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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Take care of your trees and in emergencies they will take care of you.

Trees grow on rough and rocky ground and help pay taxes on good ground.

Trees are dependable; "they toil not neither do they spin," but they grow when all other crops fail and provide help in time of need.

Trees are God's best material gift to man; they provide food and fuel, raiment and shelter, beds and benches, books and boxes; therefore let us protect and preserve our trees.

AN IDEAL SYSTEM; BUT—

When, on February 17, the Arkansas Methodist Educational Commission promulgated its report and that report was approved by practically all of those who had been invited to consider it, we expressed hearty approval. We said: "By unifying our institutions we shall really have an ideal system that will be the envy of many other states, and will enable us to give to Arkansas three of the greatest Junior Colleges in the United States, and a University which may do for the State some things that even the State University cannot do."

Believing in the plan, we honestly sought to amplify and clarify it so that its implications and possibilities might be fully understood, and, although compelled to reject a few improper articles, we have given ample opportunity for the presentation of objections. We had anticipated practically all of the objections, but had hoped that the objectors would allow the merits of the plan to overcome their objections, and make it possible to adopt it and go forward with a united force to realize a truly great ideal. We fully appreciate the arguments based on legal and moral obligations, and would not advocate the slightest relaxation of those obligations; but we had hoped that by common consent legal objections might be avoided and by showing that the spirit of the obligation might be more fully carried out under the proposed plan all parties might feel that the moral obligation would thereby be faithfully kept.

However, now it is apparent that even if the Conferences by a large majority should approve the plan, there would be a sufficiently large dissatisfied element to make it difficult to execute it, and the very purpose sought by the Commission—a united and harmonious Church behind all of the institutions—would not be consummated. If there were no other possible plan, it would be sensible to go forward regardless of opposition; but no one claims that there is no alternative, that it is this plan or absolute failure. If an exactly similar plan were working in some other state or group of Conferences, the presumption would be strong for adoption; but this plan is admittedly new and its success can not be proved by complete analogy. In Texas, when a new university was projected, it was not proposed to put all other institutions under one board and compel them to become junior colleges. Whether or not an injunction suit to compel a resisting institution to submit should be successful, still it would be extremely unfortunate to go into the courts to settle the question. If any considerable number of the friends of an institution should bitterly resent compulsion, it would almost forebode that institution to failure, even if the plan is theoretically correct. If the argument of violated moral obligation should affect many, the maintenance of church institutions would become increasingly difficult and the prestige of the Church would be lowered. If Little Rock and the ends of the proposed university should feel that dissensions in our ranks were inimical to the success of the plan, they might be unwilling to contribute as expected. All of these contingencies bid us pause and carefully consider before we attempt the next step.

In view of the fact that all of the colleges were planning aggressive campaigns it was perfectly proper, when the Commission decided in favor of

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PROSPER.—Psalm 1:3.**

the plan, that it should be immediately presented, and, if adopted, put into speedy execution; consequently it has been understood that it would be expedient to call the Conferences in May to act and authorize the necessary organization for execution. Now it is evident that, if the Conferences meet without further preparation, the plan will be adopted over such bitter protest that execution would be inexpedient; therefore it seems the part of wisdom that the Commission should have another meeting and give ample time and opportunity to all parties in interest to present their arguments, and then the Commission might, with the fuller expression of views, decide either to proceed or to modify the plan or to abandon it.

Being profoundly interested and believing that a modified plan might be worked out which would be approved by all, we offer the following solution of the problem as it now confronts us.

We invite all members of the Annual Conferences, both clerical and lay as far as the latter are elected, immediately to respond to the following questions:

1. Do you favor the plan as suggested?
2. If you favor it, would you be willing to have it modified?
3. If you do not favor it, would you favor a modified plan?
4. Do you favor the creation of a Board for the University with the provision that any of the colleges may voluntarily come under that Board with an agreed relation to the University?
5. Do you advise that the Commission consider these questions before the Conferences meet?
6. Do you advise that the Conferences be called before the usual time?

We request every member of the Conferences immediately to write on a sheet of paper these numbers and "yes" or "no" after each number, sign his name, and send the sheet to the editor. He will carefully preserve them and on April 29, he will tabulate the results and without the names transmit them to the Commission. Of course, some of the District Conferences will not have been held by April 29, but it is desirable that this expression be given in time for the Bishops to fix the dates of the Conferences.

Let nothing else be written on these sheets; but if the writers wish to submit observations for his benefit and will write them on separate sheets, the editor will appreciate the opportunity to consider them.

In making these suggestions, the editor knows that he risks serious criticism; but he is so fully convinced that the calling of the Conferences to meet without further consideration by the Commission would be unfortunate that he is willing to take the responsibility involved.

Without instruction from the Commission, we have heartily favored their plan. Unwilling to publish articles that reflected on the motives of others, we have published, as speedily as space would permit, all the properly written articles against the plan. We believe that the discussions have been educative and illuminating, and that our people are now in far better condition to appreciate our needs and possibilities. Some will say, let us drop the whole question and go back to where we were before. That we cannot do. The question has been raised, and it should be settled on its merits after all the argument is in.

If Little Rock wants a real university and will co-operate with our Church in creating one in such

a way that we may have harmony and co-operation among ourselves, we should be able to work out a satisfactory plan; but it cannot, to our judgment, be done unless a practical agreement is reached before the Conferences are called. We believe that to require the Conferences to meet and act without further consideration on the part of the Commission would result in great and irreparable injury to Arkansas Methodism; and we are equally strong in our belief that with reasonable delay and brotherly counsel all differences may be ironed out and a plan be adopted which would work out for mutual good to our Church and our state.

IT IS THE TRUTH.

Commenting on the importance of putting the church paper in every home, the **Oklahoma Methodist** makes the following pronouncement: "As a matter of fact, we do not understand how our Church expects God's blessings when it treats its papers as it does. The paper is expected to boost all aspiring preachers, give publicity to all the great revival meetings, and carry all the publicity programs for all the boards free of charge to the crushing of the very life out of those who are sacrificing to save the paper to the Church, and then get little else but complaint and criticism. There is scarcely a church of 300 members or more in the land but that any day, can raise from \$100 to \$300 for relief of an unfortunate person or for a present to their pastor or a banquet or a picnic, but how few are willing to raise those amounts to support the institution that is possibly the greatest necessity in the growth of the denomination."

THE ABSURDITY OF IT.

We believe in a measure of standardization in education; but it should be applied with common sense. On general principles teachers in higher institutions should hold the higher degrees, as these degrees are indicative of advanced preparation; but the application of the principle may involve absurdities, as shown in the following incident.

In a certain institution a supervisor of music could not have a supervisor's salary unless she had a master's degree. She matriculated in a university in domestic science and finally won her master's degree in that department. Then as she had a master's degree in domestic science, she was able to get her salary as a supervisor of music.

From the standpoint of teaching music this is the height of absurdity; but from the standpoint of the home it is not bad, as a combination of domestic science and music in a mother may make a better home.

OUR DISASTERS

Flood and storm conditions throughout our state are distressing. Practically all of the rivers are out of their banks and in many places the levees have given way and hundreds of thousands of acres of farming lands are under water. Multitudes of the people have been forced from their homes and are refugees in the higher country. Already some of the streams have exceeded their former highest records and with the continued rains will go still higher. Even in the hills the farmers are losing their crops. When the floods subside practically every field in the state will have to be planted. This will make all crops unusually late. These terrible conditions are so general that each community must largely take care of its own sufferers, except as Red Cross aid comes from the outside. Fortunately the loss of life so far has been small; but the property losses are already enormous and their full extent can scarcely be calculated. These are times that try the souls of men. Some are losing all they have. Others will be deeply involved. All will suffer indirectly or directly. Let us be courageous, have faith in God, and look to Him for comfort and strength. We must not lose our religion in this crisis.

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METHODIST CALENDAR

Fayetteville D. C., at Springdale, April 26.
Monticello D. C., at Hamburg, April 26.
Pine Bluff D. C., at Sherrill, April 26.
Texarkana D. C., at 1st Ch., Texarkana, May 2.
Camden D. C., at Stephens, May 3.
Arkadelphia D. C., at Carthage, May 4-5.
Prescott D. C., at Nashville, May 5-6.
Pastors' School at Conway, June 13-24.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The Arkansas Press Association will meet this year at Hot Springs on May 26-28.

Morningside College, Sioux City, Ia., has recently received \$125,000 by the will of the late James Hamand of Schaller, Ia.

Since the death of his wife, Rev. C. O. Steele, D. D., has been living with his daughter, Mrs. L. R. Steele, at 433 Orange St., Hot Springs. Let his correspondents make note of this address.

Dr. J. J. Stowe, presiding elder, announces that the Arkadelphia District Conference will meet at Carthage May 4-5. Tuesday night, May 3, Rev. J. A. Parker will preach the opening sermon.

Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, D. D., pastor of First Church, is announced to preach the commencement sermon at Hendrix College on June 12, and Bishop H. A. Boaz to deliver the baccalaureate address on June 14.

Preachers should be sure to read the leading editorial and then send in their answers to questions asked. Let us make use of the paper to get the necessary information to settle our educational problems right.

Rev. T. D. Spruce, our pastor at Huttig, writes: "Our church burned on April 1, and at present we are worshipping in the school building. The Union Lumber Company, to which the building belonged will rebuild soon. The parsonage and contents will be saved. Our work goes well and will show real constructive results this year."

Subscribers should arrange to renew so that there may be no break in their reading about the activities of their church. If pastors have postponed the circulation campaign for good reasons, co-operate with them when they do put it on. Let us put the paper into every Methodist home in Arkansas. It can be done. Our readers and pastors are the people to do it.

WHAT IS THE USE?

What is the use of printing a church paper unless we circulate it? Its maintenance is not a question of financial support, that can by various means be provided. The main question is in carrying church news, inspiration and programs to the people.

The church can in no better way invest money with assurance of larger returns. The informed church member stands in the front place among loyal and useful workers.

Let us give the whole church knowledge of our programs and inspiration for larger service. More than programs, we also cultivate spirituality among the people whose fellowships through the church paper are with like workers throughout the whole church.

Broad-minded men and women generous in soul and rich in spiritual graces get large ideas and church-wide programs through contacts with leaders of the whole church.

The making of an inspired and aggressive church depends upon the information chiefly supplied through the church paper.—Ex.

"Buddy" Jeff Smith, the blind evangelist closed a two weeks' revival for Rev. W. R. Burks at Forrest Park. Mr. Fred Woodcock of Hot Springs directed the music. There were 48 conversions and 30 additions to the Church.

Last week Rev. S. O. Patty, our pastor on Perry-Houston Charge, called to arrange for his list of subscribers. He has a difficult field, but is hard at work and hopeful of a good year. Soon he will send his list of subscribers.

The Henderson Herald is an attractive bulletin published by Rev. R. L. Long for his congregation. The Henderson church moved back into its remodeled building last Sunday. The editor had an engagement to preach there at night but was prevented by the threatening weather.

Just as the forms were being closed Dr. Thomas, presiding elder, gave notice that, on account of the flood conditions, the Little Rock District Conference would be postponed until a more favorable date. No notices have come to the office, but it is probable that several Conferences scheduled for this week have been postponed.

We are publishing this week considerable material on trees so that pastors and school teachers and children may be prepared to celebrate appropriately American Forest Week, which is Apr. 24-30. Let us call attention to the value of trees so that our children may become interested and preserve their god-given heritage.

As efforts will be made to dispose of all of the lots on Mt. Sequoyah this year, those who are expecting to purchase should plan immediately to secure their lots. Write to any of the following real estate dealers in Fayetteville; Fayetteville Realty Co., Boston Mt. Development Co., John Wellacher, or J. D. Eagle, who are authorized agents of the W. Methodist Assembly for sale of lots.

Mrs. Mark N. Terrell, director of Camp Sequoyah for girls, has just announced her staff for the season. It includes a large number of specialists and guarantees fine instruction for the girls of the summer camp. Mrs. Terrell is also making up a party for a European summer tour of 44 days. The party is limited to fifteen. For information apply to Mrs. M. N. Terrell, 2918 Reagan Ave., Dallas, Texas.

The annual meeting of the Board of Temperance and Social Service will be held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., beginning Tuesday, July 5 at 2:30 P. M. In connection with the meeting of the Board there will be held a conference on the work of the Board from July 3 to 10, which all those interested in the varied activities of the Board are invited to attend. The program of the Conference will be announced later. Meanwhile, set apart the first week in July to attend the Social Service Conference at Lake Junaluska.

From the pastor, Rev. J. C. Williams, information comes that in the storm last week much damage was done in the neighborhood of the Mt. Tabor church on Austin Circuit. The parsonage was wrecked and many other buildings damaged. If friends wish to help rebuild the parsonage let them send money to Rev. J. C. Williams, Cabot, who will make acknowledgement in the paper.

If you are not carrying accident insurance, you may regret it when you have been in that automobile wreck. Prepare for it by taking one of the travel accident policies which we are offering in connection with subscription. It costs only 90 cents extra, and may be worth thousands of dollars in case of serious injury. It is the cheapest and best insurance covering accidents alone.

Through the secular press comes information of the death on April 9 of Mrs. Hood, wife of Rev. J. T. Hood, our pastor at Haynes. The funeral was conducted the next day by Dr. J. A. Anderson and Rev. W. L. Oliver. Interment was at Forrest City. Mrs. Hood is survived by her husband, three daughters and one son. She was a sister of Rev. S. M. Yancey of North Arkansas Conference. A good woman has passed on to her heavenly home, and the bereaved family have the sympathy of all friends.

