this period. I have asked Brother Glenn to give me some of the details of his plans. I give these in part that they may be suggestive to other preachers and Churches that are earnestly desirous of doing their best in this Missionary work. Brother Glenn plans to organize his Mission Study Class on January 19 with a Church-night program. Luncheon will be served, special speakers have been secured, and all plans necessary for launching the School of Missions in a fine way are completed. He plans to organize his Missionary Committee and plan with them for all the details of the work. He says, when the time comes to raise the \$400, which is their allotment, that it will be done in five minutes. As you know, Brother Glenn does not wait all the year to do a thing. Much planning, speaking, studying, and praying will precede this brief five minutes' work. The \$400 will be easily secured in this Church only because a great deal of hard work will have been previously done. It takes this to succeed in any good and great undertaking like that before us.—J. F. Simmons.

HOW STUDY CLASSES MIGHT BE ORGANIZED ON CIRCUITS

It will be impossible for preachers who have several Churches to go in person and conduct a School of Missions in all these Churches. It seems that at least one person could be selected from each of these Churches on whom this responsibility could be placed. I would suggest that the pastor select this individual and call a meeting of these leaders some Sunday afternoon and talk over the whole plan of the Mission Study. Get this individual to return to his or her Church and organize the Mission Study class. This would be a great help not only to the leader, but to the whole Church. Endeavor to get each congregation to feel its responsibility in conducting this Mission Study Course.—J. F. Simmons.

BRO. CUMMINS AND THE HIGHLAND PLAN

This pastor and Church are fortunate in securing Mr. J. P. Womack, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, to conduct their School of Missions. Brother Cummins went before the Missionary Society, the Epworth League, and the Board of Stewards and secured their hearty endorsement of this work. He has appointed a good Missionary Committee and has already placed in their hands the literature furnished by the Church for this Committee to distribute. They are all working together to enlist the membership of the entire Church in this School of Missions. Under the direction of the Missionary Committee three minute speakers will be secured for each service during this period.—J. F. Simmons.

CHRISTIAN LIFE.

FACE TO FACE

I had walked life's pathway with easy tread
Had followed where comfort and pleasure led,
And then it chanced in a quiet place,
I met my Master face to face.

With station and rank and wealth for a goal,
Much thought for the body, and none for the soul;
I had entered to win in life's mad race,
When I met my Saviour face to face.

I had built my castles and reared them high,
With their towers had pierced the blue of the sky,
I had sworn to rule with an iron hand,
When I met my Saviour face to face.

I met Him and knew Him, and blushed to see,
That eyes full of sorrow were fixed on me,
And I faltered and fell at His feet that day,
With all my castles vanished away.

Melted and vanished and in their place,
I saw naught else but my Master's face,
And I cried aloud, "O, make me meet
To follow the marks of thy tired feet!"

My thought is now for the souls of men,
I have lost my life to find it again,
E'er since alone in a quiet place
My Master and I stood face to face.
—Texas Christian Advocate.

THE INTEREST OF THE SPIRIT

For those who follow the flesh have their interests in the flesh, and those who follow the Spirit have their interests in the Spirit.

The interests of the flesh mean death, the interests of the Spirit mean life and peace.

For the interests of the flesh are hostile to God; they do not yield to the law of God (indeed they cannot). Those who are in the flesh cannot satisfy God.—Romans VII: 6-9—Moffatt's translation.

There have always been slaves to the flesh. There have always been sensualists and sensualities. We do not know that our time has any larger proportion than some other times. But one thing is startling. Never in the history of the United States has there been such a wave of sensual literature. In other times, such literature was kept out of sight and peddled in secret; but now it is shown on every newsstand. Even high-grade weeklies and monthlies seem to go out of their way to have a flesh tinge in stories in which its presence is an intrusion. In lower places shame has gone; in higher places reticence has gone. Even the Atlantic Monthly, the hereditary organ of the Intelligencia—the magazine which has been associated with such great names as Oliver Wendell Holmes, James Russell Lowell, Walter Hines Page and a host of others—with New England puritan traditions behind it, shows the same tendency. For several years it has hunted in the lives of distinguished dead men to see if there was not something putrid which could be lugged from the grave for the delectation of the modern reader. In a recent number, a story from classic mythology, which reeked with the rottenness of a rotten age, was given place.

But there is not simply the fiction of filth. What is more startling still, there is the philosophy of filth. The name Freud has become a household word. Freud may be misunderstood by many who know him only at second or third hand, yet when all allowances are made and his teaching is put into the best light, it is serious enough. A recent writer in the Dearborn Independent speaks of Vienna as that city in Europe into which poured the very worst streams of the Orient; and Freud has been brought into contact with the worst in Vienna, and he has evolved a philosophy which finally has penetrated to the man on the street and is being used to excuse and gain and even applaud the total abandonment of all restraints.

The practical effect of this philosophy of filth is being shown in another manner. A word is gradually being inserted into modern life which destroys the moral sanctity of all that the home cherishes. The oldest faiths of the past, the most sacred moralities which have made the relations of men and women noble and fine, are being referred to as "conventionalities." Sin which has no defensive philosophy back of it is bad enough, but when sensualism becomes a cult with a philosophy and men and women are proud defenders of that philosophy, it creates a situation which is profoundly disquieting.

Paul was a great traveller. There was scarcely a city on the Mediterranean seacoast with which he was not familiar. He found these great cities to be centers of commerce, of art, of culture and of education. But they were also centers of sensuality. The words he wrote to the Romans were the result of long observation, careful consideration and deep insight. He knew the facts of filth and the philosophy of filth; and he knew the consequences of filth. The civilizations of Greece and Rome have gone, but the civilizations of London, New York, Chicago and San Francisco have the same combination of commerce, art and education; and what was true of them is true of us.

Paul became certain that from this kind of a mind there comes not only agnosticism but an inherent atheism, which hates the idea of God and detests all thoughts of the reality and the supremacy of the spiritual in man. Such a philosophy is not only displeased with God, it cannot please God. It is hostile to God, and God is hostile to it. We may write of it in the language of the authorized version—"To be carnally minded is death." What it has done for ages and civilization in the past, it will do for this age and this civilization unless it is checked. That German who recently wrote a great volume on "The Decline of Western Civilization" has considered the phenomena of the present time which resemble those of the past and which make for the end of Western civilization.

This editorial is not a new chapter to the book of Lamentations. It is not a jeremiad. The disease is not incurable, but it calls for heroic remedy. It summons Christians to purify their lives and sanctify their purpose and renew their allegiances and enthusiasms and follow Christ in a new spiritual crusade. A new revival of spiritual religion is the world's greatest need. We need for the present day men with the spirit of Luther and Wesley and with a vision which has been enlarged until it includes all that is best in the thinking of this great scientific age. We believe that spiritual-mindedness can come and will come, but to the coming of

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it Christians must give their best endeavors. It must be written that "only the interest of the spirit means life and peace."—California Christian Advocate.

VICTOR HUGO ON IMMORTALITY

Man is an infinite little copy of God. Little as I am, I feel the God in me, because I can also bring forth from out of my chaos. I am rising, I know, toward the sky. The sunshine is on my head. The earth gives me its generous sap, but heaven lights me with the reflection of unknown worlds. Winter is on my head, and eternal spring is in my heart. I hear around me the immortal symphonies of the worlds which invite me. It is history. For half a century I have been writing my thoughts in prose and verse, history, philosophy, drama, romance, tradition, satire, ode and song. I have tried all, but feel that I have not said a thousandth part of what is in me. When I go down to the grave, I can say like many others, I have finished my day's work; but I cannot say I have finished my life. My days will begin again the next morning. The tomb is not a blind alley; it is a thoroughfare. It closes on the twilight to open on the dawn.

THE IDEAL FATHER

God is our Father. What a true father is to his children, God is to us. Human fathers are not perfect. Sometimes they lack the most essential elements of fatherhood. Or, even if their intentions are good, they may lack ability to supply all the needs of their children. Then, too, they often err in judgement, and out of the best motives do the wrong thing. But none of the defects belongs to God. He is perfect in his goodness, perfect in his power, and perfect in wisdom. All these being embodied in his character, he is the one perfect Father.

Jesus must have had that in mind when he said to the fathers that were in his audience, "If ye then being evil know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." The fatherly instinct would lead even an imperfect human father to do good to his children. Then how much more will the great father heart of God prompt him to seek the very best things for his children! Let us think of the best human father we can imagine—and possibly this father of our imagination will be a better father than any real human father can be—but let us use our imagination to picture what we might consider a perfect father, one who is loving, honest, just, full of sympathy, interested in whatever interests us, wise, and possessing the means to do whatever might be in his heart to do for his children. Then, after we have the picture well fixed in our mind, let us remember that God is a better Father than that, better than we can think or imagine. He is the one perfect, ideal father. And, what is more to us, he is "our Father."—Religious Telescope.

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FOR YOUTH.

ESSAY CONTESTS

As the preservation of our forests is the most important economic question before the American people, the editor of the Arkansas Methodist feels that he is rendering a highly patriotic service when he can in any legitimate way interest children and youth in the subject. Consequently for the next fifteen weeks in the Department of Youth each week will appear a Chapter from the Forestry Primer, which is published by the American Tree Association. Soon announcement of Prize Essay Contests for Essays on Forest Conservation will be made by the Honorary Arkansas Forestry Commission, and the children and youth are advised to preserve the matter that appears in these columns, as it will be very helpful in the preparation of these essays. Read these articles and preserve them for reference, and get the older people to read them.

THE FORESTRY PRIMER INTRODUCTION

By CHAS. LATHROP PACK
President of the American Tree Association, Washington, D. C.

This forestry primer is published to mark the completion of the fifty years since the United States Government took the first step in forestry. In 1876 Dr. Franklin B. Hough was appointed a special agent to inquire into forest conditions. The date 1876 is destined to be an important one in forestry history. Just as 1876 marked the centennial of our political independence, so when the forestry history of this country is written, will it mark the beginning of our economic independence.

But I prefer to look ahead another fifty years to 1976 when our country marks the two hundredth anniversary of its political independence. 1976 will also be a forestry centennial. Will this country have advanced toward economic independence in a forestry sense? I believe the American people will bring about that situation. I believe the fine co-operations of the American Tree Association by newspapers and magazine editors will, long before that date, have aroused the public to demand a timber crop every year on our thousands of acres of idle land, as a well-ordered project of public policy. Then the date, 1876, will indeed have become an important one.

Can the American people be brought to look ahead through economic glasses and see the mounting cost of living caused by our dwindling forest resources? Those resources are moving farther and farther away from the centers of greatest consumption, the populated sections of the East.

A famous Roman senator made but one speech, but he made it every time he got a chance. That speech was "Carthage must be destroyed." He had an idea, and kept hammering at it at every opportunity. So with the forest crop idea. We must all keep hammering at it. Our idle land must be put to work growing trees.

This Forestry Primer aims not only to mark a date, but to direct the public opinion of tomorrow to the great importance of that corner-stone of our country's economic safety—forests.

COURAGE

I would suggest as a New Year resolution: "Courage." Not all failures in life are cowards, but nearly all outstandingly successful men have courage. Conspicuous achievement is rarely attained by jogging along in a

FOR CHILDREN

DONKEY PICTURES

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

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

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

A DYING MOTHER'S LETTER TO HER CHILDREN

On Sunday, December 26, at the funeral of Mrs. H. L. Rimmel, the following letter was read by the pastor, Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker. It was written to her little son Harmon, aged ten, and his little sister, when Mrs. Rimmel was preparing for an operation which she knew might be fatal. It is published here so that the children who read this column may be inspired to noble living.

"My Darling Harmon: I am writing this before my operation. If I should not recover I want you to know how much your mother loves you. I want you to grow up and become a good man; obey your father and become a credit to him and to your mother, who never can tell you how much she loves you.

"Remember to choose the hard right against the easy wrong. Take care of the gold ring which your great-

smooth, well worn rut. Almost every man who has climbed to the summits has cast aside an easy, assured berth to venture into some enterprise beset with uncertainty and risk. The timid stay put: the courageous dare and do.