A circular has just been received announcing "The Epworth League Pilgrimage," which is being organized for a party of Leaguers who are planning a trip to Los Angeles, Calif., to visit the place where the Epworth League idea was first suggested. The trip should be a very delightful and profitable sight-seeing journey. Those who are interested should write to Rev. R. E. Nollner, director, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn. As the party is to leave Memphis on July 14, arrangements should be made at once in order to secure accommodations.

President Wilbur, of Leland Stanford University, California, has announced that that institution plans to discontinue its freshman and sophomore years and eventually to become a graduate university. The change is to be made because of greater demands for higher educational work and because the first two years of the college course can now be done in other colleges of the state, including the junior colleges. California has been a pioneer in establishing junior colleges, both private and public. The proposed change at Stanford is probably the result of the junior college movement in that state.

The Methodist Quarterly Review for April is unusually interesting. Bishop DuBose contributes an article on "Points Overlooked by Radical Criticism," Dr. J. E. Godbey has an article on "The Jewish Cabala," and Bishop Cannon discusses "The Conflict between Romanism and the Mexican Government" in a manner that is illuminating. Dr. C. J. Greene, of Hendrix College writes charmingly on "Facets of the Christ in Lyric Poetry." Dr. Rowe's editorial on "Personal Immortality" is strong. The book reviews are helpful. The Review is published by Lamar & Whitmore, Agents, Nashville; price 65 cents a copy, \$2 a year.

On April 13 the editor had the pleasure of participating in exercises at Gurdon in connection with the dedicating of a tablet commemorating the founding of Iboo-Hoo, the fraternal order of lumbermen, which originated at Gurdon Jan. 21, 1892. This is now a great national organization and Arkansas should be proud of the fact that it had its beginning at Gurdon. The large bronze and granite tablet is at the railroad station and will be seen by thousands of travelers. The principal addresses were made by Governor Martineau and Mr. A. A. Hood, head of the order, and a splendid banquet was given by citizens of Gurdon at which Rev. J. M. Hamilton, our pastor presided with his accustomed ease and wit. The Iboo-Hoo party then proceeded to Hot Springs and that night enjoyed a banquet at the Arlington Hotel.

Interesting Easter services were held at all of our city churches last Sunday. As far as information has come to this office the following are the results in accessions and infant baptisms: First Church, Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, pastor, 130 accessions and 6 baptisms, 231 accessions since conference; Asbury, Rev. F. A. Buddin, pastor, 46 accessions and 4 baptisms; Capitol View, Rev. B. A. Few, D. D., pastor, 7 accessions; Henderson, Rev. R. L. Long, pastor, 6 accessions and

CONTRIBUTIONS

WHY THE MISSIONARY ASSESSMENT SHOULD BE PAID IN FULL

By W. G. Cram

First, the Board of Missions is one of the great evangelistic agencies of the Church, which has been established by the General Conference, for the purpose of taking the message of the gospel of Christ to all nations. In carrying out this purpose, which has been designated for it by the General Conference, the Board of Missions has many lines of activity.

First, it sends to the mission fields missionaries with the evangelistic passion, who endeavor to preach the gospel and establish a church among non-Christian peoples.

Second, it sends medical missionaries to Africa, China, Korea and Mexico. It also sends educational workers who establish schools from the primary grade to colleges, for the specific purpose of training our Christian constituency on the one hand, and to make it an evangelistic agency in behalf of Christianity.

Third, theological and Bible schools are also established in foreign lands, so that a native minister may be trained for the development of a self-supporting church and a self-evangelizing force of workers. Also publishing plants where literature is printed are established and maintained. Many of our missionaries give themselves to the translation of the Bible and translation of religious and theological books; also the translation and publication of Sunday School literature, as well as the editing of religious papers and magazines. All of this work in the foreign field must be supported in part by the assessments on the local church.

In addition to this a vast amount of work is done in the home field. The establishment of schools in the mountain regions where neglected communities are taught, not only Christianity but the principles, and are given the opportunity of improving their minds and bodies.

Second, also there is the work among the foreigners who reach our shores, the Mexicans in Texas, where we have the Western Mexican Mission and the Texas Mexican Mission, also the Cubans in Florida, and work among many other foreigners in the

Southland.

Special work is being undertaken in the industrial sections of the country, especially in the cotton mill regions.

Third, through its Bureau of Evangelism, the Board of Missions directs and leads the evangelistic campaign of the Church. To this great task the Board of Missions is committed. Also the creation of a wholesome literature for the Church in the homeland, is one of the tasks of the Board of Missions.

These and many other enterprises of the Board in its effort to carry out the man business of its organization viz., the evangelization of the world at home and abroad, can only be effected as they are supported by the assessments from the church and even this is not sufficient. In addition to this it is necessary for the Board to ask for a free-will offering under the authority of the General Conference, in order to maintain its work and purpose.

SUGGESTED FORESTRY ADDRESS TO BE USED IN THE OBSERVANCE OF FOREST WEEK, APRIL 24 TO 30

The love and sentiment of all mankind speak of trees. Of all natural objects, trees have the closest fellowship with human life. They turn monotonous prairies into landscapes that delight the eye. They turn prosaic streets into Gothic cathedral aisles. They change unsightly cities into scenes of enchantment.

Memory speaks of trees, history speaks of trees, the Bible speaks of trees, and it is good for the preacher to speak of trees. I wish, however, not so much to speak of trees as to let the trees speak.

The trees speak of strength. Their strength is seen chiefly in their power to resist the stormy wind and other more insidious foes. Doctors tell us, in these days of germs, that the factor which counts most for recovery is resisting power in the patient. And many a surprise awaits doctor and nurse as the robust-looking man loses out and the frail-looking fellow pulls through. It is resisting power that tells the story. Medicines can only aid the resisting power; they can never take its place. The important element to have in the soul is resisting power. Parents and

others can help, but in the last analysis our resisting power is the thing that settles life and destiny.

The trees speak of another world. All their lives, like the church steeple which they doubtless suggested, they point upward to another and a higher realm than this. The tree has its life from two sources. The roots stretch down into the earth. But that is not enough. There must be a reaching into the upper air after the invisible elements there, or the tree will wither and die.

Man draws his being from two sources—the material and the spiritual. We have fallen upon material times, and the tendency is to be absorbed in the lower life and to forget the unseen realities. We become victims of the soil in which we are planted. There is another life than that upon the street and in the shop or office. There is another self than that which buys and sells and eats and sleeps. Think of it!

WISE FOREST PROTECTION

Wise forest protection does not mean the withdrawal of forest resources, whether of wood, water, or grass, from contributing their full share to the welfare of the people, but, on the contrary, gives the assurance of larger and more certain supplies. The fundamental idea of forestry is the perpetuation of forests by use. Forest protection is not an end of itself; it is a means to increase and sustain the resources of our country and the industries which depend upon them.—Theodore Roosevelt.

TIMBER—A PERPETUAL NATURAL RESOURCE

Timber is a great natural resource that may be forever renewed. Unlike petroleum, coal, and other minerals the products of the forest may be used on a perpetual supply basis if treated as timber crops. Our forests can be made to yield annually more material than they now do until the end of time. But it requires national foresight and cooperative effort.

Though China is the most densely populated nation in the world, it has immense areas of land that are practically nonproductive. The forests of northern China were exterminated centuries ago but the land was used

less for agriculture. It is desert now or little better. Climatic conditions in the forest regions of the United States are such that the forests may be restored—even on the worst "burns."

American Forest Week has been proclaimed by President Coolidge as a time for concentration of public thought and the development of public opinion favorable to State and national policies that will perpetuate America's forest resources.

Every year preventable forest fires in the United States destroy or damage timber of sufficient amount to build five-room houses for the entire population of a city the size of Denver, Portland, Seattle, San Francisco, Atlanta, Louisville, Kansas City, New Orleans, or Washington, D. C. And still people wonder why timber owners hasten to cut ripe timber and hesitate to plant new forests.

Fifteen per cent of all the lumber manufactured each year is used to replace wood that has decayed in service. Architect, contractor, and lumber dealer can cooperate to reduce such losses.

PUBLIC OPINION ESSENTIAL

The best method of protection against forest fires thus far proved involves the use of strategically located lookout stations, telephone lines, and mobile forces of fire fighters which can be rushed fully equipped with tools to the threatened areas. Airplanes also have a well-defined place in a fire-fighting system.

All successful methods of protection against fires must be founded upon basic organization, public cooperation, and sound forestry practices which leave cutover areas free from slash and other inflammable material. No single agency is as important as public sentiment against woods fires combined with public cooperation.

Only one-fifth of America's forest land is owned by the public through the Federal, State, or local governments. The other four-fifths is owned privately. Farmers own one-third of all the Nation's forest land, mostly in the form of small woodlots. Taxation reforms are vital if this privately owned forest land is to grow new tim-

BOOK REVIEWS

A Theology for the Social Gospel; by Walter Rauschenbusch, published by The Macmillan Co., New York; Price \$1.50.

The author states at the very beginning of his book that the Gospel is a Social Gospel and that we need a theology large enough and vital enough to match it. He says: "There is nothing else in sight today which has power to rejuvenate theology except the consciousness of vast sins and sufferings, and the longing for righteousness and a new life, which are expressed in the social gospel. Every forward step in the historical evolution of religion and ethics has been marked by a closer union of religion and ethics and by the elimination of non-ethical religious performances. This union of religion and ethics reached its highest perfection in the life and mind of Jesus." Again, "Sin is not a private transaction between the sinner and God. Humanity always crowds the audience-room when God holds court. We must democratize the conception of God; then the definition of sin will become more realistic." The nature and force and transmission of sin are all dealt with clearly and forcefully. The chapter on "The Social Gospel and Personal Salvation" is especially fine and helpful. "The church as The Social Factor of Salvation" is another strong chapter. It is not possible in a brief review to mention all the worthwhile chapters or to quote extensively therefrom, but every Christian will be given fuller understanding and appreciation of Christ and his life and

death and their value to the world by a careful reading of the final chapter, "The Social Gospel and the Atonement."

St. Mark's Life Of Jesus; by Andrew Sledd, D. D. Ph. D.; published by Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; price \$1.00.

However much you may have studied the life of Jesus; however familiar you may be with the Gospel of St. Mark; you will find this St. Mark's Life of Jesus, by Dr. Sledd, fresh and refreshing, helpful and inspiring. A new beauty and strength shine out from the character and works of Jesus as Dr. Sledd sets forth and interprets the historical account given by Mark. A greater understanding, a closer intimacy and a deeper love and appreciation are given to you of the Master who would not lose sight of his sacred mission of teaching and preaching the truths of his Father—that the minds and hearts of his hearers might be set right with God, and who had courage and strength enough to set aside the temptation to win popularity through his divine gift of healing, and was cautious and never foolhardy in his dealings with his enemies, yet who was ever brave and courageous enough to meet each vital interest as it came up. For any reader this is a book worth while and for Bible students and those preparing for Christian leadership, invaluable. Dr. Sledd's style is clear, simple and pleasing. There is a certain sureness of touch that proclaims him authority on his subject. We heartily recommend this book.

9 baptisms; Highland, Rev. J. H. Cummins, pastor, 27 accessions and 8 baptisms; Pulaski Heights, Rev. J. C. Glenn, pastor, 37 accessions and 10 baptisms; 28th St., Rev. C. D. Meux, pastor, 15 accessions; Winfield Memorial, Rev. C. M. Reeves, D. D., pastor, 35 accessions and 12 baptisms; and Forest Park, Rev. W. R. Burks, pastor, 30 accessions.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Since the last report subscriptions have been received as follows:

Harrisburg, Rev. M. N. Johnston, 11;
Huntington Ave., Jonesboro, Rev. J. M. Harrison, 8;
Dodson Ave., Ft. Smith, Rev. E. H. Hook, 53;
Rowell, Rev. J. C. Johnson, 3;
Nettleton, Rev. C. F. Wilson, 14;
Emmet, Rev. C. E. Whitten, 13;
Osceola, Rev. J. T. Willcox, 6;
Wheatley, Rev. I. D. McClure, 5.

In view of the unfavorable conditions in certain places, caused by the flood, some of the pastors will be hindered; consequently it is the more important that those who can look after their lists should do so without delay. Pastors who wish to see their lists of present subscribers should drop a card asking for them. Let all do their best in this campaign. If the work is not done now it will be necessary to do it later, and the paper is suffering loss and the church members who are not getting the paper are losing interest in the church.

ber crops.

Idle forest land means costly timber, declares William B. Greeley, Chief of the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture. "America's forest problem is largely a land problem. Idle forest land must be put to work growing tree crops."

Millions of persons visited the national forests and national parks during 1924 for recreational purposes. This illustrates the extent to which the public is using its forests as wholesome playgrounds and what American Forest Week means to those who now seek and will seek America's forested land for recreational purposes.

The primary reason for a constructive forestry policy is to supply enough timber and other forest products to meet the Nation's needs. Three lines of action are vital to meet the situation:

1. Promoting forest growth.
2. Promoting forest protection, principally from fire.
3. Promoting less wasteful manufacture and use of forest products.

The forest industries and the industries that derive their material from them are vitally interested in forest perpetuation.

Arbor Day, established 54 years ago by Gov. Sterling J. Morton, of Nebraska, will in many States be celebrated during American Forest Week.

There is no more reason for the usual forest fire than there is for the average grade crossing accident; all that is needed is a little thought and care.

PULP AND PAPER

The pulp and paper industry ranks next to lumber as a forest industry. It employs 150,000 persons and its output is valued at \$800,000,000 annually. More than nine-tenths of all our paper comes from wood pulp. As paper has become one of the indispensable commodities of civilized life it has created a new dependence on the forests. When it is considered how essentially paper enters into every general form of knowledge dissemination, instruction, and record it may be said that our civilization could not be maintained without the pulp that comes from the trees.

REDEEM IDLE FARM LAND WITH TREE CROPS

Several million acres of farm land that at present produces little or nothing of value could produce valuable timber if planted to trees. In addition, there are farming sections where the planting of trees in windbreaks, even on good agricultural soils, will afford much needed protection against the winds to crops and buildings and enhance the value of farm property.

The present rate of planting these farm lands is about 12,000 to 15,000 acres yearly. At this rate the job would not be completed for 600 or 700

years. What better argument can be offered for the observance of American Forest Week, April 18-24, by the wholesale planting of forest trees?

FORESTRY ADDRESS THAT MAY BE USED IN CONNECTION WITH THE OBSERVANCE OF FOREST WEEK, APR. 24-30

And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.—Ps. 1:3.

In the first place, a righteous man, like a tree, is an ever-present witness of God. God has written two books for man—the Book of Nature and the Book of Revelation. Each supplements the other. The former has been written in things, the latter in words. It is useless to argue that these two books are in conflict, for the simple reason that God does not contradict himself. Men may err in their interpretations of the Book of Nature or the Book of Revelation, and the fault lies not in the Books themselves, but in the imperfection of the human mind. There can never be any disagreement between true Science and the Bible.

Natural life, as it pulsates all about us in the rippling of brooks, in the singing of birds, in the whispering of leaves, in the budding and blossoming of plants and flowers, and as it develops into sturdiness in the trees of the forest, is a self-evident proof of God. Every springtime a sound, the earth blooms into beauty and melts into fragrance. How vain and useless are the noises of the world in comparison with the miracles of silence! This very silence is the voice of God. Especially do trees bear majestic testimony to the presence of God. Did you ever roam in a virgin forest? Did you not experience a feeling of profound reverence, while treading those leaf carpeted aisles bounded on all sides by stately columns, presenting every appearance and giving forth every influence of a great cathedral? As a tree planted by streams of water, so is a righteous man a living witness of God.

In the second place, a righteous man is like unto a tree in the source of his nourishment. With its roots the tree dips down and gathers nourishment from the soil; and with its leaves it reaches out and plucks moisture from the atmosphere. So it is with the true Christian. He is rooted and grounded in faith. He digs down deep into the soil of the Divine Word and gathers therefrom the bread of life; he reaches out in the influences and associations of the divine spirit and imbibes freely of these wells of living water. He is like a tree planted, cultivated, nurtured; a tree planted by grace. He is something more than a moral man, a mere natural man—he is regenerated, born again, renewed in mind and spirit.

In the third place a righteous man is like unto a tree planted by streams of water as regards his fruitage. Jesus said: "By their fruits ye shall know them." A righteous man brings forth fruit in his season. He is devoted to service; he lives for others; his ear is attuned to the cry of the needy and distressed. As a tree planted by enriching streams of water is known by its fruit, so a righteous man is known and proved, not by what he says, nor by what he professes, but by what he does in harmony with the divine will.

In the fourth place, a righteous

man is like unto a tree in the permanency of his profession. His leaf shall not wither. As Charles Spurgeon has said: "All of God's trees are evergreens." Day and night, summer and winter, seedtime and harvest, as long as life lasts, trees are serving and blessing mankind. So it is with a righteous man; he never tires; he never backslides; he never quits; he never grows weary in well doing.

THE NEW EDUCATIONAL PLAN OF THE METHODIST COMMISSION

The magic wand in the hands of educational seers has been waved over the Methodists of Arkansas proposing a new, revolutionary and picturesque plan for the Methodist Colleges of the state.

The plan was proposed by a commission of ten, plus Bishop Boaz who was made chairman. Five of these commissioners were from the Little Rock Conference and are as follows: J. D. Hammonds, El Dorado; C. M. Reves, James Thomas, and L. B. Lee, Little Rock and H. C. Couch, Pine Bluff, all of the Little Rock Conference; William Sherman, Paragould; J. W. Crichtow and W. R. Stuck, Jonesboro; F. M. Tilleson and G. C. Hardin, Ft. Smith of the North Arkansas Conference.

On February 17 the Commission called the Board of Trustees of the three colleges, viz., Henderson-Brown, Galloway, and Hendrix, the Boards of Education of the two Conferences, the seventeen presiding elders of the state, and a few representatives from the towns where the colleges are located to meet together in Little Rock. At this meeting the plan was presented and it was a beautiful picture.

The gist of the plan is as follows:

- (a) The establishment of a \$3,000,000 university at Little Rock.
- (b) The changing of the three colleges now existing to two-year junior colleges.
- (c) The management of the four institutions under one Board of Trustees.
- (d) The assumption of all debts of the three colleges by this Board of Trustees.
- (e) The doing away of the alumni associations of the present colleges and all former students will be alumni of the new university.

At first the plan had a glamor that appealed to nearly all who were present, but as this is written the opposition has grown to great magnitude. Many friends of the three colleges and many others are strenuously opposing the plan as presented by the Commission.

Reasons for objecting to the Plan.

First, it was too sudden, unripe and untried. When the people had time to think the plan through, it began to lose its glamor. It is unripe because the proponents have never agreed as to whether the new school is to be a real university or a big college; if a university they have not agreed whether it will do two or four years of college work and the university work. They are indefinite in plans for the combining of the three alumni associations.

Again they are indefinite as to how three millions of dollars are to be raised.

It is untried; never was such a plan before proposed. Many new colleges and universities have been built, but this is the first time to propose the demolition of three others to build one.

Second, because we believe the output of Henderson-Brown, Galloway

and Hendrix Colleges justifies their existence as senior colleges. Many of the leading men and women of Arkansas and of other states have been educated in these colleges. In all professions, trades and occupations of life they are making good. They occupy important places in the homes, churches and schools of the land. These colleges have verified their right to live.

Third, we believe the church and the private junior colleges are impracticable and cannot compete with the tax-supported junior colleges which are springing up over the country. The state of Arkansas is supporting four junior colleges in connection with the four agricultural schools. They have an income in round numbers of one hundred thousand dollars per annum for each of the schools. El Dorado has a municipal junior college and Texarkana is building one. Other cities will soon be building and running junior colleges as an enlargement of secondary education. Frankly, we do not think there is a field for the church in secondary education. Our taxes will take care of that.

According to the May, 1926, issue of Christian Education published by the Methodist Church, South, we find the total debt of the junior colleges is \$841,511, with a total endowment of \$824,315.00, or there is \$17,196.00 more debt than there is endowment. The debts of the junior colleges are thirteen per cent of the total assets, while the debts of the senior colleges are but four per cent of their total assets.

Again, it is argued that junior college instructors can teach many more students per teacher than the teacher of a senior college, yet we find that the opposite is true, in fact. There are only twelve students per officer and teacher in the junior colleges, while there are fifteen students per officer and teacher in the senior colleges. The teachers of our senior colleges are teaching more pupils per teacher than are the teachers of our junior colleges. These facts argue that the junior college is not a success as run by the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Some years ago, led by Dr. A. C. Millar, the Methodist Church in Arkansas undertook to run a system of academies as feeders for Hendrix College. All of them then begun, are dead except the one at Imboden, Ark. and it is having a hard struggle to exist. The death of these academies was brought about by the growth of the high schools. As the high schools grew there was less need for the private high schools, and they died.

All our colleges for many years ran high schools in connection with the colleges, but they became impracticable and have been abolished. The high schools tax supported easily supplanted them. By the same system of reasoning, the private and church junior college will die as the tax supported junior colleges are increased. **Educators Differ as to the Value of the Junior College**

Education and institutions of learning are very popular today and most people of worth are thinking in terms of higher education. The trend seems to be to give every one a chance to be educated, and to do this, secondary education is being enlarged and is beginning to take in the junior college. This new system, as Prof. Geo. Herbert Palmer of Harvard University says, tends to separate the common people from higher education. The reason for his saying this is because the common and professional

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people will not go much beyond the junior colleges while the scholars will continue through the university.

They are separated from the upper classmen in the junior college while in the four year college they come in contact with each other.

In discussing the educational trends as they relate to the junior college Prof. Palmer says: "In my judgment it is more likely to bring disaster than anything which has happened in our world of education during the last fifty years." Again he says: "The unique intermediate culture college of America will disappear, and with it the great troop of men and women who having had contact with scholarship have become leaders in idealism and centers of civilization for our waste places." He also suggests that the use of the junior college will diminish the financial backing from individuals.

Mr. J. D. Eliff of Columbia, Missouri, who for a year and until last March was President of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, and has visited Arkansas frequently, and Henderson-Brown twice in the last few years, says in regard to the demotion of the colleges: "I doubt seriously whether you should consider reducing Henderson-Brown College to a junior college. It seems to me that your people should at once give you the necessary funds to place this school on the North Central Association list."

Mr. W. W. Boyd the President of the North Central Association who has of late been in Arkadelphia and who knows something of the proposed plan says: "I am very much interested in what you say regarding the reduction in rank of your colleges. It seems to me that it would be a great misfortune to higher education to have the institutions you mention repressed by such measures."

Because of the foregoing reasons and many others, we are opposed to the demotion of Hendrix, Galloway, and Henderson-Brown Colleges to the rank of juniors.—J. J. Galloway.

WHY?

Why is it necessary in, establishing a great university at Little Rock, to cripple, if not eventually to destroy, the labor and sacrifices of the past forty years? If the Bishop, presiding elders, commissioners, educators and any one else wants to join the people of Little Rock in establishing a great university, let them go ahead; but where is the necessity of disturbing the status of the schools already established? No one objects to Little Rock having a great university. I expect we would all be proud of it. But why degrade Hendrix, Galloway, and Henderson-Brown? Is not the Methodist Church in Arkansas under legal and moral obligations to the people of Conway, Searcy, and Arkadelphia? How about Captain Martin who poured his very life into Hendrix? Did he give seventy-five thousand to establish a Junior College at Conway? Does any body suppose that he would have given that much to establish a Junior College? Nay, verily.

What about the others in Conway, if they did not give as much as he did, yet what they did give represented as great a sacrifice as did his. What about those who almost sweat blood for Galloway and Henderson-Brown?

But what I want to know and what thousands of other Methodists in Arkansas want to know, is, why is it necessary to demote Hendrix, Galloway, and Henderson-Brown and thereby confess the Church has made a

failure? If we have failed or do fail in establishing our Colleges, how can we hope to succeed in building a university?

The truth is there is no necessity for it.

When we do that we will advertise to the world that the Methodist Church considers its contracts as only "scraps" of paper.

Let Little Rock have her university, let all who wish and can, help her; but let our schools representing forty years of labor and sacrifice alone.

I appeal to the preachers of Arkansas. If you can not help Hendrix, Galloway, and Henderson-Brown further, do not assist in pulling them down. As Andy Gump says, "Another thing". Why this haste, why not wait until the regular session of our Conference? Why? Why? Why?—W. E. Bishop.

GALLOWAY WOMAN'S COLLEGE

Having been closely associated with Galloway College for the past thirty-two years, I feel like a little of its history from my pen would not be out of place.

When Galloway College was founded it was as a degree-conferring school and the subscriptions to it were made with that understanding. In 1899 when the old college building was burned and plans of rebuilding were discussed Little Rock, Jonesboro and Conway each wanted the College and were prepared to offer inducements for its removal. Some of us "mossbacks" held that we were in honor bound to rebuild and continue the degree-conferring college at its present location, and try to make it the best Female College west of the Mississippi, and President Williams, and others have had that for their objective. Practically all the money contributed to Galloway has been with the understanding that it was for the college to be made better and never with any idea that it would be placed in a lower class.

The handsome \$100,000 Science Building erected by the Alumnae would never have been erected for a junior college, and I doubt if any building on the campus could have been put up if a junior college had been the objective. Can we afford to go back on our program of so many years? Make of ideals and contracts mere "scraps of paper?" It would be a very great boost for Arkansas Methodism to have a great university in Little Rock, and I very much favor it if a plan can be worked out whereby it can be a real university and do post-graduate work for Galloway graduates, or even enter into competition for junior and senior work, but to destroy the only distinctively woman's degree-conferring school we have is to my mind under the circumstances a breach of contract and something we cannot afford to do.—F. M. Daniel.

MALADJUSTED CHURCH FINANCES

The matter of church finances and their proper adjustment presents many problems, hard to be solved, and has been the source of chief worry and sleepless nights to many a secretary, presiding elder, pastor, and possibly to some bishops for aught the writer knows. I am thinking now of the apportioning of regular assessments and the adjusting of these to the necessary assessment that must be made by each local church for the support of its pastor. The pastor must have a support if he is to give his full time to his ministry, and each pastoral charge is expected to

have allotted to it a fair share of the connectional benevolent assessments. Of course, there are the incidental running expenses that every church has, but the amount of these varies so widely in different communities that they could hardly be taken as the basis upon which to estimate the allotment of Conference Claim quotas. Building and repairing costs of churches and parsonages are only occasional and also variable and are not to be taken as a basis for benevolence apportionment at all. But the pastor's salary, or at least the assessment, like the poor, is always with us, dependable (that is, the assessment for it), and easily calculated. Since the memory of the present generation runneth not to the contrary it has been made the "common carrier," the "pack horse" if you please, of the Conference assessments. And being a gentle animal and well trained, the poor nag was quite early taught to carry double and the presiding elder's salary mounted to the saddle, taking "Miss Conference Claims" up behind, her riding skirt sometimes trailing far behind. And whenever any other "intruder" wants to ride, it also is made to "get on behind."

It is this custom of making the pastor's salary a carry-all for every Connectional interest that comes along that has given rise to the mal-adjusted financial conditions that now prevail in our Conference, against which this article is a mild protest. (Interest rising).