John D. Rockefeller was faring well in the produce commission business when he switched to the very risky oil business. Carnegie was a railway employee when he jumped into the youthful steel industry. Henry Clay Frick was a clerk with a few thousand dollars of savings when he risked all he had—and borrowed more—to break into the infant coke industry. Several of our present-day automobile giants gave up steady jobs to invade that field years ago. The founder of the Guggenheim fortune was doing well in another line of business when he turned to smelting and mining. Theodore N. Vail resigned a responsible post office position to throw in his lot with the telephone when it was being derided as an impractical toy. Charles E. Mitchell, now president of America's largest bank, was attaining success in the electrical field before he took up banking. A thousand other instances could be cited.

The point is that in almost every case it took courage to give up a sure thing to tackle something not sure. Some of the foremost figures in American history have been our pioneers. Pioneering invariably calls for courage.

Therefore, if you believe in making New Year resolutions, resolve to exercise courage.—Forbes Magazine.

grandfather had made from the gold he dug in California.

"My dear Elizabeth, be a good girl and grow into a good woman. Be truthful. I do not fear death, should it come, but I regret to leave my loved ones.

"Your loving mother,
"Elizabeth C. Rimmel."

"LET 'EM OFF FIRST"

"When you were a boy, Dad, were you always polite?"
"What's up now?"

"O, I'm sick and tired of being told how to act! Why can't we all just be natural and let it go at that?"

"Because it's natural for a lot of us to be rather obnoxious. However, tens of thousands of folks feel exactly as you do about it and act accordingly. Why don't you ally yourself with that crowd? They'll welcome you with open arms."

"I think you're kidding me, Dad! Where are there 'natural' people?"

"Almost everywhere. Some of their shining lights are always to be found in subway trains. A notable example of their kind blocked my exit at Times Square the other morning, insisting upon getting into the car before I got out of it, although two brass-lunged guards were howling. "Let 'em off first!"

"I don't mean that I want to be like that, Dad."

"I know you don't."

"Now, jumping right into the heart of the subject, Dick, just what is politeness? Rather, what is courtesy? For courtesy is what your mother and I wish you to understand, so that it will become natural to you."

"Why—er—not acting like a rough-neck, and—"

"Courtesy is the showing of consideration for others. Back of it, to say the least, must be a sense of justice—'You have some right as well as I'—and common sense that tells us what a state of pandemonium we'd be in if no one gave a thought to law and order; but the truest courtesy springs from a genuine feeling of kindness for our fellowmen. It's the Golden Rule, prompted by the heart as well as the mind."

"That's all so, of course, Dad; but I was kicking against the hundreds of little things a fellow's supposed to remember, like going upstairs ahead of a lady—"

"More easily to protect her from anyone or anything coming down."

"And down an aisle behind her—"

"Because there's an usher ahead."

"Well, why do we take off our hats and shake hands? How'd the idea ever start?"

"A man's 'hat' used to be part of his armor, often protecting his face, as you must know. He never removed it in the presence of an enemy—if he could help it. Holding out the empty hand proved that it held no weapon. Don't you see, Dick, that all these little customs have sense back of them?"

"I begin to, Dad. Being polite—I mean courteous—will be more interesting after this. What about touching a napkin to my lips every time before I drink? That seems—"

"Do you like to see a greasy mark left on a glass?"

"That's so. And I must say, 'I beg your pardon!' as I climb past the knees of people in their seats."

"You must not! That expression is now considered only one point better than the awful 'Pleased to meetcha!' we used to hear. 'Sorry!' is not only proper but sensible. One can hardly be pardoned who has not been sentenced."—From "Say Dad," a Revell book.

Woman's Missionary Department

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"The Angel of the Lord encamps
Around the good and just;
Deliv'rance he affords to all
Who on his succor trust.

O! make but trial of his love,
Experience will decide
How blest they are, and only they,
Who in his truth confide."

—From our Hymnbook.

NEW PLANS FOR CHILDREN'S WORK

In this Department last week Mrs. Jas. W. Rogers, L. R. Conf. Supt. Children's Work, gave us the new plans adopted by the W. M. Council to be adopted by the auxiliaries and her appeal to the "Missionary Mothers" (the women of adult auxiliaries) should find ready and helpful response. If you failed to read it look back and then go forward to help our children.

AMERICA FOR AMERICANS

The above is the title of a little play of world friendship and good will for boys and girls. It is very simple, requiring only six or eight players, and sets forth in forceful manner, the importance of recognizing the contribution that foreigners make to our country. Order from Literature Headquarters, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn. Price, fifteen cents.

GOOD NEWS FROM LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

The Woman's Missionary Society of Little Rock First Church recently finished raising its quota of \$5 per member for the Belle Bennett Memorial Fund, which will place the name of this auxiliary in the Book of Remembrance. We are very glad that two of our auxiliaries in the Little Rock District, Winfield and First Church, have achieved this honor.

A SACRED GIFT TO BENNETT MEMORIAL

In memory of her father, Rev. Dr. R. D. Smart, one of the most distinguished divines that ever served as pastor of Little Rock First Church, Mrs. R. E. Wait, of First Church auxiliary, has made a gift of \$100 to the Belle Bennett Memorial Fund, which will place the name of her father on the Honor Roll in the "Hall of Remembrance" of the Bennett Memorial. Mrs. James Thomas, Sec. Little Rock District.

YEAR BOOK FOR 1927

The Adult and Young People Year-books may be ordered from Literature Headquarters, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn. Price ten cents each. Do not fail to order copies soon.—V. C. P.

COTTON PLANT

Mrs. R. T. Gephart was hostess to the W. M. S. in their first meeting of the new year. The meeting was opened by prayer by Rev. B. L. Wilford, pastor of the Methodist Church, after which the newly elected president, Mrs. W. G. Jones, made a splendid address.

The Bible lesson was ably given by Mrs. Lula Hill in which she covered

the book of Amos. A most interesting paper followed by Mrs. J. Frank Angelo on Stewardship, entitled, "Sharing All." It was voted to leave the pledge at One Hundred Dollars as heretofore. Mrs. R. T. Gephart, retiring treasurer, gave a most satisfactory report. Program and visiting committees were appointed. Two visitors were welcomed: Mrs. Schoephoester of Wisconsin, and Mrs. Baskin were present. The hostess served a most delicious plate luncheon with hot coffee.

MEANING OF MISSIONS

Missions means the extensive realization of God's redemptive purpose in Christ by means of human messengers.

Missions means a passion for humanity. It is the passion which moved the heart of an infinite God to serve mankind to seek man's deliverance from sin that he might live in newness of life and have fellowship with the Father.

Romans 5th Chapter 8th verse.
Ephesians 2nd Chapter 1st-16th verses.
Romans 6th Chapter 4th verse.
1st John 4th Chapter 10th-11th verses.

Every true Christian is instinctively a missionary; to him missions is central in his sense of obligation. Is in his program of life—the delivery of a message of salvation, wherever it is news, is missions—in the alley on the corner, on the city streets, or in the home.

Source of Missions

The source of the missionary idea is found to be in the heart of God. God is love. We see the loving Father working out a divine redemption scheme for all the world.

John 3rd Chapter 16th and 17th verses.

1st John 2nd Chapter 2nd verse.

For God's missionary message the Bible is the text book. The very essence of Christianity is missions. The message of the universal love is all inclusive. One God as Father of all. Ephesians 11th Chapter 6th verse.—(Read in the Circles of L. R. First Church recently).

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR MISSIONS

Do you believe in prayer? And if so, are you planning to observe the World Day of Prayer for Missions set for Friday March 4, 1927? Cable messages from all over the world have brought urgent requests for united intercession to the Federation of Women's Boards of Foreign Missions and the Council of women for Home Missions,—the two organizations sending out this call. Here are a few:

"Pray that America's heart may be dominated by Christ's passion for justice, good will and equal opportunity for all races and nations."

"Pray for tragic Russia; needs intense, possibilities tremendous."

"China chooses her destiny; pray that she may choose Christ."

"Africa needs light and love; you can give them; pray."

"South America on threshold of great awakening; Christian forces

alarmingly inadequate; pray."

"Unprecedented evangelistic and educational opportunities throughout the Moslem World."

Women who shall unite their individual prayers with the prayers of women the world over will do well; auxiliaries that observe the call to intercession will do better, but missionary societies that pray with other societies of their home town of whatever denomination will do best of all.

Send in your order for literature now, that you may pray intelligently.

"The Call to Prayer" includes a Cycle of Prayer for daily use, 2 1-4 cents each.

The Retreat, "Toward Power in Service." Intended primarily for leaders, but valuable for any group, 10 cents each.

The Program, "Pray Ye, Therefore." This includes "The Suggestions" on separate sheet, 2 cents each.

This material may be had by ordering from Literature Headquarters, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn. Cash must accompany all orders.

THE MISSIONARY COUNCIL, M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH, OUR ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets

"All things are your.....and ye are Christ's, and Christ is God's." (1 Cor. 3:21-23.)

Prayer

The fervent, definite prayer of the active membership of the missionary societies, of shut-ins, and missionaries.

History

Forty-nine years of organized work, with its record of woman's faith and vision.

Loyalty

Of the present membership of approximately 300,000 women, young people, and children.

People

Trained women missionaries in foreign lands, 204; missionaries and deaconesses in the homeland, 159; missionary candidates in training at Scarritt College, 100; Bible women, 277.

Influences

Christian influence and leadership in many lands.

Enterprises

Schools, 112; social evangelistic centers, 82; hospitals, 10 (these are cooperative).

Property Value

Six million dollars (approximately).

The Present Opportunity

Three hundred and sixty-five days service in 1927; open doors; enlarged contracts; trained leadership; increased missionary conscience; unlimited material resources.

LIABILITIES

"I am debtor both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." (Rom. 1:14.)

People

The non-Christian women and children of the world.

Underprivileged classes of America.

Highly privileged womanhood spending time and talents and personality on secondary interests.

Unfulfilled Promises

To enlarge and adequately equip institutions already established; to supply the growing needs for workers in many areas; to open and develop new work.

Money

For the adequate support of missionary enterprises of today.

Prayer

For a clearer understanding of the present world situation, for a spirit

of sisterhood with all classes and conditions of people; for consecration and daring to go all the way with Jesus by every woman, young person, and child in the organization.—Exhibit from The Bulletin of W. M. Council.

A FAMILY PARTNERSHIP IN WORK FOR CHILDREN

An interesting husband-and-wife partnership in religious education comes to light in a book soon to appear from the press. Indeed, this novel family combination includes also a third, the daughter.

In the comparatively new profession of story-telling for children, Christian leaders have been finding a valuable and also entertaining means of character building. But when the telling of character stories to children has been accompanied by the simultaneous training of ministers, Sunday School teachers, and parents, in the purposes lying back of such story-telling, the effect has been even more impressive. It has tended to multiply, many times over, the number of informed and effective Christian workers among boys and girls.

Such a unity of effort has been witnessed, during the past two years, or more, in many parts of the United States. At conventions, institutions, or Chautauquas, in churches, and under other auspices, there have appeared before religious community meetings a doctor of theology, who is a university teacher of religious education, and also the author of several books in his field; his wife, who is an experienced teller of stories to children and author of books for them; and also their daughter. In one room this third member of the unusual group tells stories to small children; her mother on the same day, perhaps in the same room, tells other character-making tales to boys and girls of all ages up to twelve, or addresses their elders on child-psychology. All this, while the father and husband is lecturing near by to adults,

HUSBAND DID THE WASHING

His Wife Confined to Her Bed by Ill Health

Because of his wife's frequent ill health, Mr. J. F. Gage was obliged to do the washing and cooking for the family.

One day when Mrs. Gage was confined to her bed, he brought her the newspaper to read. Among the advertisements she noticed a letter from another sick woman telling of the help she had received from Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"I'll try it," she decided.

Her husband brought home a bottle and only a few days after she had begun to take it she felt well enough to be up around the house. Gradually her general health improved until she is now able to do her own work.

In a letter which Mrs. Gage recently wrote, she said, "I have taken twelve bottles and feel like a new woman." She has told many women about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and one of her friends is now taking it. Her address is Mrs. J. F. Gage, Route 5, Brownwood, Texas.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been taken by women for more than half a century with very satisfactory results.



on the basic ideals of religious training.