When I began a study of the 1926 Journal and looked at the wide disparity between amounts assessed and amounts paid on "claims," as we commonly call them, I said, "I will look into this somewhat to see if I can find where the difficulty lies, and who should bear, and who should share the responsibility for it." I set myself the task of discovering just how the financial load (I do not like to call it a burden) is distributed in our Conference. I am not unmindful that there are other necessities that have to be provided for, but here I am considering only the two items of pastors' salary and Conference Claims and the distribution of these, for, in the judgment of the writer, and as I think I shall be able to show, it is here that inequalities have almost unawares crept in that ought not to continue.—inequalities that must be held to account very largely for the shortage in payments on Conference Claims.

For purposes of study and comparison I have divided the pastoral charges of the Conference into five groups as follows: Group I., all charges paying \$4,000 or more to the pastor; Group II., all charges \$3,000 and up to \$4,000; Group III., all charges paying \$2,000 and up to \$3,000; Group IV., (A) charges paying from \$1,200 up to \$2,000 and paying 25 per cent or more of the assessment on claims; (B) charges paying from \$1,200 up to \$2,000 and paying less than 25 per cent of claims; Group V., charges assessing less than \$1,200 salary for the pastor. Five small charges were unclassified.

Group I. has seven churches; 10,693 members; paid an average salary to pastors of \$5,528.57; carried on average per capita assessment for salary of \$3.61; an average per capita assessment on claims of \$2.20; and had a combined average assessment on claims and salary of \$5.81.

Group II. has eight churches; 6,444 members; paid an average salary of \$3,175; carried an average per capita assessment for salary of \$3.01, per capita on claims, \$2.21; combined total per capita assessment, \$5.22.

Group III. has twenty-eight charges; 11,568 members; average assessment on salary, \$2,280.35; average per capita assessment on salary \$5.51; per capita on claims \$2.44; combined per capita average, \$7.95.

Group IV. is subdivided into "A" and "B" sections, based, as explained above, on percentage paid on claims.

Section "A" has thirty-two charges; 10,105 members; average salary paid \$1,529.90; average per capita assessment on salary \$4.84, per capita on claims \$2.08; combined per capita assessment \$6.92.

Section "B" has sixteen charges; 4,092 members; average salary assessed \$1,581.62; average per capita assessment on salary \$6.18; per capita on claims \$2.59; combined total per capita assessment \$8.77.

Group V. has fifty-three charges; 16,456 members; average salary assessed \$937.78; average per capita assessment on salary \$3.01; per capita on claims \$1.19; combined total assessment per capita \$4.20.

Let it be remembered that these figures do not include the presiding elder's salary. Now let us make some comparisons, contrasts, and appropriate remarks.

In Group I. the highest combined per capita assessment is \$6.76; the lowest is \$4.86. In Group II. the highest per capita assessment for both is \$12.31; the lowest is \$4.81. Strange as it may seem, it is the church with the smallest membership in the smallest town represented in the group that is carrying practically double that other church in this Group. The average for this Group would be much lower than it is were it not for this one church to bring it up.

In Group III. it is interesting to note that fourteen charges paid Conference Claims in full and fourteen did not. Only one of the twenty-eight charges in the Group failed to pay its assessment for the pastor in full. The lowest average assessment for claims and salary in this Group is \$5.02 per capita, while the highest is \$24.99. Half the charges in this Group carried an assessment for pastor's salary alone greater, per capita, than the combined per capita average of Group I. Half the charges in this group carried a greater per capita assessment on claims than the highest average for claims in Group I. Twenty charges in this Group carried a larger per capita assessment for the pastor than the highest average for salary in Group I. The amount actually paid on combined assessment per capita in this Group, \$7.49 per member, is \$1.68 more than the corresponding average for Group I., and \$2.27 more than the corresponding average for Group II. These facts did not appear on the charts that were hung up at conference for the edifying of the brethren, neither do they appear on the pages of the Journal except to the discerning reader.

In Group IV. we are among the stronger circuits and smaller station charges of the Conference. An increasingly large number of charges here fail to pay out in full, both on salary and claims. As noted above, we divide this Group into two sections, "A" and "B", based on percentage claims paid. Charges in "A" paid 25 per cent or more, while "B" paid less than 25 per cent. There are 32 charges in "A", and 16 charges in "B". Amounts actually paid per member in these two sections on combined salary and claims respectively, \$6.54 and \$5.69. When this is compared with the showing made by Groups I. and II. I submit that it is

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not so bad after all. I say this in justice to the men and churches who had the fact advertised so conspicuously to the whole conference at Warren, "You did not pay out your assessment." Most of them in both sections of Group IV. might well have answered that display ad, "Give us an assessment on a par with your city churches and we would have paid out too."

Let it be noted in Section "B" of Group IV. that while only seven charges paid salary assessment in full, and none of them paid as much as 25 per cent of the Conference Claims, still the amount actually paid per capita on salary and claims is only 12c below the average for Group I. and is 47c greater than for Group II. Yet the one group, pastors and churches, receives the encomium of "Well done, good and faithful servants, you have paid your assessment in full," while the other must bear the stigma of indifference and slothfulness, although many of them actually paid more per member, by more than double, than the average paid in the large churches. But, as the writer sees it, the most serious thing connected with all this is, not the giving of credit or the withholding of praise from men, but it is the fact that, on account of our methods of apportioning the assessments, so large a portion of the funds so badly needed by the Church goes unpaid. For who would dare say that the membership of our churches that pay three thousand dollars and up to the pastor are not able to pay as much per member as should reasonably be expected of the small stations and circuits of the Conference? If the churches that

make up Groups I. and II. had the entire shortage on claims occurring in Group IV. "B", distributed on a per capita basis among their members the whole \$9,127 would have been absorbed and could easily have been paid, and still the per capita assessment for both salary and claims would have been considerably below (mark the statement) the average for Section "B".

Why do presiding elders and district stewards persist in putting so wide a difference between the larger churches and the smaller ones? Some one will answer, "Look what a salary the city churches, that is, the First Churches pay their pastors." But I maintain the salary paid the pastor in these larger churches by no means tests the ability of the congregation to pay. What the weaker churches pay, or undertake to pay, their pastors, is far more nearly a true test of ability to pay than in the other larger churches. Oft times in the city churches will be found single individuals who are worth more than the entire membership of a station paying a \$2,400 salary and all its Conference Claims. And this is not an exaggeration of facts, either.

"But we do not expect these small charges to pay in full, and we do not want to discourage the stronger churches by burdening them." I have heard just such arguments used. What is the meaning of it? This, if anything: "We want to use these country circuits and small stations as sink holes where we may drain off all that part of the assessment which our city pastors and churches do not want and, so, relieve them of the responsibility and ourselves the embarrassment of having to face an indignant official board."

The writer is not one who believes that the circuits and small stations are doing all that they ought to do, nor does he insist that he has done all that he might or ought to have done. Nor does he insist that membership alone should be made the basis of apportioning the assessments. But he does believe, and dares to maintain, that the larger per capita assessment ought to go where there is the greatest ability to pay instead of to those charges where the people are least able to pay.

I have not reached Group V. with my comparisons and remarks. But already I fear my article is so long that it will find the waste-basket instead of the type-setter. If not, there are some more things that may be said, and ought to be said.—R. H. Cannon.

HENDRIX FUNDS ABLY MANAGED

From a total endowment of \$547,955.15, Hendrix College received during the fiscal year of 1926-27, an income of \$26,063.28 and during the fiscal year 1925-26 an income of \$34,000. It is shown in a statement made public today by Dr. James Thomas, chairman of the board of trustees, in summarizing annual reports submitted to the board. The excellent condition of the endowment, combined with increases in enrollment and economy in operation, has enabled the college during the past two years to keep operating expenses within the income, despite the necessity of meeting the exacting standards imposed by North Central Association membership.

Another section of the summary made public by Dr. Thomas relates to the enrollment. An interesting table reveals that during the six-year period started in 1922-23, Hendrix has had

more graduates in the bachelor of arts degree than during the entire 37 years preceding it. For the period to be ended with the present session, the average annual number of graduates from the college has been 50, and the prestige of the institution nationally is reflected by the fact that these seniors have included transfer students from 29 colleges and universities outside of Arkansas.

All matters pertaining to the business administration of the college were subjected to an audit by H. C. Johnston, assistant cashier of the Farmers State Bank, who was elected for this purpose by the board's committee on auditing, composed of V. D. Hill of Conway, and Dr. C. M. Reves of Little Rock. G. L. Bahner, a successful business man of Conway, is treasurer of the college.

As of February 1, 1927, the financial statement for endowment funds was as follows:

Bonds, \$26,000; stocks, \$132,800; notes with good collateral, \$291,085.36; Field Estate, \$39,888.53; real estate, \$56,662.51; advance on farm in Mississippi county, \$918.75. Total, \$547,955.15.

Dr. Thomas in the summary called attention to the fact that the college, the same as any other institution loaning money on real estate first mortgages, has been compelled to foreclose in a number of instances and in a few instances has been compelled to make small advances, as in the case of the Mississippi county farm. However, the real estate mortgages are being converted into good interest bearing paper, and the process of conversion will be completed as rapidly as possible.

Successive reports to the board since the college has had endowment funds have shown its property to have been preserved almost intact for the purpose for which the gifts were made. The one loss of any consequence was through failure of the old State Nat'l Bank at Little Rock, in which the institution held \$10,000 in stock given by the late Capt. W. W. Martin of Conway. Its collapse caused a loss which the trustees later replaced with a fund of equal size.

The financial affairs of the Stadium Committee, which is an organization entirely separate from the college, have been well managed. All of the stadium bond issue has been retired except a \$15,000 block owned by the endowment loan board, and this is secured by \$60,000 in pledges held by the committee and also by admissions to the stadium for inter-collegiate events. Theodore Smith is chairman, and G. L. Bahner treasurer-trustee of the committee, and its business is transacted in their names. Liquidation of the bond issue has been consistently steady and fully up to expectations of the committee.

Increases in enrollment have assisted the college in attaining its present excellent financial condition. Since 1923, the enrollment by sessions has been 308, 372, 374, 386 and 334. These are students of the college grade and do not include registrations in either the academy or the summer session. When enrollment reached its peak in 1925-26, the college found itself faced with the necessity of enforcing more rigid requirements for admission and also of restricting the total attendance in order to conform to standards of the North Central Association and other agencies from which it has received recognition. When these steps had been taken, the registration for the present school year dropped 52 from total, and this limit probably will be

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Stretch a rubber band to the snapping point. It can then be likened to industry and our forests. At the one end you have the bulk of the wood-using industries and the greatest population. At the other end you have the forests. In between is weakness. Stretch the band a little more and it snaps.

Keep this picture in mind when you think of our future forests. Today we are bridging the gap between supply and demand with transportation. It is expensive and inadequate. Here we have the old problem of Mahomet and the mountain. We can not move to the forests our innumerable factories and factory population, but we can grow new forests nearer to the industries that use them to make us hundreds of necessities.

Glance at China, an ancient nation, with a population of uncounted millions. China is practically forestless. Lacking the protection of timber, its hills erode and wash away in the rains. Its water supply does not enjoy the purifying effect of trees. Its wild life is not important. Acres upon acres of its surface are barren waste. China had no forest policy.

There is no danger of the United States ever facing the situation of China. Americans would never permit such a devastation. Yet we are faced with a need to act, to think of the future.

Most things in life are accomplished by having a goal, an ideal. It may be something we can never entirely reach, but we can strive toward it. What, then, would be the forestry ideal toward which we may turn our efforts? What of our future forests?

We have many millions of acres of forest left. We are using them rapidly. Not to use them would be unwise because their products are necessary to us. But using them wastefully, allowing them to burn, failing to protect the young trees growing naturally—these are things that should be overcome. A part of our goal, then, is to secure the greatest protection against fire for our remaining timber, to use every bit of the tree that it is possible to use, and to take care of the acres from which trees have been cut so that the future forests may grow.

We have eighty-one million acres of waste forest land. Forest land means land fitted only for production of trees. The ideal toward which we should strive includes the planting, growing and protecting of forests upon every acre of this now waste area.

Growing forests is a practical, not sentimental task. For a man to put his money and land to this work, there must be a fair profit in it. Our

observed until larger funds make possible an increase in both the teaching staff and the classroom and laboratory space available.

In passing, it might be mentioned that the number of conditioned freshmen had dropped from 45 per cent in 1922-23 to 16 freshmen out of the large class received last fall. Conway Log Cabin Democrat.

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ideal, then, must include a plan for levying taxes on lands growing forests that will not discourage but encourage.

In our states there are many acres of land suitable for forest-growing that can be bought or set aside for this work. On nearly every farm there are acres that once grew forests and could grow them again. Our ideal would find the State itself and every community in the State each with its own forest, and every farmer with his wood-lot.

In a word, an ideal picture of our future forests would show all the land that should be growing forests doing that work. It would present forests of varying size from east to west and north to south, protected by a national vigilance against fires. It would disclose a nation awake to the importance of the forests to their needs and to their careful use.

Such a picture is not difficult to paint if we as a people will work together to achieve it. Once painted, it would be a masterpiece, for it would depict prosperity and plenty. It is a goal that can be reached just as the goals of democratic government, conquest of the air, spanning great rivers have been attained. It is a goal that can be reached by that teamwork that we learn in sport. Let us strive for this ideal. When Americans definitely aim at a goal, they always succeed in reaching it.

THE REGIONAL FORESTS

The northeastern forests, which include the lake States and the higher Appalachians, were originally largely composed of eastern white pine, Norway pine, and spruce with admixtures of beech, birch, maple, hemlock, and other species. The central forests were characteristically oak, yellow poplar, chestnut, walnut, ash, elm, maple, hickory, red gum, and other hardwoods.