The other day the husband (Dr. Henry E. Tralle of New York) wrote an introduction to one of his wife's books. In this way he began: "On the occasions when I have sat with a charmed group of children listening to Mrs. Tralle tell stories, it has seemed to me that, of all the stories she tells, her own original stories are the best. They reveal an intimate and profound knowledge of the nature and needs of children, and they also embody an unobtrusive artistry that satisfies the demands of modern psychology and of a vital pedagogy."

Just why he appreciates the stories which Mrs. Tralle has been writing, he tells in these words—which in themselves reflect the family professional standards: "Because they are stories, they constitute the highest form of entertainment for children. At the same time, they potently affect life and conduct; indirectly and dramatically each presents a teaching unit which assists the child in meeting some specific life situation, and which tends to develop in him some one desirable attitude or ideal."

Both husband and wife feel they have reason to believe that her book (Stories New and Stories True, and How To Tell Them, by Bertha Baldwin Tralle, Fleming H. Revell Company) will meet a long-existing need among parents and other friends of children. "In our work in religious education throughout the country," says Dr. Tralle, "we have been frequently approached with some such question as the following: 'Where can I find a book of new stories?' There are many good collections of old stories, but there seem to be very few books of original stories that are suitable for use in religious education. Can you tell me of a good collection of new stories?' This book is an attempt to give an affirmative answer to this oft-repeated question."

Drink Water If Back or Kidneys Hurt

Begin Taking Salts If You Feel
Backache or Have Bladder
Weakness

Too much rich food forms acids which excite and overwork the kidneys in their efforts to filter it from the system. Flush the kidneys occasionally to relieve them like you relieve the bowels, removing acids, waste and poison, else you may feel a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, the stomach sour, tongue is coated, and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine is cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get irritated, obliging one to get up two or three times during the night.

To help neutralize these irritating acids and flush off the body's urinous waste, begin drinking water. Also get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine and bladder disorders disappear.

This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to help clean and stimulate sluggish kidneys and stop bladder irritation. Jad Salts is inexpensive and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which millions of men and women take now and then to help prevent serious kidney and bladder disorders.

By all means, drink lots of good water every day.

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FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

Little Rock Conference For November, 1926

Below we list the fourth Sunday Missionary offerings for November, 1926, from the Little Rock Conference. Some are for October, but most of them for November.

Bingen	\$.83
Sparkman	18.00
Wilmar	1.82
Harmony Grove	.90
Mena	12.00
Carr Memorial	2.50
New Salem	4.00
Silverena	.42
El Dorado	200.00
Strong	2.00
Lockesburg	4.00
Camden	15.00
Warren	32.75
Junction City	2.88
England	10.43
New Bethel	1.50
Fairview	14.11
Gould	3.53
Hope	23.66
Prairie Union	1.06
Campshel	3.00
Trinity	3.30
Blevins	5.75
Doyle	.60
Bearden	7.00
Huttig	4.09
Richmond	2.50
Hatfield	1.80
Mt. Zion	1.00
Dalark	3.00
Few Memorial	2.00
Total	\$385.43

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

Little Rock Conference December, 1926.

Below we give the fourth Sunday Missionary offerings received in the Little Rock Conference for December, and a few for October and November, 1926.

Wabbaseka	\$ 1.00
Washington	6.32
Midway	3.00
Bryant	1.50
Washington	2.18
Dermott	5.00
England	12.56
Gould	1.57
Traskwood	1.51
Ouachita	1.00
Rhodes' Chapel	3.30
Leola	3.50
28th Street	5.00
McGehee	5.00
Wilmar	3.06
Lakeside	5.00
Antoine	2.61
Saline	.98
Carthage	3.41
Smyrna	.75
Gravelly	.31
Walnut Springs	2.07
Bingen	1.37
Green's Chapel	1.04
Monticello	5.37
Dierks	5.42
Sardis (Buckner Ct.)	1.60
Hollywood	1.00
Mt. Ida	2.80
McMahan's Chapel	1.00
Swan Lake	1.00

Bryant	1.50
Halstead	1.00
Mt. Carmel	1.25
Camden	15.90
Ebenezer	1.13
Doyle	.90
First Church, L. R.	41.91
Pike City	.34
New Bethel	1.20
First Church, P. B.	20.07
St. Charles	2.26
Central Ave. H. Spgs.	20.00
Hamburg	5.00
Harrell	1.22
Rogers Chapel	2.34
Oaklawn	4.00
Harmony Grove	5.00
Fredonia	3.35
Princeton	1.50
Hope	18.78
Dalark	3.00
Carr Memorial	2.25
First Church, Texark.	20.90
DeQueen	7.88
Strong	1.85
Hickory Plains	1.00
Harrell	1.50
Harrell (Nov.)	1.25
Eudora	5.00
Brewer	1.51
Dallas	1.31
Few Memorial	1.20
Sardis	2.00
Prairie Union	.85
Capitol View	3.47
Capitol View (Nov.)	1.13
Wilmot	7.00
Third Street	10.00
Total	\$310.83

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 1926. Sunday School Extension and Ep- worth League Field Secretary

Below is report of my work for November, 1926. This is the month we were pushing the collecting of the balance due on the Mt. Sequoyah Epworth League Building.

Organized the Texarkana Epworth League Union Efficiency Institute to be held in December.

Printed and mailed out a report of Missionary offerings from the Sunday Schools of the Conference. Worked in the Little Rock, Texarkana and Monticello Districts. Visited Douglassville, First Church, Texarkana, Forest Park, Highland, and Warren charges.

Delivered one public address. Wrote 9 articles for publication. Read one book and 8 magazines. Wrote 96 letters. Spent 10 days in the field. Traveled 797 miles. Travel expense \$22.06. Printed programs for General S. S. Council.

Printed and mailed out Questionnaire to S. S. Superintendents. Attended Annual Conference at Warren.—S. T. Baugh, Secretary.

REPORT FOR DECEMBER, 1926. Sunday School Extension and Ep- worth League Field Secretary

Taught a class in Methods and one on Principle in Spiritual Work in the Little Rock Union Efficiency Institute.

Was in organization meeting of the Hot Springs Union Efficiency Insti-

tute.

Attended the General Sunday School Council meeting at Nashville, Tenn.

Attended Conference Sunday School Board Meeting.

Worked in Little Rock and Arkadelphia Districts.

Visited Winfield, Hazen, Keo, Central Avenue charges.

Delivered 2 public addresses.

Wrote 8 articles for publication. Wrote 85 personal letters.

Read 2 books and 17 magazines.

Spent 16 days in the field.

Traveled 1,309 miles.

Expenses \$16.78. (Trip to Nashville paid by S. S. Board.)

Attended Little Rock District Preachers Meeting.

Printed stationery for office use, and for Cokesbury instructors.

Printed and mailed letter to S. S. Superintendents.—S. T. Baugh, Secretary.

WHAT TO DO NOW

Last week I wrote of the need of increasing our Sunday School enrollment, and of winning our pupils to Christ and into Church membership by Easter.

Another important thing right now is a complete survey of your community. If you have not made a survey do so right away, and then follow it up by a careful digest of this information. If you made a careful survey last winter, then work over your old cards if you can. If it isn't practicable, make a complete new survey.

Two ends are met in this survey. Of first importance is the information you get from it, and second it counts on your check-up of the Program of Work Chart this fall. That question will be asked, and you will want to answer in the affirmative.—S. T. Baugh.

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS FOR THE ORPHANAGE, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Reported by Dr. Thomas up to Jan. 8.

Arkadelphia District	\$ 203.15
Prescott District	226.09
Pine Bluff District	294.48
Texarkana District	341.50
Monticello District	406.81
Camden District	533.93
Little Rock District	1,525.93
Personal Gifts	209.00

Total for Conference\$3,740.48
—Clem Baker

CAMDEN DISTRICT ORGANIZES

I met with Brother Harrell and his District officers Jan. 5 and helped work out the District program of Sunday School work for the new year. A

INSURANCE for METHODISTS

To whole families ages 1 to 60.

Policies issued to adults for Whole and 20-Premium Life, Endowment at 60, 65 or 70, Disability-Annuity, Term and Sick and Accident; to children for Term to 16, Whole Life and Endowment at 21.

Not all husbands and wives believe in Insurance, but widowed mothers and orphans, sick and aged always do, and "cry for it" when the pinch of poverty, pains of hunger, and homelessness and friendlessness overtake and overcome them. "Prepare to prevent their troubles."

The Association has \$225,000 assets—100% legal reserve—to guarantee and pay promptly in full all valid claims of policyholders. Claims paid to date \$300,000, saved \$150,000 to policyholders by low premiums and expense of management. Grants best optional settlements when needed.

Write to-day for information desired, plans, rates, and application blanks, giving exact age.

Methodist Benevolent Association
J. H. SHUMAKER, Sec., 808 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

splendid program was adopted with special emphasis to be laid on Missions, Evangelism, Increased attendance, New Schools, and Training work. The officers for the year are as follows:

Chairman, Rev. J. W. Harrell; Executive Secreary, J. J. Tibbits; Elementary Supt., Mrs. Rex. B. Wilkes; Training Supt., Rev. P. W. Quillian; Cokesbury Supt., Rev. J. D. Rogers; Group Leaders: Rev. O. L. Cole, Rev. J. W. Rodgers, Dr. Rex B. Wilkes, and Dr. J. D. Hammons.—Clem Baker.

A VISIT TO ELDORADO

Wednesday night I met with the Workers' Council at El Dorado. There was a good attendance and a splendid program led by Mr. H. W. Gilmore, the director of religious education. The reports from all the departments were encouraging, but even this great church seems to be in need of more teachers. Under Dr. Hammons' leadership our Eldorado church is rapidly taking her place among the first rank churches of the South. Among the forward stps planned for the Sunday School this year are a Standard Extension Training School and a Daily Vacation Bible School.—Clem Baker.

MEETING OF MONTICELLO DISTRICT OFFICERS

Thursday night, Jan. 6, I met with the Officers of the Monticello District. Those present were: Dr. E. R. Steel, Rev. O. L. Walker, Rev. T. O. Owen, Rev. E. C. Rule, Rev. M. K. Rogers, Dr. W. T. Wilkerson, Rev. M. K. Irvin, and Rev. B. F. Roebuck. This was one of the very best organization meetings we have yet had and one of the most progressive programs was adopted. Under the leadership of Dr. Steel, who has already won the hearts of his brethren, the old Monticello District is going to have a great year along all lines. No District has a better group of District officers.—Clem Baker.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

The Little Rock Conference is planning to do some very definite experimenting with Daily Vacation Bible Schools this summer. Our plan is to have just a few in each District this summer and if they make good to extend the number next year. As we have met with our District groups we find that there will be five in the Little Rock District, three in the Camden District, and two in the Monticello District. The other District groups will meet and decide upon the number this week.—Clem Baker.

THE STATE-WIDE SCHOOL FOR LEADERS AT LITTLE ROCK

The date for the Little Rock School has been set for March 14-18 this year. Already we have secured a great faculty and are at work on the program. Further announcements will be made soon.—Clem Baker.

A MAGAZINE THAT OUGHT TO BE IN EVERY HOME

This is a day of magazines. There is hardly a home in all the state but that takes at least one magazine. Many of the magazines are good but the ones that are being most largely read are poisonous. Many of our homes had better keep a pet rattlesnake and run the risk of its biting the children than to allow certain popular magazines to slip in and poison the souls of our young people. The finest magazine that I know anything about is "The Home Quarterly" put out by our General Sunday School Board. This used to be the Home Department Magazine, but it has been enlarged until now it is a ninety-six

page magazine for the home, containing a wealth of material dealing with parents' problems, a department for shut-ins, reports from Home Departments, and excellent treatment of uniform lessons with daily meditations. I know of nothing better to help parents in daily family worship. I wish this fine magazine might be in every Methodist Home in Arkansas. It only costs 15 cents per quarter or sixty cents per year in single copies or 12 cents per quarter in clubs of five or more. Order it just like other Sunday School literature.—Clem Baker.