The southern forest region is mostly of yellow pine, chiefly longleaf, slash, shortleaf, and loblolly; but in the alluvial bottom lands are heavy stands of oak, hickory, ash, sycamore, soft maple, red gum, yellow poplar, etc., while the central hardwood forest covers the lower mountain slopes.

During the first 300 years of white settlement of the country the most popular of all these woods for lumber-making purposes was the white pine, which was found from Maine to Minnesota and along the crest of the Alleghenies even so far south as Georgia. The original forests of this magnificent tree are nearly gone, but there is a certain amount of replacement. Since 1900 the yellow pines of the South have largely succeeded white pine in building and industry.

The Rocky Mountain forest is typically one of western yellow pine, so far as commercial importance is concerned. Among the other conspicuous groups are spruces, firs, western white pine, lodgepole pine, and aspen.

The Pacific coast forest boasts the largest trees and the densest timber stands in America. The bigtree and the redwood of California grow to more than 300 feet in height and 25 feet in diameter and are closely followed by huge Douglas firs of Washington and Oregon. The Pacific coast forest also includes white and yellow pine, several species of true firs, western hemlock, Sitka spruce, red cedar, and Port Oxford cedar.

Incendiarism, smoking, and camp fires were the three principal causes of man-caused fires within the national forests during 1925.

FOR CHILDREN

"WHAT DO WE PLANT?"

What do we plant when we plant the tree?

We plant the ship which will cross the sea;

We plant the mast to carry the sails;

We plant the planks to withstand the gales—

The keel, the keelson; the beam, the knee—

We plant the ship when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?

We plant the houses for you and me;

We plant the rafters, the shingles, the floors;

We plant the studding, the lath, the doors,

The beams, and siding, all parts that be;

We plant the house when we plant the tree.

What do we plant when we plant the tree?

A thousand things that we daily see.

We plant the spire that out-towers the crag;

We plant the staff for our country's flag;

We plant the shade, from the hot sun free;

We plant all these when we plant the tree.—(Henry Abbey 1842-1911.)

WHAT OUR FORESTS MEAN TO THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA

Children, if you had a friend who gave you food and shelter, who provided recreation, protected your health and sheltered you from enemies, and who furnished you with more than half of all the things you own and use, would you not think that the least you could do would be to love and cherish that friend and show your gratitude in every way in your power?

Suppose this friend were threatened with loss of life at the hands of careless or ungrateful persons and it were possible for you to ward off this danger, would you not gladly do so, especially if it required little or no sacrifice on your part?

I am not painting a fanciful picture, but am merely stating plain facts, when I say that such a friend to every school child is the Forest, with its stately trees spreading their branches like protecting wings over the homes of mankind.

Have you ever stopped to think just how much you owe to the trees? Trees perform so many useful services that it would weary you to have me mention half of them, but if you will try to imagine for a moment just what this world would be like without trees or any of the things that come directly or indirectly from trees, you will begin to realize why every tree is your friend and why you should help to protect these friends and increase their number, not only for your own benefit but for that of the boys and girls who will fill these school rooms when you are grown men and women.

There is not a moment in the day when you are not enjoying the benefit of some useful product of the forest. The trees that cover our hills and valleys absorb poisonous gases and give off life-giving oxygen which purifies the blood and protects our health. Their leaves and branches hold the moisture that descends from the clouds in rain and give it off gradually, cooling and tempering the air and preventing destructive torrents, which not only bring immediate disaster, but which

wash away the fertile soil and thus prevent the growth of crops.

They furnish protection and nesting places for birds that add to our pleasure by filling the air with song and destroying harmful insects. They throw their grateful shade over the swimming pool where you delight to bathe your heated body on warm summer days. Why do you eagerly look forward each year to your summer vacation? It is because you may then be a companion of the trees, the streams, the birds, and the fish, and may find happy contacts with the beautiful creatures of nature.

Even if you happen to live in the city, what would you do without the beautiful parks that offer you pleasant walks on holidays and vacations, with trees that protect you from the sun on hot summer days and give you restful quiet under their spreading branches?

If you are ill, it is the trees that furnish the medicines that bring you back to health—some of these remedies may taste bitter, but they are friends in disguise. In tropical countries where malarial fever is prevalent, a single ounce of quinine is often worth many pounds of gold.

The tree performs its greatest service to us by yielding up its body for wood to feed the hungry saws of the thousands of saw mills that constantly cry "More! More!" Wood is the most important and extensively used material in constructing and furnishing the homes in which we live and in beautifying our cities and towns.

Every year the forests must furnish more wood to meet the increased demand from several millions of additional population, but where is this immense supply to come from? With the exception of the prairies, this great continent of ours was once almost entirely covered with great forests, now you see little more in a day's journey than a few clumps of "woods," which nearly always consists of "second growth," much of which is unsuitable for lumber. It takes from forty to one hundred and twenty-five years to grow a tree that is really valuable for timber.

We are using twenty-five billion cubic feet of lumber a year and are growing only six billion cubic feet—in other words, we are using up our lumber four times as fast as we produce it. In fifty years at the present rate we will have reached the end of our lumber supply.

But, besides this tremendous amount of lumber cut each year for use, there is another giant drain on our forests due largely to carelessness—the loss from fire. Eighty-five per cent of all forest fires can be traced to willful vandalism or carelessness throwing away of lighted cigar or cigarette ends or to unextinguished campfires.

Children, you are to be the men and women of tomorrow, and this question of saving and renewing the forests is your problem. You must begin on its solution, now! The answer is Forest Protection and Reforestation. The Boy Scouts have made a noble start in this direction, urged on by their natural love for their Forest friends, and they have already saved millions of feet of valuable lumber and planted hundreds of thousands of trees, but they can not do it all—you must help, every one of you.

Beginning April 24 and ending April 30, President Coolidge has proclaimed American Forest Week. What does this mean? It means that every one of you, as young Friends of the Forests, should plant at least one

tree, more if you are able, and if you have the opportunity, help to extinguish a forest fire. You will get a new and worth-while thrill from this splendid service, and will be able to feel that you have done something constructive for our beloved America—something that will last and benefit many others besides yourself. When you grow to manhood or womanhood, the tree you planted will be like a familiar friend, and you can point to it with pride as you watch its branches waving in the breeze. Will you be contented to know that little Japan is planting ten times as many trees as the United States? Will you let this great country of ours face the extinction of its forests? No; I am sure you will not; but you must lose no time or you will fail.

The Concatenated Order of Hoosier, the fraternal order of lumbermen, in creating the organization called "Friends of the Forests," did so with the idea of safeguarding for you and the little boys and girls who are to follow you, the lives of your forest friends. You must help. You must be a "Friend of the Forests." Tell your Dad and Mother, sister and brother, and your little boy and girl friends, of your love for the trees. Help them to be "Friends of the Forests."

Watershed protection is one of the chief functions of forest cover. The power of forest cover to check disastrous floods, maintain springs and brooks, protect reservoirs from excessive silt deposits, and prevent dry steam beds in periods of drouth is well known.



Once a School Teacher— Later a Famous Physician

A young man who was brought up on a farm in Western Pennsylvania qualified for district school teacher. Further pursuing his studies and teaching, he managed to save enough money to put him thru medical college. He began the practice of medicine in the new oil section of Pennsylvania, and often rode horseback through the woods to reach and relieve those who were seriously ill. He was a student of nature, knew and easily recognized most of the medicinal plants growing in the woods.

Finally, he moved to Buffalo, N. Y., where he launched his favorite remedies, and, in a short time, they were sold by every druggist in the land. Today, the name of this man, the late Dr. R. V. Pierce, is known throughout the world. His Golden Medical Discovery is the best known general tonic for building up strength, restoring impaired tissues and enriching the blood. More than fifty million bottles have been sold in the U. S. If your druggist does not sell it, in liquid or tablets, you can obtain a trial pkg. of the tablets by sending 10c to the Dr. Pierce Clinic, in Buffalo, N. Y.

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Communications should reach us Friday for publication next week.

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall:
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all!
—Edward Peronet.

A NEW AUXILIARY IN L. R. DIST.

On Monday, April 11, a new auxiliary with 18 members was organized at Winfield Church to be known as Winfield W. M. S. No. 2. The members of this new organization are the young matrons of the Church. Much enthusiasm was shown, and we believe the new society will grow to be one of our strong auxiliaries. The following officers were elected:

President—Mrs. H. R. Hampton.
V. Pres.—Mrs. R. G. Paschal.
Rec. Sec.—Mrs. E. C. Owen.
Cor. Sec.—Mrs. Clifton Scott.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. T. Ginnocchio, Jr.
Supt. of Mission Study—Mrs. J. A. Clifford.

Supt. of Social Service—Mrs. H. Rosenblum.

Supt. of Literature and Publicity—Mrs. J. Sebastian.

Supt. of Supplies—Mrs. Rufus Hunt.
—Mrs. James Thomas, Secretary Little Rock District.

THE DOLLAR DRIVE IS ON

Elza-Stephens-Rommel Hall, Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas. The Board of Control of the Woman's building held important meetings in the Washington Hotel, Shreveport, La. during the week Council was in session, March 9-16.

The first meeting was called by Mrs. Fred Lamb for the purpose of electing officers. This resulted in Mrs. E. R. Steel of Little Rock Conference being elected President, Mrs. J. W. Mills, of Texas Conf., Vice Pres., Mrs. E. F. Ellis, of North Arkansas Conf., Treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Mackey, of Oklahoma Conference, Secretary.

The gift of \$5,000 from Mr. H. L. Rommel as a memorial to his wife is much appreciated. The building shall now be known as the Elza-Stephens-Rommel Hall. This in loving remembrance of Mrs. Rommel. Dr. A. C. Millar, of Arkansas, was present at the meeting and made a strong presentation of the need for this building. The May edition of his paper, the Arkansas Methodist, will be a feature number of Mt. Sequoyah as a training center. Of the twelve contributing Conferences in the Western Division the following have responded viz.: West Oklahoma, East Oklahoma, Texas, Northwest Texas, North Arkansas, South West Missouri, St. Louis and Little Rock. The latter has \$10,000 in hand for use April first.

Ten names have been placed on the Memorial Roll.

A dollar per member is needed for this splendid project. The foundation, with the sub-floor, is finished. It is necessary that the walls be erected and under roof by Christmas this year. The entire building may then be completed in the spring of 1928. Ready for the Jubilee Celebration of Woman's Missionary Society, M. E. Church, South. **THE DOLLAR DRIVE IS ON. WILL YOU DO YOUR PART?** —Mrs. F. H. Naylor, Pub. Supt. for the Board of Control.

NOTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING AT WINFIELD CHURCH

From Mrs. J. M. Stinson, Rec. Sec., we have the names placed on Honor Roll of Elza Memorial during the Conference: Miss Lizzie Stinson, Mrs. Kate Steel, Mrs. Ella Hays Thomas, Mrs. Jas. T. Henry, Mrs. H. D. McKinnon and Mrs. Virginia Carr.

The presence of Mrs. Virginia Carr and Miss Lizzie Stinson beloved pioneers in mission work, and of Mrs. A. C. Millar, daughter of Mrs. H. D. McKinnon who organized the first woman's missionary society in Arkansas, if not in the M. E. Church, South, added much to the enjoyment of this Annual meeting.

On motion of Mrs. W. H. Arnold, a rising vote of thanks was given Mrs. W. H. Pemberton for her work as editor of our W. M. S. Dept. in the Arkansas Methodist.

Many pastors of L. R. and elsewhere were introduced and their evident interest in our work was greatly appreciated.

MRS. ALLIS, CONF. SUPT. OF YOUNG PEOPLE SAYS:

Thursday was Young People's evening and the program committee had prepared a very beautiful and inspirational program. A chorus of young people from the various churches gave the opening number followed by the singing of the Conference Hymn, No. 634. Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, conducted the devotional service in his enviable way giving the true definition of a gentle man, reading the fifteenth Psalm. Miss Lucy Marion Reaves delighted the audience with a beautiful solo after which Miss Frances Marion Williams, of Hot Springs gave an attractive and most appealing reading. Miss Bess Combs, our Conference guest, gripped our hearts with a message that was a masterpiece. It is to be regretted that every young person in conference could have been present to hear Miss Combs.

AUGUSTA W. M. S.

The Voice Program was presented at the church on March 21 with Mrs. T. E. Stanley as leader. Bible Study—"The Requirements of Jehovah" was read and discussed. The following made interesting talks on "Womanhood Facing a New World." Women of Japan—Mrs. R. K. Fitzhugh; of Korea—Mrs. Robt. Buckman; of China—Mrs. Will Mann; of Latin America—Mrs. Guy Willis; and of Africa—Mrs. R. T. Harville.

The attendance was splendid. Delicious sandwiches and grape juice were served by Mesdames A. Stuart, Fitzhugh, Harold Cannon, G. W. Martin and Hendrix Dodson.—Supt. Pub.

ATKINS AUXILIARY

Our March social meeting was held at the home of Mrs. W. J. Bowden. Twenty three were present.

The subject "Woman Faces New Tasks", was very ably presented by Mrs. J. M. Barker, Jr., with discussions by Mesdames Burris, Hughey Godbey, Croom, and Hillis. Our hostess assisted by Mesdames Johnson

and Pryor, served delicious refreshments.—Mrs. T. A. Hillis, Pub. Supt.

COTTON PLANT AUXILIARY

A member writes: Mrs. E. Wunnenburg of Cotton Plant was hostess to the W. M. S. on March 22.

The subject for the afternoon was "Stewardship," with Mrs. F. B. Scholphoester as leader in following program:

Song "Something For Thee."

Bible Lesson, Malachi, 3:7-11.