SURVEY CARDS

We are prepared to furnish cards for the survey preparatory to the Evangelistic Campaign, free to all who are planning to put on the campaign as outlined by the General Sunday School Board. Pastors and superintendents should send in their orders at once and make the preliminary steps for this very important part of our Sunday School program. The goals set up in each District include a Campaign of Evangelism in every Sunday School in the District. Please send in your order for Literature and Survey cards at once.—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

THE OUTLOOK ENCOURAGING

We have just finished the work of set-up conference with the District Staffs and find in each District an optimistic spirit and a splendid enthusiasm with reference to our great Sunday School program for the year. There is not only going to be team work in the District but there will be wholesome rivalry between the Districts. This spirit of contest has already begun to work and it will become pronounced as we proceed with the work. This contest will be of such a nature that each District Staff will have equal chance to show its courage and efficiency in putting over the entire program as outlined in the set-up conference. As we come to the Annual Conference each District will be given due credit for the grade made on the entire program of Sunday School work. The leaders in each District should watch the progress made as it is announced from time to time through the Methodist.—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS

The Executive Committee of our Sunday School Board met in Little Rock on December 28. A number of important matters were considered. Among other things the committee sanctioned the creation of District Sunday School Boards by the District Conferences. The Committee also recommended that Adolescent Superintendents be added to the District Staff and that a Conference Adolescent Superintendent be secured if found practical. They further recommended that Sunday School day be observed on April 3 so as not to interfere with the Pre-Easter Campaign of Evangelism. This is only suggestive, but as far as possible should be followed out.—G. G. Davidson, Conference Supt.

COKEBURY SCHOOLS IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Adona.—Beginning January 17 the Perry and Houston Charge will have an Approved Cokesbury School at Adona. Rev. Glen Sanford will teach "The Small Sunday School" and the pastor, Rev. S. O. Patty, will be the instructor for "What Every Methodist Should Know." This ought to be one of our best schools.

Salem.—Salem, on the Conway Circuit, will have an Approved School the

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MID-YEAR CABINET MEETING

The mid-year cabinet meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Epworth League was called to order by President Chalfant, at Ft. Smith, at 9 a. m., Jan. 8.

A brief devotional period was enjoyed.

Talk: "All for Christ." by Dr. Tolleson, presiding elder of the Ft. Smith District, in which he told us to "Look upon the fields for they are white unto harvest," and admonished us to go and take "all the world for Christ."

Prayer: Rev. Ira A. Brumley, N. Little Rock.

The roll was then called and the following were found to be present:

Vernon E. Chalfant, Conf. President; Ira A. Brumley, Conf. Vice President; Mack Lindsey, Conf. Secretary; John McPhaul, Conf. Era Agent; Mrs. Lucy C. Trent, Conf. Editor; Gertrude Weir, Conf. Jr.-Int. Supt.; Johnnie Forrest, Conference Life Service Supt.; Floyd Fowler, Batesville District Secretary; S. B. Wilford, Booneville District Secretary; Thomas Reid, Conway District Secretary; Beverly Rakes, Fayetteville District Secretary; Clint Walden, Fort Smith District Secretary; Essie Ford, Paragould District Secretary; Harvey S. Anglin, Searcy District Secretary.

The officers present then made favorable reports of the work in their respective fields.

President Chalfant gave us "Echoes of the Presidents' Meeting."

Under Secretary Rakes' leadership, a discussion of the County League Union was entered into.

The following committees were then appointed:

Committee to work out plans for putting over "Anniversary Day": I. A. Brumley, chairman; H. S. Anglin, Beverly Rakes.

Committee to work on plans for a Conference Year Book: Mack Lindsey, Chairman; Mrs. Lucy C. Trent, Miss Essie Ford.

Committee to draft a Constitution and By-Laws: John McPhaul, chairman; Johnnie Forrest, Gertrude Weir.

Committee to work out Plans for a Filing System: Clint Walden, chairman; Thomas Reid, Floyd Fowler.

Resolution Committee: S. B. Wilford, chairman; Mack Lindsey.

It was then voted that: "No League shall be given credit on the Bronze Emblem except those Leagues that have kept their Secretary's books."

The morning session then adjourned.

week of January 18. "The Small Sunday School" and "What Every Methodist Should Know" will be the courses offered. Rev. J. M. Hughey, P. E. of the Conway District, and the Extension Secretary will be the instructors.

Leslie.—Rev. A. N. Storey, pastor at Leslie, is putting on an approved school in his church during the week of January 18. Rev. J. E. Cooper, pastor at Searcy, will assist the pastor and will offer the course, "What Every Methodist Should Know." Bro. Storey will teach "The Small Sunday School." We are expecting a fine school here.—A. W. Martin.

Afternoon Session, 2:00 P. M.

Prayer: Ira A. Brumley.

Devotional: Rev. E. H. Hook, pastor Dodson Ave. Church. Bro. Hook, speaking on Service, said that to win "All for Christ," we must give to all the same sort of service that the Master gave.

Discussion of the League Assembly was then entered into. After much discussion the following assembly schedule was worked out:

Morning

Morning Watch, Breakfast, Bible Study, Mission Study, Recreation, Classes in Methods, Business, Lunch.

Afternoon

Committee Meetings, Rest and Study, Directed Recreation, Supper.

Evening

Platform Hour.

A committee was appointed to work on the 1927-28 budget. The following were appointed: Howard C. Johnston, Ira A. Brumley, Mrs. Marcelle Phillips.

A committee was appointed to get out the advertising for the 1927 assembly. The following were appointed: Clint Walden, Mrs. Lucy C. Trent, Robt. Boyce.

Adjournment.

Evening Session

Prayer: Johnnie Forrest.

Devotional: Dr. Davis, pastor of First Church, Ft. Smith. Dr. Davis said that in order to win "All for Christ" we must first "warm ourselves with the great fire of Christ's Spirit," then we must "go out to carry the gospel of Christ to all the world."

Following the devotional, the session went immediately into the business before the Cabinet.

After much discussion it was decided that the second day of the Assembly be set aside for the election of Conference officers.

After hearing the committee on "Anniversary Day," it was decided that: (1) A goal of \$500 be set for Anniversary Day. (2) The offerings be sent to the District secretaries, and by them to the Vice President. (3) The \$500 quota be apportioned to the Districts as follows: Batesville Dist. \$50; Booneville Dist. \$50; Conway Dist. \$60; Fayetteville Dist. \$60; Ft. Smith Dist. \$60; Helena Dist. \$60; Jonesboro Dist. \$60; Paragould Dist. \$45 Searcy Dist. \$55.

Howard C. Johnston having arrived, the Conference treasurer's report was read.

There being no further business to come before the Cabinet, the Cabinet was adjourned.—Vernon E. Chalfant, President; Mack Lindsey, Secretary.

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that the members of the Epworth League Cabinet of the North Arkansas Conference Epworth League desire to express their appreciation of:

The Dodson Ave. Epworth League, Mr. Clint Walden, Dr. F. E. Tolleson, Rev. E. H. Hook, Dr. G. W. Davis, Rev. H. O. Bolin, and to all the others who helped for the well appointed banquet given in honor of the League Cabinet.

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Be it resolved, that thanks be extended to the Epworth League of First Church, for the splendid lunch served at noon, Jan. 8.

Be it resolved that we desire to thank those kind people who opened their homes to us, and who ministered so kindly to our every comfort.

Be it resolved that we extend our appreciation of and thanks to those who have delivered such inspiring devotional addresses.

Be it resolved that hearty greetings and best wishes be extended to those loyal Leagues throughout the Conference who are serving so true-heartedly and faithfully.

In conclusion, be it resolved that a copy of these resolutions be mailed to the editor of the Arkansas Methodist for publication in the League section of that paper.—S. B. Wilford, Chairman Committee on Resolutions.

DODSON AVE. SENIOR LEAGUE HOLDS BANQUET IN HONOR OF N. ARKANSAS LEAGUE CABINET

Friday evening, Jan. 7, Dodson Ave., Senior Leaguers entertained with a banquet in honor of the North Arkansas Conference Epworth League Cabinet which was to hold its mid-year session in Fort Smith the following day. About 58 guests were present and a very good program was given built around the theme "Youth and the Church." The welcome address was given by Rev. Elmer H. Hook, pastor of Dodson Avenue. Dr. F. M. Tolleson, presiding elder of the Fort Smith District, gave the invocation, after which a group of "Pep Songs" was led by Miss Myrhine Adair. Dr. George W. Davis of First Church, Ft. Smith, spoke on "What the Church has a Right to Expect of Its Youth." Miss Ernestine Brown responded with "What Youth has a Right to Expect of the Church." Rev. H. O. Bolin spoke on "What the Church has to Offer Youth." This concluded the scheduled program and Leaguers assembled were asked to call upon anyone they cared to hear. At their request Rev. Vernon Chalfant, Conference president, Rev. Ira A. Brumley, Conference vice-pres., Rev. H. S. Anglin, District secretary of the Searcy District, Rev. S. B. Wilford, District secretary of the Booneville District, Miss Johnnie Forrest, Conference Life Service superintendent, Miss Gertrude Weir, Junior and Intermediate superintendent, Rev. W. F. Blevins, Mrs. Lucy C. Critz, and Dr. F. M. Tolleson spoke briefly.

In attendance at the banquet in addition to those mentioned above were Mrs. Vernon Chalfant, Mrs. H. O. Bolin, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Platt, Mr. Beverly Rakes, Mr. John McPhaul, Miss Marcelle Phillips, Miss Gladys James, Mr. Thos. C. Reid, Miss Gracie Mae Meadows, and several Dodson Avenue, First Church and Second Church Leaguers.

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ALL-STATE CHURCH NEWS

ERROR IN MINUTES

I notice in the Minutes of Little Rock Conference, Statistical Table No. 3, Monticello District, that the P. E. was assessed \$94.00 and paid \$11. This should be \$77 instead of \$11.—John Simpson, pastor Banks Ct.

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

I have received from Dr. C. J. Greene, secretary and editor of the minutes, a copy of the Journal of the seventy-third session of the Little Rock Conference.

I have never seen a more complete and satisfactory exhibit of the work of a Methodist Conference than is here presented. We are shown every particle of the machinery of the Conference the work that it is doing, also its connection with the past.

For any work or information pertaining to the Conference the Journal seems to be a correct and complete book of reference. I thank Dr. Greene for sending me a copy.—J. E. Godbey, Kirkwood, Mo.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

Christmas at the Methodist Children's Home was good. Everybody well and nicely remembered by Santa and other friends. I am sure all of our readers know a Merry Christmas in our big Home is a busy time for the Matron and all of her associates. We get an experience that teaches us that it is more blessed to give than to receive, when we see all so happy and well and know we have shared in making them so.

Now that the Christmas rush is over, we are answering with personal letters all boxes, packages and gifts of any kind which have been received at the Home.—Mrs. S. J. Steed, Matron, Arkansas Methodist Orphanage.

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

This is the fourth report that I have made of the Christmas offerings received for the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage:

Little Rock Conference

Arkadelphia District:—

Mt. Carmel S. S. Holly Spgs. Charge, by Miss I. Dedman..\$ 1.65

Bethlehem S. S. Dalark Ct. by Coy D. Hudson, Sec. 7.70

Camden District:—

Camden S. S. by Fred D. James, Sec. 90.99

Taylor S. S. Taylor Ct. by L. K. Taylor 7.37

Parker's Chapel S. S., W. El Dorado Ct. by F. W. Lawrence 7.00

Princeton Charge: 3.35

Zion S. S. 3.59

Princeton S. S. 3.11

Macedonia S. S. 3.57

Manning S. S. 2.41

Waverly S. S. 1.10

Smackover Intermediate Lg., by Roy M. Price 1.10

Little Rock District:—

Winfield S. S., by J. B. Owens Treas. 125.00

Rogers Chapel S. S., Carlisle Ct. by A. H. Vaught, Supt. ... 3.62

Bethlehem S. S. Austin Ct. by H. B. Jackson, Supt. 2.15

New Bethel S. S., Carlisle Ct. by W. T. Morton, Supt. 2.45

Hickory Plains S. S., by Wm. Reinhardt, Supt. 6.45

Pulaski Heights S. S. by Mrs. Jno. S. Booth, (add.) 30.00

Monticello District:—

Dermott S. S. by Harry A. Ward, Treas. 20.90

Watson S. S. by J. C. Stroud.. 10.00

Wilmar S. S. by E. D. Hanna, P. C. (add.) 6.13

Hermitage S. S. by Ruth Clower, Sec. 6.78

Monticello S. S. by M. K. Irvin, P. C. 37.00

Pine Bluff District:—

Swan Lake S. S. by Mrs. Y. W. Clement, Supt. 4.65

First Church S. S., by C. A. Illing, Sec. 138.15

Sherrill S. S. by Mrs. Lee M. Quattlebaum, Treas. 5.00

Gillett S. S. 6.00

New Hope S. S. Newhope & Sheridan Ct. by H. C. Gentry, Supt. 3.30

Carr Memorial S. S. by Mrs. F. Gammil, Treas. 11.50

Prescott District:—

Hope S. S. by Mrs. W. P. Agee, Treas. 30.00

Sardis S. S. Mineral Spgs. Ct. by Joe Reed, Supt. 1.10

Washington S. S. by E. R. Timberlake, Supt. 19.00

Blevins S. S. by Mrs. C. Brown Hope S. S. (add.) 45.83

McCaskill S. S. Bingen Ct. by Mrs. Bert Scott, Supt. 5.00

Texarkana District:—

Foreman S. S. by Supt. 5.18

First Church, Texarkana, by R. E. Martin, Supt. 61.83

Fairview S. S. Texarkana, by R. G. Law, Treas. 25.00

Pleasant Hill S. S. Fouke Ct. by J. A. Ginnings, P. C. 3.35

Lewisville S. S. by Miss Minnie Cabaniss, Sec. 26.00

Stamps S. S. 12.33

Richmond S. S. by M. W. Locke Supt. 5.33

Personal Gifts:

Mrs. Lucy L. Deloney, Foreman 5.00

Mr. Jesse L. Deloney, Foreman 5.00

Rev. J. F. Simmons, Little R. 2.00

North Arkansas Conference

Batesville District:—

Dowells Chapel, Tuckerman Ct. by R. F. Tyer, Supt. 3.42

Moorefield S. S. by M. E. Moore, Supt. 4.60

Calico Rock S. S. by T. J. Justice, P. C. 18.00

Oak Grove S. S. Pleasant Plains Ct. by T. L. Cransford, Supt. 6.00

First Church S. S. Batesville, by C. D. Metcalf, Treas. 100.00

Calico Rock Ct., by L. R. Ruble P. C. 6.00

Booneville District:—

Waltreak S. S. by Sue Mitchell, Treas. 5.00

Conway District:—

Conway S. S. by G. A. Simmons, Treas. 70.00

Salem S. S. Salem Ct. by Miss Ollie King, Treas. 3.80

Greenbrier S. S., by A. A. Wilson, Supt. 3.00

Gardner Memorial S. S. by J. M. McCormack, Supt. 12.85

Vilonia S. S. by E. B. Williams P. C. 5.00

Fayetteville District:—

Elm Springs S. S. by Mrs. M. R. Lark 6.00

Cincinnati Ct., Summers S. S. by W. C. Hutton, Supt. 2.00

Brightwater S. S. by J. H. Buttram, Supt. 2.75

Ft. Smith District:—

First Church S. S., Ft. Smith by Mrs. Geo. W. Davis (add.) 5.22

Gar Creek S. S. Ozark Ct. by E. W. Schuller, Supt. 10.00

Mt. View S. S. Kibler Charge, by T. N. McAlister, Supt. ... 5.00

Midland Heights S. S. by Mrs. F. S. Elder, Supt. 4.18

Helena District:—

Crawfordsville S. S. by J. R. Nelson, P. C. 19.00

West Helena S. S. by J. W. Moore, P. C. 15.00

Helena S. S. by Edwin Burks Treas. 180.02

Jonesboro District:—

Fisher St. S. S. by H. F. McDonald, P. C. Jonesboro 13.53

Osceola S. S. by Mrs. Grace O. Moore, Treas. 36.00

Keiser S. S. by Emma U. Johnson, Treas. 7.50

Bono S. S. by W. F. Shell, P. C. 1.62

Lake City S. S. by Arlis Owen, Treas. 4.00

Paragould District:—

Powhatan S. S. by V. B. Utley, P. C. 3.05

Black Rock S. S. by V. B. Utley, P. C. 6.85

Portia Church by Mrs. Garner, Treas. 5.00

Portia S. S. by Ruth Land, Sec. 5.45

Searcy District:—

Kensett S. S. by Frank Watkins, Treas. 15.00

Judsonia S. S. 1.12

Personal Gifts:—

From a Friend at Parkin 5.00

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Arkansas Methodist Orphanage

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

To Saturday, January 8, the Christmas contributions to the Orphanage sent in are as follows:

Little Rock Conference

Arkadelphia District\$ 203.15

Camden District 533.93

Little Rock District 1,525.22

Monticello District 406.81

Pine Bluff District 294.48

Prescott District 226.09

Texarkana District 336.44

Personal gifts 209.00

Total\$3,735.15

North Arkansas Conference

Booneville District 142.72

Batesville District 303.00

Conway District 159.00

Fayetteville District 173.87

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Ft. Smith District	235.35
Helena District	346.41
Jonesboro District	194.14
Paragould District	72.76
Searcy District	109.70
Personal Gifts	67.00

Total\$1,803.95
 Grand Total as follows:
 Little Rock Conference\$3,735.15
 North Arkansas Conference.. 1,803.95

\$5,539.10

This shows over a thousand dollars shortage to date over last year. The figures will show you where the shortage is. I hope the brethren will see to it that the offerings are taken as this is the only way that I know of to run the institution to which I am giving my time and thought by action of the Board of Trustees without any salary or stipend at all. When you take into account the shortage in Conference Claims, you will see that we will be distressed unless our brethren come to our relief.

In this connection, I want to thank everyone who has acted to date for their promptness. The Sunday School superintendents and many of our preachers are genuinely interested in this beautiful work that our Church is carrying on. What could we do

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 James Thomas, Supt.

RECEIVED AT THE ORPHANAGE IN DECEMBER

Christmas Party given by Sunshine Class First M. E. C. S. City.
 W. M. S. No. 2 Asbury Church, City, Box of Clothing for their Special.
 Every Ready Class, First Church, Searcy, Box of toilet articles, towels and bed linen.
 Dramatic Club, Senior High School, City, 16 dozen buns, 4 doz. wieners and pickles.
 Y. L. M. S. First Church, City, 1 pair of shoes for their special (Thanksgiving).
 Mrs. J. B. Martin, Horatio, 1 quilt.
 W. M. S. Magazine, 1 quilt.
 Mrs. M. E. Newburn, Mariana, Handkerchiefs, hose, etc.
 Mr. and Mrs. John T. Steed, Houston, Texas, 100 lbs. prepared cocoa.
 W. M. S. Marianna, Box of Christmas Gifts.
 Dardanelle W. M. S., barrel of canned and preserved fruits.
 W. M. S. Branch, 1 quilt.
 Junior M. S. Marianna, 1 quilt and a box of gifts.
 Promised Land Church, 27 gifts, canned and preserved fruits.
 Sterling Shelton, 1824 Park, City, 28 books and 1 lumber jack.
 W. M. S. Fisher St. Church, Jonesboro, 1 box of gifts and home made candy, 1 box of fruit 18 quarts of canned and preserved fruits.
 Junior Class, Norfolk S. S., Candy.
 Primary Dept., Brinkley S. S., 54 books, games and stationery.
 W. M. S. Harrison, 1 quilt.
 True Blue Class, Asbury S. S., 30 pounds of nuts.
 Mr. and Mrs. Smith H. Pace, Bauxite, box of clothing and a box of gifts.
 Ladies Aid Grady, big box of fruit, nuts, candy, gum, cake, etc. and sweet potatoes.
 Lake Village, box of gifts and 1 pair of shoes.
 Harrison Epworth League, box of individual gifts.
 Intermediate League, Sheridan, box of fruit.
 Sunbeam Class, Moorefield S. S., big box of home made candy.
 Forrest City, E. J. Kyle, gifts and canned goods.
 Tuckerman S. S., box of individual gifts.
 Adona, box of canned fruit.
 Junior Dept. Lonoke S. S., box of gifts.
 Mrs. O. E. Hicks Lonoke, 40 popcorn balls.
 Miss Deloney, Foreman, box for special.
 Sulphur Springs, box of individual gifts.
 El Dorado S. S., two boxes of gifts, (1 individual).
 Junior Dept. First Church, N. L. R., 1 box oranges, 1 quart preserves.
 C. C. Conner Grocer Co., City, box of oranges.
 Harris Drug Co., City, a large pasteboard Santa Claus, box of toys.
 Texarkana S. S., 1 big box of gifts, books, hose, clothing, groceries.
 S. S. Class, Mammoth Springs, box of clothing and gifts.
 Okolona by C. D. Cade, towels and candy.
 Harrisburg, 1 box of canned goods.
 Siloam Springs, bbl. of canned goods.
 Gardner Memorial Church, City, fruit, 52 bags for Christmas, canned goods and 1 girl's coat.
 Susan McDonald Class, Pulaski Hgts., box for special (Bobbie Moore).
 W. M. S. No. 2. Asbury Church, City,

box for their special.
 Mrs. Y. M. Engles S. S. Class, Moorefield, towels and handkerchiefs.
 Primary Dept., Nashville, box of gifts and cards.
 Christie Chapel, Kerlin, box of individual gifts, box of Holly.
 Glenwood W. M. S., 1 quilt.
 Mammoth Springs by Mrs. C. T. Jones, candy, pencils and tablets.
 W. M. S. Piggott, 1 quilt.
 Elementary Dept. Central S. S. Lincoln, 1 comfort. W. M. S. (same place) 1 quilt and a box of gifts.
 First Church, Helena, E. S. DuCrey, Supt., 2 boxes of individual gifts.
 Mrs. P. E. Cunningham S. S. class Arkansas City, 8 dolls for little children.
 Ladies Aid, Springtown, 7 home made cakes, 1 box cookies (very good).
 Altheimer, by Mrs. R. A. Dickey, 1 box of gifts.
 Primary Dept. Arkansas City S. S., 1 large doll.
 W. M. S. Weldon, a box of gifts and clothing.
 S. S. DeQueen, large box of towels, hose, a quilt, gifts etc.
 Virginia Hogg Class, Winfield S. S., box for their special.
 Margaret Clifford Class, Winfield S. S., box for their special.
 Sunshine Class, First Church city, check for \$5 for their special. Was used for wearing apparel.
 Y. L. M. S. First Church City, check for \$5 for their special. Was used for wearing apparel.
 Miss Nell Huggins, City, check for \$2.50 for their special.
 Jacksonville, by Mrs. R. L. Henry, box of gifts.
 A. O. U. W., 40 Christmas bags (fruit and candy).
 Tyronza, no name, box of gifts.
 W. M. S. Tyronza, Box of fruit, big box of gifts & eats.
 Booneville W. M. S., box of individual gifts.
 Harrisburg S. S. and League, box of gifts and toys.
 Judsonia, 7 boxes home made candy, 1 quilt and small gifts.
 Pulaski Hgts. S. S., flour and canned goods.
 Primary Dept. Pulaski Heights, canned goods and 1 drum.
 J. M. Bryant, City, fruits, candy and nuts.
 Qui Vive Club, Hunter Memorial, 13 special gifts.
 W. M. S. Knoxville, 1 quilt.
 Primary Dept. Evening Shade S. S., box of gifts.
 Mrs. O. C. Shaver and Hal, Evening Shade, 4 gifts.
 W. M. S. Imboden, box of gifts.
 Capitol View S. S., box of fruit and 127 Christmas boxes.
 El Dorado S. S., box of shoes, towels etc.
 Arkadelphia S. S. Christmas boxes and books.
 Mabelvale S. S., box of fruit and nuts.
 28th Street Church, City, box of canned goods and nuts.
 Mrs. Willie Botts, Habburton, 1/2 bushel of peanuts.
 Intermediate S. S., Midway, 1 pair of blankets and towels.
 Mt. View S. S., Kibler Ct., 1 bushel of walnuts, popcorn, peanuts.
 Primrose Chapel Epworth League, Cedar Christmas Tree and trimmings.
 Circle No. 1 First Church, City, 40 gifts for the tree.
 Intermediate League, Humphrey, 9 pairs of children's hose.
 Virginia Hogg Mothers' class Winfield S. S. box for their special.
 Lepanto, by Mrs. Hattie Bules, 1 quilt and some blocks.
 Oppelo S. S. box of fruits, nuts and gifts.