General Talk on Stewardship—Rev. B. L. Wilford.

Song, "Take My Life and Let it Be."

Story, "Kenneth Takes the Plans,"—Mrs. J. F. Angelo.

Testimonials on "Tithing,"—by all.

Reading, "The Burial of Moses,"—Mrs. May Self.

A very interesting business session was held.

A pie supper was planned and a committee appointed to arrange for it to be held at the Armory Friday afternoon and evening, March 25.

A committee was also appointed to meet Monday afternoon May 3 with Mrs. W. N. Cain to put the quilt together. Mrs. E. P. Leightore, chairman of local work gave a good report. She was authorized to pay the balance due on the piano in the primary department of the Sunday School.

A letter was read by the secretary from a needy family. A committee appointed to look after them.

The study books "Life as a Stewardship," were distributed. Mrs. W. G. Hancock gave her name for membership. Mrs. H. C. Argo will be the hostess on May 4. During the social half hour the hostess assisted by Mrs. W. A. Arthur served a delicious salad course with coffee.

MANILA AUXILIARY

On March 25th the auxiliary held a most enjoyable meeting in the home

of Mrs. Albert Best, with Mrs. B. L. Harris as leader. After a short business session conducted by our efficient President, Mrs. R. L. Williford, the "Voice Program" was given. Mrs. Harris lead the Devotional using the Bible Lesson from Micah 6:8. The topic for the month: "Womanhood facing a New World" was discussed by Mesdames Cowan, Rook, Jordan, Scott, Moss and Hutton. Many interesting facts, from the various mission fields, were related. Following the regular program came the "Talent Social." The Secretary, Mrs. B. W. Cowan, called the roll and each member present responded by placing a dollar upon the collection plate and telling how she had earned it. This caused much merriment and we learned that our members are very resourceful for the neat sum of thirty-nine dollars was realized, with the promise of several more to follow. The hostesses, for this glad occasion, were Mesdames Claud Crane, Harrison, and Best and a most delicious ice-course was served. The Manila auxiliary is wide awake. All of the meetings are well attended and much interest is manifested.—Mrs. B. L. Harris, Reporter.

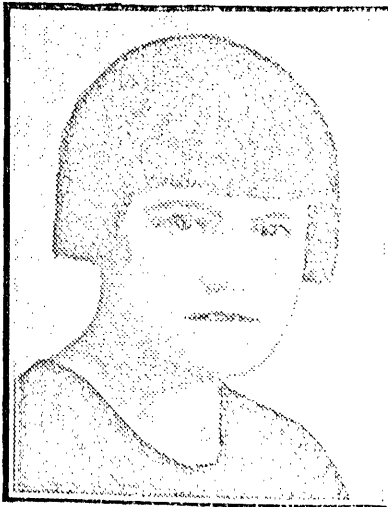
ALL-DAY MEETING AT EARLE

This was held in the home of Mrs. C. G. Barton with the ladies of the Wynne Missionary Society, also Mesdames Eli Myers and Pat Horne of Parkin as guests.

The day was spent in studying the book, "Our Temple Hills," and the program was arranged and presided over by Mrs. J. A. Reynolds of Earle, and Mrs. E. T. Wayland and Mrs. Dorris of Wynne. There were more than fifty ladies present and at noon a wonderful luncheon was served by the Earle ladies. After devotional there were discussions on "The New Rural Life," Mrs. M. M. Morrison; "A Christian Program," Mrs. Otto Was-

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"I have always been sickly, and until I was fourteen my father was very strict about my perfect attendance at grammar school. I have gone to school through hard storms and often taken cold. When I was fourteen I took to my bed and did not get up for eighteen months. Everyone thought I could not live. Just four months ago I began taking your wonderful medicine, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I could notice a great change almost at once. Now I feel like a new person. I wish all girls would try Lydia E. Pinkham's wonderful medicine."—Mrs. C. M. SMITH, Union Village, Vermont.

mer; "Extension Work in the Local Parish," Mrs. T. J. Boston.

Vocal and instrumental music was enjoyed and discussions "Leadership for the New Rural Church," Mrs. C. B. Hall, Wynne; "The Rural Church and the Nation," Mrs. G. D. Morris, Wynne.

ZONE MEETING AT ASHDOWN

More than 60 members of the W. M. S. and their friends gathered at the Methodist church on Wednesday, March 16, for zone meeting conducted by Mrs. A. T. Hemphill and Mrs. Seth C. Reynolds. The principal topics of the meeting were "Study and Service."

The program was excellent with fine music and discussions. "Social Service," discussion was led by Mrs. A. P. Steel, followed by Mrs. J. T. Burlingame with her experiences in social service as probation officer. "Mission Study," paper by Mrs. Atkins; "Bible Study," by Mrs. T. B. Cook; "Young People's Work," Mrs. J. M. Phillips; "The Juniors' Work," discussed by Mrs. W. L. Phillips and Mrs. R. G. Rew. "The Honor of the Woods," by Mary Etna Pierce; Literature useful to officers and members of the W. M. S. by Mrs. Reynolds, this including The Missionary Voice, the Arkansas Methodist, Bible talks, Mission Studies, and other new books. With prayer by Mrs. W. L. Phillips the meeting adjourned.

The hostess of Ashdown auxiliary served a course of salad with cakes, tea, etc., much enjoyed during the social hour. This meeting with its instructive discussions, its papers, large attendance and general interest was considered one of the most successful yet held.—Supt. of Publicity.

A JUBILEE IN 1928

At the last session of the Woman's Missionary Council, which met in Shreveport, La., March 9-16, plans were set in motion for a Jubilee celebration. Organized Woman's Work for Missions was authorized at the 1878 session of the General Conference which met in Atlanta, Ga. Prior to that date auxiliaries were being organized here and there particularly in Tennessee and Maryland but at this time the enterprise of Woman's Work for Missions was in reality inaugurated. Since that good day the women of the church have entered into eight foreign Mission fields and have inaugurated and carried forward an outstanding work in the Home field. They have raised and expended seventeen million dollars for the evangelization of the world.

The celebration of this Jubilee year will mark an era in the history of their work and the year 1928 will be a time of rejoicing and thankfulness for the past and also a time when plans will be laid for the future. The task will be reevaluated and new plans made to meet the needs of the new day. Looking Backward and Thinking Forward will characterize this year's celebration.

The Council has set before the women of the church the following five Jubilee Goals:

1. A Higher Spiritual Standard.—A deepened spiritual life for the whole church is the first great aim of the Jubilee.
2. An Appreciation of a Great Missionary Inheritance.—A setting forth of the achievements of the past will stimulate the women to greater achievements in the future.
3. An extension of the Woman's Missionary Organization.—This task is not complete until every woman in the church has received the missionary vision and passion.
4. Re-evaluation of the Missionary

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FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

Little Rock Conference For March
Third report of fourth Sunday Missionary offerings from the Little Rock Conference for March.

Arkadelphia District:—

Previously reported\$ 73.93

Camden District:—

Taylor 2.56
Huttig 2.74
Previously reported \$4.19

Total\$ 89.49

Little Rock District:—

New Hope (Bryant Ct.)50
DeVall's B. (Jan., Feb., Mar.) 6.95
New Bethel (Carlisle Ct.) 1.25
Previously reported 157.00

Total\$165.70

Monticello District:—

Wilmot 3.27
Dermott 5.00
Previously reported 50.70

Total\$ 60.97

Pine Bluff District:—

Sunshine 1.84
Grady 6.50
Stuttgart (Feb. Mar. Apr.) .. 30.00
Gillett 1.67
Previously reported 102.77

Total\$142.78

Prescott District:—

Previously reported\$ 74.18

Texarkana District:—

Mena 9.00
Previously reported 72.17

Total\$ 81.17

Offerings By Districts

| Schools | |
|-------------|--------------|
| Arkadelphia | 20 \$ 73.93 |
| Camden | 19 89.49 |
| Little Rock | 18 165.70 |
| Monticello | 12 60.97 |
| Pine Bluff | 21 142.78 |
| Prescott | 14 74.18 |
| Texarkana | 15 81.17 |
| | 119 \$688.22 |

—C. E. Hayes, Chm.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE S. S. DAY OFFERINGS FOR WEEK ENDING APRIL 16

Booneville District:—

Gravelly\$ 4.30

Fayetteville District:—

Pleasant Valley\$ 5.00

Helena District:—

Wabash\$10.00

Crawfordsville 30.00

Harrisburg 30.00

Task—New plans must be made to meet this new day. The Jubilee celebration will be a failure if it only looks backward. It must also look forward.

5. A Great Thank Offering commensurate with the obligation laid upon the women of the church because of their inheritance from the past, and because of the need that confronts them.

Shall we not all begin to prepare our minds and hearts for this occasion. It should mark a great move forward in the work of Missions and in the spiritual power of the womanhood of the Church.

Elaine 21.49

\$91.49

Searcy District:—

Marshall\$ 2.08

—G. G. Davidson.

NOTES FROM THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Now is the time for every Sunday School to push the membership Campaign. April, May, and June are the months.

Mothers' Day will be celebrated the second Sunday in May. Let's make it a Home-Coming Day not only for our mothers but for our fathers as well.

Did your school have an Easter class coming into the church? Write us about it.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY was observed by many churches in connection with the Easter program. Many others will celebrate next Sunday. Why not all our schools get busy and have Sunday School Day before the summer vacation comes on? Order programs now.

THE WORKERS' COUNCIL for May might well be called an "Arkansas Number." It carries interesting articles from Dr. C. M. Reyes, Rev. Allen Stewart, Rev. F. A. Buddin, and Mr. C. E. Hayes. Get this number and read what our Arkansas writers have to say. And, yes, I was about to forget. Paul Quillian has a great article in the same number on "Checking the Sunday School." Read it.

Do you belong to a "10" and has that "10" won its one?

Dr. Thomas, Brother Baugh, and Senator Joe T. Robinson celebrated Easter Sunday by putting on a program looking to revive the Sunday School at Alexander on the Bryant Circuit.

Rev. C. E. Whitten is planning a circuitwide Institute and observance of Sunday School Day on the Emmett Circuit on the First Sunday in May. The Conference superintendent will be with him.

The Fordyce Standard School is in session this week. This is the first school of this type for Fordyce. Dr. Wilkes is the pastor.

Rev. S. T. Baugh is in Nashville, Tenn., this week attending a South-wide Conference of Rural Workers.

Rev. J. H. Cummins reports that Highland church is pushing the membership campaign and already has enrolled 100 more Sunday School members than the church membership.

Mrs. Rex B. Wilkes, elementary superintendent for the Camden District has arranged with the Young People's Department of the Camden Sunday School to present a beautiful pageant on Tuesday night of the District Conference at Stephens.

Mrs. F. C. Cannon is arranging for the same pageant to be presented at the Texarkana District Conference to be held at First Church, Texarkana.

If all the Sunday Schools should add ten per cent it would mean a quarter of a million increase in Sunday School membership by the first of July. Are you doing your part?

Rev. A. C. Rogers of Keo is boasting a fine suit of clothes presented to him by the recently organized Men's

Wesley Bible Class in his school. Wonder if some other preacher does not need a new suit. Try organizing a Wesley Class.

The Cokesbury School to be held at Bryant last week after a fine beginning had to be postponed on account of the rains.

Rev. J. A. Sage, Mrs. C. M. Thompson, and Rev. C. E. Whitten, all wrote in for examination questions on their final units necessary for qualifying for approved instructors in Cokesbury Schools last week.

Rev. R. E. Fawcett and Presiding Elder Dedman were visitors at Methodist Headquarters last week perfecting plans for the new educational building to be erected soon in connection with the splendid new church at Nashville. With this building completed Nashville will have one of the very best church plants in the Conference.

"A loss in Sunday School membership will inevitably be reflected ultimately in the church membership."—Bishop H. M. DuBose.

Rev. J. C. Glenn has received 200 in the Pulaski Heights church since becoming its pastor last September. 45 were received at the conclusion of the pre-Easter revival last Sunday. A large number of these were from the Sunday School.

Rev. H. H. Griffin of Hope has been selected to preach the sermon at the Prescott District Sunday School Institute to be held at Nashville May 5. —Clem Baker.

PROGRAM OF PRESCOTT DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE

The Prescott District Sunday S. Institute will be held at Nashville on Thursday, May 5. The people at Nashville will serve a big dinner on the ground and we are expecting a good time. Let all schools in the District take notice and have their representatives there with the written report.

The Program

11:00 A. M., Sermon by Rev. H. H. Griffin of Hope.

12:00 Noon, Dinner on the ground.

1:30 Devotions, led by Rev. F. G. Roebuck.

1:45 District Goals—Rev. J. L. Dedman.

2:00 Reports from Superintendents. (Each Supt. is expected to read the report from his school.)

2:30 Missions and Sunday School Day, Prof. J. W. Teeter.

2:50 Elementary Work, Mrs. W. A. McKeown, Miss Fay McRae.

3:10 Training Work in the Standard Course, Rev. R. E. Fawcett.

3:30 Cokesbury Schools, Rev. L. T. Rodgers.

3:50 Wesley Bible Classes, Rev. J. M. Hamilton.

4:10 Round Table, led by Rev. Clem Baker.

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ANNIVERSARY DAY OFFERINGS Little Rock Conference

List of Anniversary Day offerings which have reached the Treasurer since the second report.