Beginners and Primary Depts. Piggott, handkerchiefs and books.
 Circle No. 1 First Church furnished Santa Claus and individual gifts.
 Glowing—Growing—&—Going Class Sheridan S. S. \$12 in cash for each child to spend as they wished to teach the spirit of giving as well as receiving.
 El Dorado, box of canned and preserved fruit from Miss Bailey's room at Public School.
 \$15 from Circle No. 9 First Church, city, to be used as described in Glowing—Growing—and Going C. Entertained at Green Chevrolet Co. by Mr. Ferguson.
 Stuttgart S. S., Jr. Dept., box of clothing and 2 toys.
 Firecrackers (generous supply) giver unknown.
 Mrs. C. C. Porter's S. S. Class, Greenbrier 1 quilt.
 The personal gifts that were received have been acknowledged by the children.—Mrs. S. J. Steed, Matron.

PRAIRIE VIEW

All our churches on this charge made some progress last year. We began our revival campaign at Delaware with Bro. S. H. Russell of Conway leading the singing. We had some eight or ten professions at this place.

We moved from here to Prairie View and began a meeting with Bro. Robert Nance of Van Buren leading the singing. Here we had one of the best revivals they have had for years resulting in twelve conversions. From Prairie View we moved to the McKendree and Union neighborhood and held a meeting for these two churches together, also combining with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Bro. Marvin Newnan, assisted by the local talent led the singing. This was one of the best revivals I have ever labored in, resulting in fifty-four professions. There is one thing I very much regret in this country, that is, that so many profess religion and do not join any church. We only had thirty-seven accessions to the Church, out of all the above number of professions, and I do not have much hopes for those who profess and do not join any church.

We built Sunday School rooms in the Church at Prairie View and advanced this school to a Standard School of the C. Type.

The Woman's Missionary Society, the Epworth League, and prayer meeting are in excellent condition.

Considering all things we had an excellent year, and were not disappointed when at Conference we were read out for this charge for another year.

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 LITTLE ROCK, ARK.

Since returning we have enjoyed a pounding which consisted of whole sacks of flour and potatoes and other things in proportion, and in addition to all this the official board is planning to give us a raise in salary, which I think is good, considering financial conditions. "The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places."

We are expecting a good year.—J. W. Harger, P. C.

PARIS

The Paris Sunday School engaged in many service activities, thus appropriately observing Christ's birthday. At a White-Gifts-for-the-King Service the Sunday before Christmas the Sunday School brought \$72 for the Methodist Orphanage and laid it at the foot of an illuminated cross. In addition a barrel of groceries and supplies was brought for the needy poor. One class prepared ten baskets for sick and shut-ins, while other classes prepared special baskets of fruit, etc., for those less fortunate than themselves.

Christmas Eve the Senior Epworth League sang Christmas carols on the streets before a large number of homes where there were sick people.

The church did not forget their pastor and his wife who were bountifully remembered in a good old-fashioned "pounding" and in many other ways.—Lester Weaver, P. C.

DIERKS

After a few days delay because of an auto mishap, wife and I landed in Dierks, our new charge, on the afternoon of Dec. 2. We spent the next two days in hard work endeavoring to

set our house in order.

On Sunday, the 5th, we were greeted by many people who showed an interest in the work of the S. S. and church, in fact, in the work of the Kingdom.

On Wednesday evening quite a number of good people took us almost by storm and gave us a substantial "pounding" of many good things to eat, too numerous to mention. After informal talks by A. J. Forgy, the pastor and his wife, and prayer and the singing of "Blest Be the Tie That Binds," the board of stewards met in one room and the rest of the crowd took possession of the other part of the house and made merry till the board adjourned. It was a pleasant evening indeed.

We had our first quarterly conference last Sunday. The Elder magnified himself in the matter of preaching and conducting the affairs of the Conference. He somewhat embarrassed the new preacher and his wife by the many good things he said about us before the people. We only hope we may live up to what we have been recommended to be.

Not only have the people of Dierks shown us no little kindness, but we have been kindly received by the people of Green's Chapel, our afternoon appointment. I find there as well as at Dierks people I have known in former years.

It is my desire to do the best year's work of my life among the good people of this charge. May the Lord abundantly bless the labors of both pastor and people!—F. C. Cannon, P. C.

HARRISBURG

At Paragould we were read out for Harrisburg, and we arrived in town the following Friday, and since then we have been getting settled, meeting the people and learning the town. To say that we are highly pleased with our appointment is putting it mildly.

We find one very pressing need, so far as the church building is concerned and that is a new roof. As some one said it rains inside and leaks out. We have had two meetings of the trustees and have made plans to try and do this much needed work.

Last night the Missionary women of the church gave a banquet to the Quarterly Conference officials and other leading members of the church which was very much enjoyed. At this banquet the roofing of the church was very much boosted and the accomplishing of that fact looks encouraging.

On Tuesday night Dec. 21, one of the Sunday School classes phoned that they wanted to visit the pastor's family that night. Not long after they arrived another gentle knock was heard, and when the door was opened it seemed that the whole town was in waiting. As a result of that visit the dining-table was left over-run with good things to eat, and the pastor and family bruised with a splendid pounding. May the blessing of God reward all.

May this be the best year ever in the North Arkansas Conference.—M. N. Johnston, P. C.

CHRISTMAS AT BIRDEYE

The year 1926 will not be complete unless we tell others of Christmas in our community. We are in a cotton-growing section situated six miles from the railroad.

As has been the custom for many years there was a Community Tree with an impressive Christ-Child Program arranged by the school and Sun-

day School in co-operation with our rural worker, Mrs. Hall. At the tree were three-hundred Christmas boxes filled with candy, nuts and raisins given by W. M. Smith and Co. to every child in the neighborhood.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Hall the Sunday Schools of Wynne, which is the largest town in our county, gave clothing, toys, fruit and candy for fifteen baskets that were distributed in our vicinity. These made many children happy and more comfortable for the winter.

We are telling you of this "Spirit of Helpfulness," this real Christmas spirit, that is in Wynne, for I am sure there are many other towns that would be glad to remember those in their own counties. If so, another year get in touch with the rural workers in your districts. They will know where the baskets are needed and will be glad to deliver them.

To Mrs. Hall, the Sunday Schools, and other citizens of Wynne who donated the baskets, we are very thankful and wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.—The Community of Birdeye.

BELLEVILLE

A Formal Opening of the Methodist Church, January 2, 1927.

One of the greatest days, which has been in the Little city of Belleville, was enjoyed by all who attended the "all day program" Sunday.

The Sunday School was opened at 9:45 a. m., with 168 present and probably more than 200 present before it closed.

Rev. W. B. Hays, one of the real good and loved elders, was with us and delivered two fine sermons, one at 11 o'clock and the other at 2.

The whole congregation, which filled the large auditorium, rejoiced greatly, with the building committee over the victory that has been wrought and in the first services of the new church.

The dinner which was served in the basement was a real feast, and there was enough to have fed 150 or 200 more.

Some very fitting things were done in the first services of this first Sunday of the month, and also the first Sunday of the year. Miss Thelma Buckman was received into the church and baptized and the people took the vows with her, in a new consecration service.

Many of the various interests of the church were represented and explained, in the first services and as the church became thoroughly familiar with these interests, I feel much good will be the result.

The following preachers were on the platform, at the request of the pastor, that all the preachers of all denominations, come to the platform: Rev. J. C. Weaver, Rev. Louis Fair, Rev. W. B. Hays, Rev. A. B. C. Claud, Rev. G. W. Denton, together with the pastor Rev. C. L. Franks. Rev. N. E. Fair was on the program, but was sick and cold not attend. Rev. Dr. Lee was present in the afternoon.

The day closed with great joy and determination and the joyous crowd filled the church again at the night service to hear the pastor preach on "What it Would Take, to Destroy God's Word," and they went away thanking God for the old "Book" with a new vision.—Reporter.

PARAGOULD, FIRST CHURCH

We have been on the ground and at work in Paragould for a month. We found a great church and a splendid people. The new building is a thing of beauty and is a wonderful work shop. In all its arrangements, it is about as nearly perfect as will be found anywhere. It stands as a monument to the skill, faithfulness and loyalty of Rev. J. B. Evans and the membership of the church. Bro. Evans did a great work here and is loved by the people.

We have been kindly received and are feeling at home. We could not ask for a more generous and thoughtful people. We anticipate a happy and fruitful year. The work is heavy but the opportunity is great. No Methodist preacher has a right to expect an easy job in these days of stress and strain when all our people are carrying heavy loads. The great desire of my heart is, that God will help me to carry on with courage and faith.

To all the preachers and their families and, also, to our friends everywhere, we wish a happy and prosperous new year.—R. E. L. Bearden, P. C.

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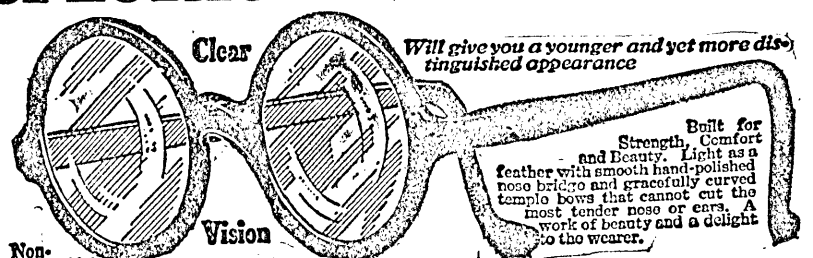
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PARALOMA

On account of the serious sickness of wife's mother who makes her home with us, we have not yet moved to our new home at Paraloma. I have been going back and forth to my new work. I appreciate highly the open-handed welcome the people of Paraloma have given me. I served them 15 years ago. We appreciate also the kindness and "pounding" given us at Winthrop. May these people have a gracious year with their incoming, earnest pastor. I trust that mother's condition will soon enable us to be settled here in our new field.

—J. F. Taylor, P. C.

SUCCESS IN SPITE OF HANDICAP

What is success? Every man must interpret that in his own light. But we all know it must grow out of dissatisfaction with self. If a man is contented with his own plight he can never expect to reach the top of the ladder.

For surely Browning the poet was right when he wrote, "Oh, that a man's grasp would exceed his reach!"

Such is the case of a most remarkable young man who does not see with earthly eyes; but all who know Buddy Jeff Smith know that he has a heavenly light within that surpasses all earthly vision.

If Alexander the great was correct when he said, "He is the chief conqueror who can conquer his own soul," surely Smith deserves to have a place among the leading rank and file of men. For he dared to try, he dared to dream; he dared to work; he dared to pray and work. Darkness, even blindness, cannot stop him.

When sticking a knife in his right eye at the age of six, while cutting a rope from around the neck of his pet dog, which shortly afterwards affected the other eye, Buddy, as he is called, started to battle in a life with other seeing boys and girls. Over rocks and mountain peaks he has climbed. Through the doors of Southern Methodist University he passed, receiving his bachelor of arts degree, a four year's course in three.

This should put any of us to shame and yet that is not the greatest thing about this sightless preacher; for to accomplish something in life when ease, luxury and wealth are thrown about you, is even greater. For Smith might have sat comfortably in a rocking chair with glad hands to wait upon him all his life.

You ask the question, How can a man without eyes go through college? How could he get from one class room to another? The answer for Smith was simple. His lessons were read to him by his fellow class-mates while his examinations were stood upon a typewriter which he has learned to master. To have seen him walking upon the campus of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, you would have taken him for any ordinary student.

No, in the battle of life there are no substitutes and one must realize this, for each person in life must make his own journey, each must say whether he or she will climb the hill or go down stream with the current. Over thirty-seven states has he preached the unsearchable riches of God's grace. In his radiance of sunshine and happiness he confirms to all the world the reality of Jesus Christ.

While in Washington, D. C., a little more than a year ago Smith was given a special interview with President Coolidge himself. Six weeks ago Smith was admitted to the Little Rock Conference and appointed evangelist for that Conference.—Irving Faust.

OUR "HONOR ROLL"

At the Paragould Conference, six names were added: Henry Hanesworth, F. S. H. Johnston, A. F. Skinner, G. M. Barton, J. M. Williams, and J. F. Carter.

These men have wrought long and well. Their average age is 63. Their average years of services is 34½ years, or 207 years.

Of course, the rest of us welcome you to our Honor Roll and to all its privileges.

Surely our great Church and North Arkansas Conference will tenderly care for these soldiers of the Cross. They are worthy of the best.—O. H. Tucker, Honor Roll Secretary.

REPORT OF FINDINGS COMMITTEE OF PARAGOULDS DISTRICT MEETING

We, the Findings Committee, desire to commend our presiding elder for giving due consideration to the whole program of the Church, and we recommend that each pastor throw himself wholeheartedly into the work of this year and follow our presiding elder as he follows Christ.

We would recommend that we make it our first business to win souls for the Master, that we pray for a mighty revival throughout the entire District, and, where it is practical, to put on the Pre-Easter Campaign with special reference given to the program of Evangelism in the Sunday School. Also we recommend that the pastors of the District assist each other in revivals, without much thought as to financial remuneration.

We want to urge early and continuous effort to collect the Conference and General Claims that our District may be able to report 100 per cent collections at the Annual Conference.

We recommend that each pastor refuse to accept and report the fourth Sunday Collections in the Sunday Schools for anything, except for Missions, as the Discipline directs. We further recommend that each pastor urge his Sunday Schools to observe Sunday School Day and raise the amount asked on that day as an offering to the end that we may be able to carry forward our Conference and District Programs.

We love our great Church and are proud of its program, therefore we hope that each man among us will offer himself a living sacrifice on the altar of the Church in order to raise our Missionary Offering.—Roy M. Black, J. E. Lark, G. C. Taylor, Committee.

LEADERS' MEETING, HELENA DISTRICT

This is a call for a meeting of all our leading church people in Helena District to meet at Wynne at 10 a. m. of January 18. We desire especially all the pastors, lay leaders, chairmen of missionary committees, wherever they have been appointed, District secretary Woman's Missionary Society, officials of Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues. All who are interested in a real forward movement in this District are invited.

The Sunday School Staff of the District will hold a meeting the same day and will therefore meet with us.

We shall consider our Missionary Special. We are promised the attendance of our Conference missionary secretary, Rev. J. F. Simmons, from Little Rock, also a speaker from Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. W. F. Blevins will also be present to talk to us about the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

Our people at Wynne give us a cordial invitation, and will entertain

us at lunch—something they know how to do.—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT MEETING

On December 20 presiding elder, Rev. W. A. Lindsey, called together the District staff of the Sunday School, District stewards, charge lay leaders, District officers of the Missionary Society and Epworth Leagues, and all the pastors, in a meeting at Central Avenue, Batesville.

Owing to the continued rains both days, the attendance was light. Yet every phase of the work was represented and discussed. All interests were organized and goals for each department adopted.

Revs. G. G. Davidson and A. W. Martin, our Conference Sunday School men, were present and assisted in the working out of a District program for the Sunday School.

The interests of the Valley Springs Training School were presented by the financial secretary, Rev. W. M. Edwards. The District pledged itself to raise \$1,000 this year for the school in addition to the regular assessment.

The District work of the League was outlined by the District secretary, Mr. Floyd Fowler.

Mrs. I. N. Barnett, president of the Missionary Society, First Church, Batesville, and Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Conference superintendent of publicity, brought brief but interesting messages concerning their work.

Our hosts, Rev. J. E. Snell and his fine congregation were lavish in their entertainment. It was a profitable gathering.—I. L. Claud, Sec.

BINGEN CIRCUIT

On account of circumstances over which we had no control we were a little late in reaching our new charge. However, we are on the ground now and are pleased with the outlook. The congregations have been large and attentive, the Sunday Schools good, and the Epworth Leagues active. However, there remains much to be done and we shall address ourselves to the task with what energy we have, and with the help of the people and the blessing of the Lord we hope to have a great year. On the night of Jan. 3 the people gave us one of the greatest poundings of our lives, and we all had a great time together. Many evidences of kindness are being shown us and good things are coming to the parsonage almost every day.—C. M. Thompson, P. C.

HAWLEY MEMORIAL, PINE BLUFF

Our Christmas service was held on Sunday evening, December 26. It resulted in ten accessions and additions to the church, 60 reconsecrations and 117 pledges of definite service for the coming year. Also a splendid collection of \$103.75, which was applied toward the church debt.

Our work is beginning with great enthusiasm. We are expecting great things during the coming year. We were generously received and pounded heartily. The co-operation that we are receiving is enough to gladden the heart of any pastor.—J. C. Yancey, P. C.

JONESBORO, FIRST CHURCH

December was an eventful month for First Church, Jonesboro. The slogan for the month was, "A Step for Jesus Christ." The step for the first Sunday of the month was, "As Christ's Steward during the year 1927 I will give at least one-tenth of my income to the support of His Kingdom." Many took this step and made their subscriptions to the Church budget and Church Building funds for the

year.

The step for the second Sunday was, "Open the door for the children." Bishop Boaz conducted this service. He baptized twenty-eight children with water from the Jordan River. It was a very impressive service. The Bishop's sermon is reported to have been one of the very best ever heard in Jonesboro.

Sunday, the 19th, marked the passing out from the old church to the new church. The slogan for the day was, "A material step today for Jesus." The steps for the new church were paid for by individuals, families and Sunday School classes, and the offering amounted to \$5,563.49. This makes a total of more than \$35,000 raised for the church in 1926. The building when completed and furnished will cost approximately \$225,000. Nearly one-thousand people have invested some of their earnings in this great house for worship and Christian education.

During Christmas week 1925, the pastor announced that on the 26th day of December, 1926, the first service would be held in the new church. In spite of many hindrances and some objection this announcement of plans was carried out with glowing success. All through the year the loyal members wore lapel buttons bearing the numbers "26-26", which meant that "we are going into the new church December 26, 1926," and they did. It was a beautiful day. The sun shone in all its glory making the ice and snow sparkle like millions of diamonds. One of the largest crowds ever seen here at a church service, met in the large basement auditorium. It was a dedicatory service in which the building committee, the men who are building the church and all, who were present, who had made contributions to the building fund, rededicated themselves to Christ and His Church. Then the pastor made a strong appeal for those who had not yet accepted Christ to dedicate themselves to Him. Twenty-six accepted the invitation and united with the Church, thirteen by baptism and vows, and thirteen by certificate. It was a great service. Emotion ran high. Many who had labored, sacrificed and prayed for the success of this day wept for joy.

Jonesboro, First Church, is loyal to the whole program of the Church. For the past two years more than the amount assessed for claims and the amount asked as specials has been paid in advance. Brother Crichlow is proving himself to be a great leader and he has a great church to lead.—F. R. Hamilton, P. E.

Ability may pause and say, "The going is too rough; I see thorns and briars in the way, and the stones are sharp." Stability keeps an eye on the goal and hews a straight path through the jungles of difficulty. Ability may be but a meteor, but stable virtues are like the stars which the poet speaks of as the forget-me-not of the angels, in the infinite meadows of heaven.—George W. Tuttle.

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OBITUARIES

CORNWELL.—Sunday afternoon, Nov. 28, the Methodist Church lost a splendid member, the Sunday School an efficient leader, the town of Leachville a courageous citizen, many friends a true and tried brother, when B. S. Cornwell passed away. Mr. Cornwell was born near Carthage, Tenn., Sept. 24, 1870. His parents died when he was a young man, and left him the care of two younger brothers and four sisters. He was true to his trust, and saw his loved ones grow to maturity. Some were around his bedside, with broken hearts, as he fell asleep. Mr. Cornwell was married to Miss Pearl Appleby in April, 1901, in New Orleans, La. He spent most of his life in the delta of South Arkansas and North Mississippi. In 1913 he moved to Barfield, Mississippi County, Arkansas. In 1917 he moved to Leachville and became the leading merchant, church leader, and civic builder in that growing town. Soon after moving there he was elected Sunday School superintendent, and at the time of his death was in his first year as chairman of the board of stewards. In early boyhood he became a member of the Methodist Church. He loved his church, and lived as true a Christian life as we know. He was always found on the right side of any public moral question. No one ever doubted his position, or the position he would take on any question arising. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Order of the Eastern Star, and Knights of Pythias.

According to the oft expressed wish of Mr. Cornwell the writer, his former pastor, and one who made his house home while only a "boy preacher," conducted the funeral, being ably assisted by Rev. Norris Greer, and Rev. B. L. Harris, local pastor. The church could not begin to accommodate the crowd and 400 school children stood without in order to pass by and view the face of their former friend. Floral offerings testified to the loving esteem in which he was held. The remains were carried to Algood, Tenn., his boyhood home, and buried by the side of his father and mother. A good man has gone from us, but we shall cherish his memory here and meet him in the Great Beyond in the Kingdom of God.—R. E. Simpson.

McCOY.—Mrs. Helen McCoy died Nov. 28 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Avant, at Camden, Ark. Mrs. McCoy is survived by three daughters, Mrs. J. A. Avant, Camden; Mrs. J. L. James, Fordyce; and Mrs. John Williams of Pineville, La.; four sons, Marvin of Huttig, Ark.; Jess of Monroe, La.; Lee of New Willard, Tex.; and Bryan of Philadelphia, Pa.; three sisters, Mrs. Morgan of El Dorado; Mrs. Mixon of Stephens, and Mrs. Biggers of Little Rock; one brother, Will Turrentine of Ruston, La. Mrs. McCoy was married to J. B. McCoy 53 years ago. Eight children were born to this union and all except one survive her. Mrs. McCoy united with the Methodist Church in early childhood. She was the daughter of a Methodist minister, the Rev. Joe Turrentine of Atlanta, Ark. She has lived her whole life as a consecrated Christian. Her husband died 26 years ago and since then she has lived among her children. Funeral services were held Nov. 29, in Salem Church, conducted by the Rev. G. M. Workman, and burial was in Salem cemetery.—Mrs. McDaniel.

BRAGG.—Asa Cecil Bragg, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bragg, was born on May 16, 1910, died December 30, 1926. He professed faith in Christ and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Bryant, Arkansas, in July, 1922. Cecil was a boy that loved everybody and a boy that was easily loved. He was of a happy spirit and scattered sunshine wherever he went. He was continually ready to help others and showed the fullest appreciation for any favor done him. He loved his church and the Sunday School and other youthful activities of his church. It had his full sympathy and devoted service. Cecil was a sweet singer and always filled his place in his choir. He always had words of appreciation for his pastor or any other preacher and extended

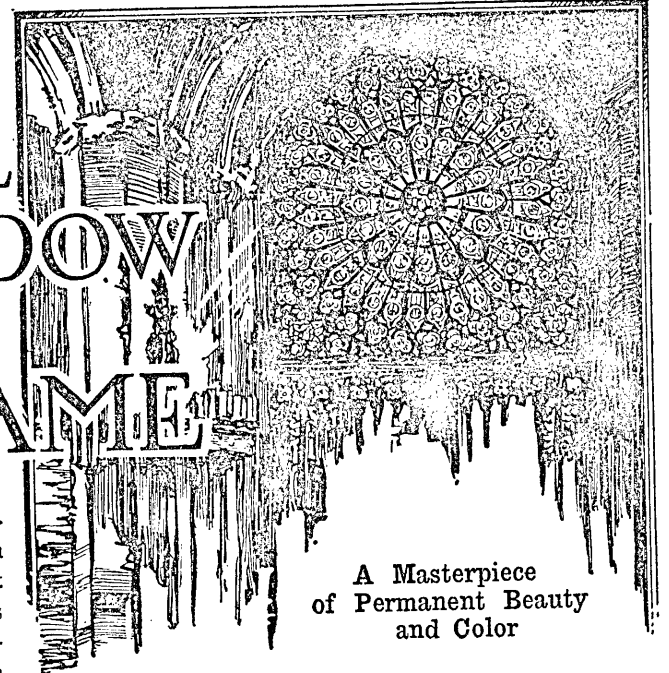
a word of congratulation after hearing them preach. We do not understand, yet it is not given for us to know the mysteries of God. We know this, that he was God's and it was his will to take him away. Perhaps God has a greater need for him in Heaven than on earth. He is gone from our midst here, but Cecil and his influence still live in the hearts of his loved ones and friends. If those nearest God can be of greater service to Him, then possibly this young man can be of greater use in building God's Kingdom in Heaven than he could have on earth. He has gone on to Heaven to join his brother and sister, and he leaves here his father, mother, four brothers, five sisters and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tull, and Mrs. Gregg. Cecil was laid

to rest in Salem cemetery December 31, 1926. Funeral services conducted by Rev. W. M. Mears, assisted by Rev. A. J. Christie and Rev. Mr. Bickers.—W. M. Mears, Pastor.