Arkadelphia District:—

Leola\$ 5.00
Previously reported 23.13

Total\$ 28.13

Camden District:—

Waldo 6.00
Fredonia (Wesson) 15.00
Previously reported 42.49

Total\$ 63.49

Little Rock District:—

Pulaski Heights 27.50
Henderson 6.00
Bryant 3.00
Previously reported 89.00

Total\$125.50

Monticello District:—

Previously reported\$ 22.00

Pine Bluff District:—

Previously reported\$ 37.00

Prescott District:—

Prescott 18.16
Previously reported 36.89

Total\$ 55.05

Texarkana District:—

Previously reported\$ 78.00

Offerings By Districts Churches

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| Little Rock | 8 | \$125.50 |
| Texarkana | 6 | 78.00 |
| Camden | 4 | 63.49 |
| Prescott | 5 | 55.05 |
| Pine Bluff | 1 | 37.00 |
| Arkadelphia | 3 | 28.13 |
| Monticello | 3 | 22.00 |
| Totals | 30 | \$409.17 |

REPORT FOR MARCH Extension and Field Secretary Little Rock Conference

Following is report of my work in Sunday School and Epworth League for March. Despite the rains our work has gone on. On one trip our Ford was pulled out of four mud holes in about a mile, but the trip was worth the trouble. We had a fine meeting.

Work in three Districts: Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Arkadelphia. Visited 10 pastoral charges: Stuttgart, DeWitt, St. Charles, Bryant Ct., Lonoke, First Ch. L. R., Pulaski Heights, Austin Ct., Hickory Plains Ct., Carthage-Tulip.

Two Cokesbury Schools were held with 59 credits.

Delivered 8 public addresses. Wrote 20 articles for publication. Wrote 110 personal letters.

Read 4 good books, and 14 religious papers and magazines.

Spent 15 days in the field.

Traveled 1,147 miles.

Travel expense \$40.52.

Took course on "Curriculum" in Little Rock Standard School.

Printed and mailed follow-up publicity for E. L. Anniversary Day observance.

Printed publicity material for S. S. Day observance.

Attended E. L. Assembly Committee helping plan the summer Assembly.

Helped raise the Special for Missions at one Church.—S. T. Baugh, Secretary.

THE LITTLE ROCK INTER-CITY LEAGUE UNION

The Inter-City Epworth League Union of Little Rock closed a successful year with the passing of last month.

The Union has witnessed a steady increase as the year progressed and hopes to continue increasing steadily during the ensuing year. Interesting programs have been rendered at the various meetings and the members of the Leagues of the two cities have become better acquainted with each other.

The annual banquet held during the year was the means of a larger delegation to the Summer Assembly and the presenting of the real value of the Assembly to the young people of Little Rock. The monthly meetings and the yearly banquets are not confined strictly to the Little Rock Leaguers, but include members of the Leagues of North Little Rock and the Leagues near Little Rock, such as Primrose and Mabelvale.

The accompanying picture shows the newly elected officers for the ensuing year. Those elected to offices were elected because of their interest in the League Union work and a few are the outstanding workers in their respective Leagues. The Rev. Clarence D. Meux of Twenty-Eighth St. Church was appointed as the City League Union pastor at the first meeting of the new cabinet, because of his deep interest in the young people of Little Rock and the work of the Epworth Leagues in the city. He is not new to the Little Rock Conference Leaguers. The officers elected were: President, Orian A. Thompson, Asbury League; Vice-President, Miss Alma Metcalf, 1st Church League; Secretary, Miss Norine Coleman, Capitol View League; Treasurer and Publicity Director, Robert L. Martin, Winfield League; Corresponding Secretary Miss Lucille Rodgers, Forest Park League; Era Agent, Miss Ora Redd, Henderson League.

The new officers took office last Monday night. It was announced by the retiring president, C. B. Nelson, that Geyer Springs had organized an Epworth League and would join the Union soon. At the regular monthly cabinet meeting it was voted to urge the members of the various Leagues to cooperate more fully with the officers of the Union in the attaining of bigger things for the Union for the coming year.

The scope of the Union is that of a supervisory nature in which all the Leagues of the Union are urged to strive for better standards and keeping in accord with the advancing League methods. Its aim is to help develop standard Leagues in both cities and to help the weaker Leagues in the District.—Robert L. Martin, Publicity Director.

CONWAY DISTRICT BANQUET

The fifth annual Banquet of the Conway District Epworth League, is to be held at North Little Rock, First Church, on April 22, at 7:30 P. M.—Thomas Reid, District Sec.

ANNIVERSARY DAY OFFERINGS

North Arkansas Conference

Fayetteville District continues to send in money on Anniversary Day Offering. This great District under the able leadership of the District secretary, Beverly Rakes, has sent \$97.31, which is only \$12.57 less than the total amount sent by the other eight Districts. Bro. Rakes and Fayetteville District have set a goal of \$100. Watch them reach it. This should be a challenge to the rest of our great Conference.

Conway District still holds second place, but has made no report in past week. Searcy District has made a report and holds third place. Helena District has made a report and takes fourth place.

The following is the report for Monday, April 18:

Fayetteville District:—

Fayetteville (Second report) ..\$10.00
Oakley's Chapel (2nd report) 3.00
Siloam Springs 10.00
Springdale 5.00
Previously reported 69.31

Total\$97.31

Conway District:—

Previously reported\$33.65

Searcy District:—

Valley Springs 3.00
Previously reported 24.25

Total\$27.25

Helena District:—

Wheatley 3.16
Helena 11.00
Previously reported 9.17

Total\$23.33

Jonesboro District:—

Previously reported\$13.70

Batesville District:—

Previously reported 5.81

Ft. Smith District:—

Previously reported 5.00

Paragould District:—

Previously reported\$ 3.82

Booneville District:—

Previously reported 00

Offerings by Districts

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| Fayetteville | 11 | \$ 97.31 |
| Conway | 3 | 33.65 |
| Searcy | 6 | 27.25 |
| Helena | 4 | 23.33 |
| Jonesboro | 2 | 13.70 |
| Batesville | 1 | 5.81 |
| Ft. Smith | 1 | 5.00 |
| Paragould | 1 | 3.83 |
| Booneville | 0 | .00 |
| Total | 29 | \$209.88 |

—Ira A. Brumley, Conf. Vice-P.

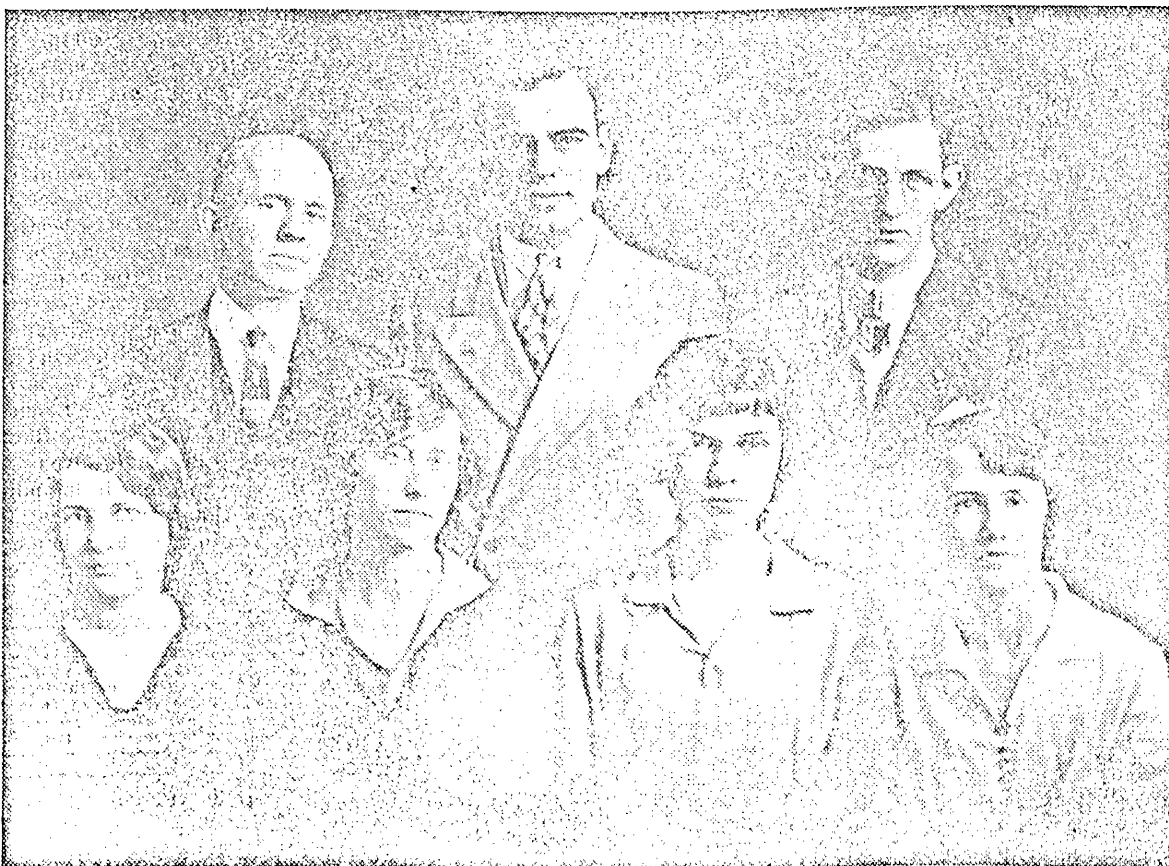
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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

PASTOR'S HELPER

Am dating with pastors who have large numbers of unsaved men, mills, factories and shops. Wire or write me, Siloam Springs, Ark.—Ed. G. Phillips, Evangelist.

HELP IN MEETINGS

My Dear Brothers:—If there are any of you who need help in revival services this year I would be glad to assist you. There is nothing that I enjoy more than an old-fashioned soul-saving revival. I refer you to Rev. W. A. Lindsey, Batesville, Ark., who is my P. E. Yours in Christ.—J. H. McKelvey, Alicia, Ark., Rt. 1.

APPRECIATION OF SYMPATHY.

We have received so many letters of sympathy from our friends on the death of our dear companion and mother, that we desire to express our sincere and heart-felt thanks to them through our beloved paper. These letters pour ointment on our broken hearts and help us to bear our great loss.—Edward Forrest, Willine Forrest.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONF.

The Monticello District Conference will convene in Hamburg on Monday afternoon at 2:30, April 25. Immediately after organization of conference, 3 P. M., Bro. Clem Baker will take charge and the Sunday School program will be put on. All Sunday School workers of the District are to take notice. Bishop Boaz is to preach the opening sermon Monday night, 7:30 P. M. The conference will adjourn Wednesday noon.—E. R. Steel, P. E.

NOTICE OF PRESCOTT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Prescott District Conference will convene at Nashville, Wednesday, May 4, 7 P. M. After the organization the opening sermon will be preached by Rev. C. E. Whitten of Emmett. Thursday 8:45 A. M. the business of the Conference will be resumed after devotions led by Rev. F.

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G. Roebuck. The District Sunday School Institute will begin at 11 A. M. with a sermon by Rev. H. H. Griffin, the business of the institute running through the afternoon. We want every Sunday School within the District represented at this meeting.

The District Conference will be concluded by noon, Friday, May 6. Let all the delegates make preparations to attend this year and make it the greatest District Conference in years.

The following are the committees announced: License to preach: F. G. Roebuck, W. C. Yancey, G. L. Cagle.

Recommendations for Admission on Trial: J. M. Hamilton, C. M. Thompson, C. E. Whitten.

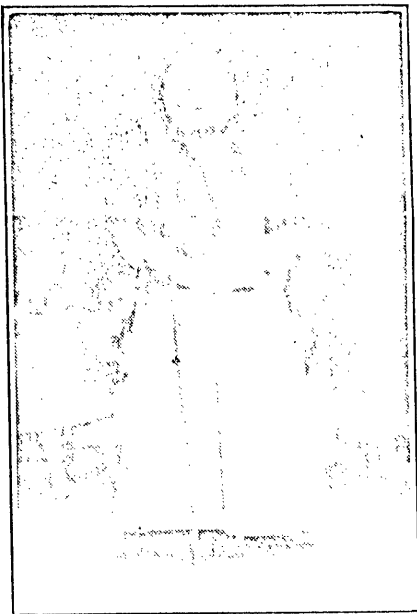
Deacons and Elders Orders: C. D. Cade, L. T. Rogers, A. W. Hamilton.—J. L. Dedman, P. E.

WEST SEARCY AND HIGGINSON

My work on the West Searcy and Higginson Charge is making progress. I believe our congregations are better than they have ever been.

We have good Sunday Schools and I think they are all growing. I feel sure all of them will make the ten per cent increase.

We have had our usual pounding by our people at West Searcy.—J. W. Howard, P. C.



ARKANSAS' OLDEST METHODIST AT BUCKNER

Mrs. Absalom Baker, 101 years old Oct. 1, 1926, has been a member of the Methodist Church since she was 13 years old. She was Miss Martha Tatum before her marriage. Came to Arkansas from Oakland, Tenn., in 1850, and has lived at Buckner since 1887. We esteem Grandmother Baker much. She buoyantly says she intends to fill out her 89th year as a Methodist. She has been a constant reader of the Arkansas Methodist over 20 years.—Otto W. Teague, P. C., Buckner Ct.

ANOTHER "OLDEST MEMBER."

Bro. Wade of Fayetteville wants to know is there anybody in the state who has been a member of the Church longer than has Mrs. Mary Schoofield. Yes, we have one here at Pocahontas, Mrs. Nancy Jones. Sister Jones is ninety-seven years old, and has been a member of the Church eighty-four years. She was a charter member of this Church here, has seen three buildings erected on this site, and when we broke ground for the one we are now building she was on hand, and taking a shovel assisted in loading the first dirt. She is

a descendent of Gen. Greene. Like Bro. Wade and his people, we feel that God is good to us in that he permits us to keep these old saints with us so long.—W. E. Hall, Pastor.