SEARS.—James Atticus Sears, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sears, was born, April 5, 1884, near Oxford, Izard County, Ark. Departed this life at Heber Springs, Ark., Dec. 27, 1926. Bro. Sears professed faith in Christ at an early age and joined the M. E. Church, South, at Wesley's Chapel in Fulton County. He lived a true and faithful member of the church until death; was married to Miss Maud E. Mullins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Mullins, Dec. 16, 1906. He is survived by his wife, one son and one daughter, father and mother, five brothers and

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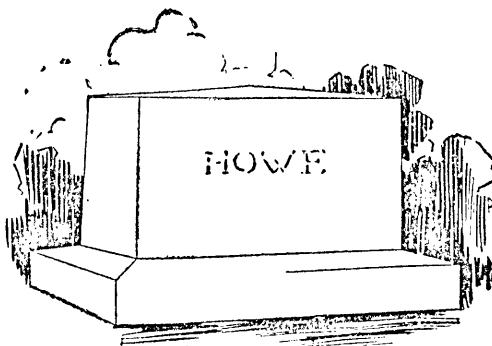
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BEESLEY.—Mrs. Emma L. Beesley passed from this life on Nov. 11, 1926. For more than 20 years she has lived with her son W. A. Spann in the vicinity of Cato. Also been a consistent member of the M. E. Church, South, of that place for a number of years. She is survived by two sons, eighteen grandchildren, fourteen great-grandchildren, and numerous other relatives and friends. As a token of love her grave was covered with beautiful flowers.—A Friend.

CUTTING.—Mrs. Elizabeth Ellen Cutting, widow of George W. Cutting of sainted memory, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Winchester, in Winter Haven, Fla., December 22, 1926. She was born in Columbia City, Indiana, just a little more than 77 years ago. In 1895, she moved to Arkansas and has made this commonwealth her home ever since. Two lovely daughters mourn her departure: Mesdames Eunice Farr of Ada, Okla., and H. W. Winchester of Winter Haven, Fla., and two faithful and devoted sons survive her: Messrs. Bert L. Cutting of Los Angeles, Calif., and Mark E. Cutting of Little Rock. Mrs. Cutting also leaves twenty grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The friends of the deceased were numbered by her acquaintances. She was held in the highest esteem by those who knew her. She possessed all the high qualities of noble womanhood. She honored God by constantly striving to become like him. She made Christianity so attractive and beautiful that her children and friends were won to surrender to its divine influence. The all-absorbing, consuming ambition of this departed

saint was to build a home. She knew full well that the elemental step in making a home was to live in it. So she was a loyal wife, devoted mother and trusted friend. She lived in her home for her loved ones. Surely, this parable spoken many centuries ago for a specific case is applicable to her rich life: "Well done good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things; I will now make thee ruler over many things. Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." She understood God's measure of life and so lived that the reward in the end, came to her.—J. C. G.

HARRIS.—Dr. J. D. Harris died Nov. 2, aged 72. Leaves a wife and two daughters, Mrs. Mark Blackwood of Cabot, Ark., and Mrs. Vera Clapp of Magazine, Ark. He was stricken with paralysis last May and bore his affliction with the greatest patience. All was done for him that could be by loving wife, son and daughter, but God saw best to take him. He joined the Methodist Church in his early teens, and lived a faithful member. Was steward of his church for 30 years, was always looking for the benefit of his church and pastor, was kind and loving in his home without a selfish thought. He was a real friend to all mankind. He did his part well, and left the record of a life well spent. His friends and neighbors never tired of visiting him in his sickness and administering to him. We most heartily thank his pastor, Rev. F. H. McCarty and Dr. Murphy for their kindness and continued visits during his illness.—His sister, Mrs. Effie Duke.

FIKES.—Miss Helen Fikes departed this life Aug. 21, 1926, was born March 9, 1909. She professed faith in Christ at twelve and joined the Methodist Church at old Wafford Chapel in Grant County and lived a consecrated Christian life from that time. Helen contracted tetanus from a nail wound in her foot and was carried to the Davis Hospital at Pine Bluff where all that skilled physicians and loving hands could do, was done, but to no avail. Her remains were laid to rest in the Raymick Cemetery the day following in the presence of one of the largest congregations we ever saw. The funeral was conducted by Rev. M. K. Rogers of Sheridan, assisted by Rev. Mr. Sharp of the Baptist church and by request of the deceased the writer made a short talk. Helen was young and full of life, yet her life and manner would be good for the young people of her acquaintance to emulate. We miss her at school, at church, and at home, but that we may know where she is we only have to read the following Scriptures, John 11:25-26; 1st Cor. 15:20.—Her Friend and Neighbor, T. A. Lites.

POINTERS ON CHILD TRAINING

Some precepts which should be followed in intelligent child training are given by Dr. Abraham Myerson in *The Independent* of December 25. Dr. Myerson is Professor of Neurology at Tufts College Medical School: "In very earliest childhood, the infant is to be regarded mainly from the standpoint of nutrition and rest, and all his life regulated so that in a quiet existence he eats and sleeps well and is bathed daily in the fresh sunlight from which flows the energy of life which regulates normal growth and development. All other teaching and training is not only superfluous, but it is mischievous."

"No matter whether the child next door is of a different race, of a dif-

ferent color, or whether he uses naughty words and has unaesthetic habits, he is better than no company. The solitary child does not learn the art of social relationships, the art of adapting himself to his fellows, and misses, therefore, the most important education in life, or has to acquire it at a later date and under grave disadvantages."

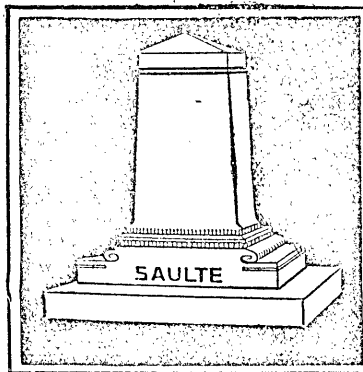
"While the home is the keystone of our modern society, and unquestionably operates for a great deal of good, it also does immeasurable harm in its effects upon some personalities, if not upon the most. The point is that it does not seem entirely necessary that these evil results shall follow. It requires, however, an intelligent attempt to understand the individuality of the child, to allow that to reach fruition in qualities and purposes, at the same time guiding and disciplining the new individual so that he may not run too sharply counter to his times."

"When the child is ten or twelve, he

should be trained to work at disagreeable subjects, to plow his way through the difficult phases of learning—not to give up at the first signs of fatigue, but to stick to a task irrespective of the milder symptoms of boredom and weariness. This is as true of the mental life as of the physical. No man became a great runner who stopped when the first wind went; he kept running until there occurred the miracle of the second wind."

"Training a child to endurance need not be too inhuman and reach the extravagance of Spartan discipline. However, life can never be made anything than a burden to the soft and easily fatigued. Strength, courage, and endurance are the sine qua non of happiness and achievement."

"For the average man or woman, working out his life under average circumstances, it is a great handicap to be built too finely and to respond too vigorously to the minor disagreeables of existence. A very good eleventh commandment would be, 'Thou shalt not be too fussy.'"



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SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson for January 16

THE CHRISTIAN'S USE OF HIS BIBLE

LESSON TEXT—Deut. 6:4-9; II Tim. 3:14-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

PRIMARY TOPIC—The Best Book in the World.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Studying our Marching Orders.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How to Read and Study the Bible.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—How to Get Help From the Bible.

I. God's Instructions to Israel as to the Use of the Scriptures (Deut. 6:4-9).

1. The central truths to be taught (vv. 4, 5).

(1) The unity of God (v. 4).

"The Lord our God is one Lord."

This was a testimony against the polytheism existing among the Gentiles of that day.

(2) Man's supreme obligation (v. 5).

"Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, soul and might." God should be loved with all the heart, soul and might because He is the alone and supreme God. This being the first and great commandment, we know what is man's supreme duty.

2. How these truths are to be kept alive (vv. 6-9).

"These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart." In order that God's Word might be in the heart they were enjoined—

(1) To teach them diligently unto thy children (v. 7).

The most important part of a child's education is that given in the home in the Word of God.

(2) "Shall talk of them when thou sittest in thine house" (v. 7).

This is the right kind of home life.

(3) Shall talk of them when walking with our children and friends (v. 7).

What more interesting, important and uplifting topic upon which to converse with our friends.

(4) Shall talk of them when retiring for the night (v. 7).

The last thing upon which the mind should rest before going to sleep should be God and His truth.

(5) Talk of them when rising in the morning (v. 7).

How fitting that God should speak to us through His Word the first thing when we awake.

(6) "Bind them upon thine hand for a sign" (v. 8).

This was literally done by the Jews as portions of the Scriptures were worn upon their wrists.

(7) "They shall be as frontlets between thine eyes" (v. 8).

This also was literally done by the Jews even to wearing portions of the Scriptures in little boxes between eyes.

(8) "Thou shalt write them on the posts of thy house and on thy gates" (v. 9). They were to be constantly before their eyes.

II. Paul's Instruction to Timothy as to the Scriptures (II Tim. 3:14-17).

In this chapter Paul makes clear to Timothy that perilous times would come. False teachers would arise within the church and lead astray sentimental and unsuspecting people as neurotic women. People professing godliness would deny its power by godless living. So awful will this condition be that those who live godly lives shall suffer persecution. Paul's own life of suffering was an example of what fidelity and testimony would bring. In the last days he predicts that this attitude on the part of these false teachers would be intensified, for "evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse."

In the face of such trying circumstances Paul exhorts Timothy—

I. To remain steadfast, to abide in the eternal truths which have been taught to him (v. 14).

He assures him that though trying times would come and violent storms of opposition would beat heavily upon him, Timothy would find the Word of God an abiding, unshaken foundation. The Holy Scriptures will abide even when heaven and earth have passed away; therefore the necessary thing is to abide in them.

2. The knowledge furnished by the Word of God was sufficient for the perplexing and trying times through which he was to pass (v. 15). The Bible furnishes wisdom which can be found in no other place. This wisdom, as all true wisdom, leads straight to Jesus Christ, who gives salvation.

3. The Scriptures are inspired of God (v. 16).

Inspiration here means "God breathed." Because of this fact they should be held with confidence.

Abiding in the Scriptures will perfectly equip the minister for his work (v. 17).

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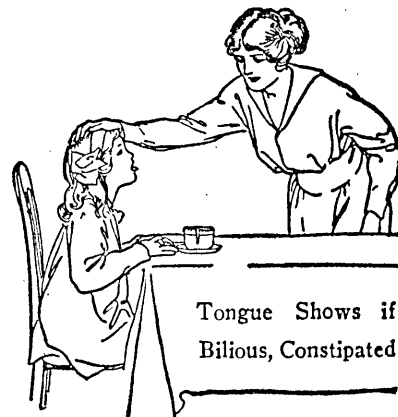
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