MISSIONARY SPECIAL OFFERING
RECEIVED APRIL 12-18
Little Rock Conference

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| Kingsland | \$22.55 |
| Prairie Union, (St. Charles Ct.) | 1.00 |
| Hawley Memorial, Pine Bluff | 15.00 |
| Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff | 7.80 |
| Austin Ct. | 29.00 |
| Austin, Austin Ct. | 12.00 |
| Humphrey | 12.00 |
| Central, Hot Springs | 20.00 |
| Friendship Ct. | 25.13 |
| Traskwood | 30.00 |
| Blavins-Friendship | 4.25 |
| Hamburg | 50.00 |

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| North Arkansas Conference | |
| First Church, Jonesboro | \$75.00 |
| Magazine | 8.00 |
| Imboden | 11.25 |
| Smithville | 25.00 |
| Wilson | 300.00 |
| Deil Circuit | 3.50 |
| Hughes | 80.85 |
| Huntington Charge | 3.75 |
| South Ft. Smith | 13.10 |
| Brinkley | 26.00 |
| East Side Station | 30.00 |
| Aubrey Ct. | 63.25 |
| Belleville | 15.00 |
| Total Amounts Received by Districts | |

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|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Little Rock Conference | |
| Arkadelphia District | \$ 2,263.89 |
| Camden District | 2,558.80 |
| Little Rock District | 7,239.93 |
| Monticello District | 3,168.35 |
| Pine Bluff District | 2,679.40 |
| Prescott District | 2,468.07 |
| Texarkana District | 2,069.90 |
| North Arkansas Conference | |
| Batesville District | \$ 1,489.49 |
| Booneville District | 1,261.95 |
| Conway District | 1,600.42 |
| Fayetteville District | 1,004.09 |
| Ft. Smith District | 2,475.00 |
| Helena District | 2,566.70 |
| Jonesboro District | 2,094.35 |
| Paragould District | 2,325.17 |
| Searcy District | 2,014.75 |
| Total Little Rock Conf. | \$22,448.34 |
| Total North Arkansas Conf. | \$16,831.92 |
| Grand total both Confs. | \$39,280.26 |
| —J. E. Simmons, Sec.-Treas. | |

"HOW TO GET MARRIED, STAY MARRIED, AND BE HAPPY THOUGH MARRIED."

Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker will deliver his famous, humorous lecture, "How To Get Married, Stay Married, and Be Happy Though Married," at the Little Rock High School Auditorium, Friday, May 6, at 8 P. M. Dr. James Thomas, presiding elder of the Little Rock District, will introduce Dr. Knickerbocker, who, on that occasion, will make his first appearance in Little Rock in the role of a lecturer. Two large chorus choirs will render several special numbers. A ten-piece brass band will play.

The program is being presented by the Rev. J. C. Glenn for the benefit of Palaski Heights Methodist Church, of which he is pastor. It is expected that a capacity house will hear this gripping, thrilling, humorous lecture. Dr. Knickerbocker promises "Ten Thrills, Forty Laughs, and Ten Tears in Sixty Minutes"—one per minute. In this famous lecture, Dr. Knickerbocker will bring tears to the eyes of every one, and then again cause roar after roar of laughter. Those who have heard this lecture state that it is filled with "lights and shadows, thrills and tears, June's nights and December's frost, and song and weeping." Tickets now on sale by O. K. Henck Piano Co., National Clothing Co., Poe's Shoe Store, and Rev. J. C. Glenn.

FORTIETH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

On the evening of March 2 from 7:30 to 10:00 Rev. and Mrs. S. C. Dean gave a delightful reception to their many friends at their home, celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary. Receiving with Rev. and Mrs. Dean were their children, Mrs. Lee Timberlake, of Camden, Mr. and Mrs. Timberlake, of Camden, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hundley of this city, and the Rev. J. T. Rodgers, pastor of the Methodist Church of Hamburg, and Mrs. Rodgers.

Such a warm welcome and friendly hospitality greeted the guests as they entered this home that the wintry weather on the outside was forgotten. The rooms were made lovely and attractive with bowls and baskets of spring flowers.

After expressing good wishes and congratulations to the host and hostess, the guests were invited into the dining room where they were served to coffee, chocolate and sandwiches, by Mrs. J. F. Titus, Mrs. E. W. Pryor, Mrs. R. W. Baird, Mrs. A. W. Harri-man, Mrs. Scott Savage, and Miss Kittie Baird.

Telegrams of congratulations and many handsome and lovely gifts were received by Rev. and Mrs. Dean for which they were so gracious in their appreciation, that the givers felt that they had received the greater pleasure.

These gifts and kind expressions of friendliness and love, so gladdened the hearts of the recipients that it made them feel that forty years married was not so long after all, but that March, 1927 was only a very happy climax to a forty-year honeymoon, for every one seemed to think that they were looking happier than they could possibly have looked forty years ago. At least Bro. Dean could not have looked handsomer nor Mrs. Dean more lovely and charming than she did on this occasion, wearing a black silk with cream lace and a corsage of sweet peas.

After thirty-five years of active work in the ministry, as a faithful Methodist pastor, Mr. Dean retired a few months ago and he and Mrs. Dean came to Hamburg to make their home.

His retiring was voluntary on his part and not from any disability, for he is still active and as always, is ready and eager to do his part in any Christian work.

Before retiring we know that he gave the matter most prayerful consideration and came to the decision that he was doing what was best.

Thirty-five years as one of the Conference's most faithful and active preachers is a most honorable record, and one deserving a reward that can not be bestowed by human hands.

Hamburg is fortunate in having these good people become citizens of our town, and the good influence which comes from their lives will, we hope, return to them in happiness in full measure, and make them feel that they have made their home in pleasant places.—Ashley County Leader.

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LETTER FROM EVANGELIST
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I have had the pleasure of working in this wonderful state for over three months. I have enjoyed my work here very much, and have seen many things of interest. This is indeed a great state.

I have just closed one of the best meetings I have ever held. This was in the First M. E. Church, Selma, Calif.

I am now in a meeting with Rev. Robert L. Jackson at Fitzgerald Memorial Methodist Church, San Francisco, Calif. The meeting is moving off with splendid interest, and the prospects are good. We will close here on Easter Sunday with a large class uniting with the church. Bro. and Sister Jackson have a wonderful hold on the people here and are doing a splendid work for their Master.

At the close of the meeting I will return to my home in Conway, Ark. I have an open date for May 1 and also one in June. If I can serve you in a meeting at that time, please write me at Conway, Ark. I will come with or without a singer.—Sam M. Yancey.

N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
COLLECTIONS.

Rev. Ira A. Brumley has remitted to the Conference treasurer over one fourth of the Conference Claims assessment for Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, and leads the Conway District in amount paid.

First Church, Batesville, has first place in its District in payments on the Claims, having sent one quarter or more of its entire quota. Rev. W. C. Davidson is pastor, and W. P. Jones is treasurer.

Midland Heights Church, Ft. Smith, Rev. H. A. Bolin, pastor, C. E. Beard, treasurer, has already paid almost half as much as the total for last year.

First Church, North Little Rock, under the leadership of Rev. A. E. Holloway, is making the best beginning in its history on the "Collections." R. J. Rice is the church treasurer.—Geo. McGlumphy, Treas.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT CONFERENCE

One of the best District Conferences ever held in the Ft. Smith District, was held at Charleston, April 5, 6, and it closed the quadrennium of Dr. F. M. Tolleson, the presiding elder, so far as District conferences are concerned. Bro. Tolleson was at his best and presided in his usual happy, easy, but dignified manner. The conference, at its close, extended to him a rising vote of thanks for his able leadership and brotherly helpfulness. Every charge in the District was represented, and all the brethren seemed happy and hopeful, and expressed themselves as being already in the midst of a great year's work. Reports from most of the charges were very encouraging, both as to the spiritual and the financial condition of the church. Dr. Geo. McGlumphy, Conference treasurer, reported that payments on Conference Claims were far in advance of what

they were at this time last year. Some of the brethren reported some very fine meetings held and large accessions to the church, "Missionary Specials" in full, and all collections paid up to date.

Dr. Geo. W. Davis, First Church, Ft. Smith, preached the first day at the eleven o'clock hour. His message, "The individual care of God," based on Ps. 139, was deep, spiritual, and helpful. At night Bro. W. V. Womack brought us a very fine message on "Stewardship." The second day, Bro. Hook delivered a very inspiring, soul-stirring sermon on "Service."

Galloway College, Henderson-Brown, Sloan-Hendrix Academy, Valley Springs Training School were all represented before the Conference in short addresses by Dr. J. M. Williams, Revs. R. C. Morehead, J. J. Galloway, J. F. Glover, and W. M. Edwards, respectively. Rev. J. F. Simmons spoke in the interest of the "Missionary Specials" and Centenary collections. Rev. W. F. Blevins, field secretary of superannuate endowment for North Arkansas Conference made an earnest appeal in behalf of our worn-out preachers. Rev. H. L. Wade, pastor of our church at Fayetteville, also spoke in the interest of the superannuate cause. The Woman's Missionary Society was represented in brief talks by Mrs. M. R. Harper and Mrs. W. A. Steele.

The pastor-host to the conference, L. E. Conkin, and his people, entertained the preachers and delegates in a most cordial manner. Bro. Conkin is in fine favor with his folks. They have a beautiful new church, and it is almost paid out, have a "B" type Sunday School. Rev. C. C. Burton, pastor at Greenwood was secretary of the Conference. The next session goes to City Heights, Van Buren.

The following were elected delegates to Annual Conference: T. L. Hunt, D. L. Ford, Hugh Basham, Mrs. W. A. Steele, Geo. W. Johnson, Mrs. M. R. Harper, Mrs. J. R. Bell, Mrs. Lillie Fein, J. R. Chastain, Mrs. A. C. Hendricks.—J. B. Stewart, Reporter.

A LETTER TO REV. J. F. JERNIGAN

Bono, Ark., March 29, 1927.

Dear Brother Jernigan:

I have always had a special interest in and for you ever since I heard you sing "I wonder if Christ my Redeemer could save a poor sinner like me," thirty years ago on the side of the pine hills at Old Cross Roads.

I have always believed, and do now, that you are a 100 per cent man, and above all, a true and faithful minister of the gospel. I firmly believe that you have scattered more sunshine, more joy and gladness throughout this country than any other man in this great state.

This has been made possible because you were called to the ministry of the great Methodist Church and because you answered the call and were faithful to the end. It was made possible by the fact that your active labors have covered a period of half a century. It was made possible because of your splendid health during this half century. It was further made possible by the fact that your appearance in the pulpit, on the platform and in the home carried with it a powerful influence for good which gave all whom you came in contact with great faith and confidence in you. This was further made possible because you had received far more than one talent, being far above the average man in sermon, song and prayer, as well as conversation and

the use of the pen.

Our Legislative halls at Little Rock could not have been more honored, or better graced, than when it elected you its chaplain to implore God's blessings upon our lawmakers as well as the citizens of the "Wonder State" who sent them there.

Brother Jernigan, I can hardly quit saying these things because I have not yet said half enough, but I would not be at all surprised if your last years are not the most happy and most successful in turning the world toward Christ.

Regarding your sermon lecture, "A Methodist Preacher for Fifty years" will say that I have just been talking to our pastor, Bro. Snell, and he says he would be glad to have you come down next Sunday and be at Trinity for the 11 o'clock service and at Bono for the night service.

Brother Jernigan, I am sure that your lecture, backed by fifty years' experience is going to be very rich indeed, and for this reason I might suggest that it would be well if you had a few thousand notices printed in order to well advertise your coming at various places where you will be lecturing throughout the state. I know that there should be a full house at every service you will hold of this kind.

With best wishes and warmest personal regards, I am as always,

Yours very truly

Geo. A. Lamb.

SLOAN-HENDRIX ACADEMY

The Sloan-Hendrix Academy will graduate the largest class in its history this year. The Senior Class consists of 29 members who will be awarded diplomas May 20. Those who are to be awarded diplomas are as follows: Leonard Lingo, Bernard Penn, Max Rosa, Truman Whitaker, Clara Weir, Louise Shaw, Annie Jane Arnold, Mary Jane Morris, Pauline Williams, Albert W. Lindsay, Oscar Powell Spurlock, Thomas B. Love, Mabel Hite, Mary Teague, Cecil Dent, Susie Bolding, Julian Smith, Willorona Henderson, Muriel Williams, Donna Baker, M. A. Garrison, Helen Hillhouse, Juanita Teague, Mack McKamey, Norman Smith, Mrs. Nora Henry, Thomas Keck, Nobel Guthrie and Clea Oldham.

43RD HENDRIX YEAR TO CLOSE

Plans for the forty-third annual commencement, the list of the senior class as at present constituted, and announcements for both the summer schools for pastors and the regular summer session, were contained in a statement made public Saturday at Hendrix College.

The sermon to the graduating class will be delivered Sunday, June 12, by Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, D. D., pastor of the First Methodist Church, Little Rock, and the address will be delivered June 13 by Bishop H. A. Boaz. The senior class, inclusive of those graduated in February and to be graduated in June and August, comprises 58 students, which is slightly above the six-year average of those receiving the bachelor of arts degree.

W. O. Wilson, professor of mathematics, will be director of the summer session, which will be opened June 8 and concluded August 6. Other members of the faculty on duty for the session will be: M. J. McHenry, Ph. D., chemistry and physics; O. T. Gooden, Ph. D., economics and history; H. W. Kamp, M. A., Latin and Greek; R. C. Holl, Ph. D., education; R. L. Campbell, Ph. D., English; E. T. Petry, Ph. D., biology.

For high school graduates, the summer sessions offer the opportu-

ity to complete in three years the course leading to the bachelor of arts degree. The summer's work can also be counted toward a teacher's certificate or for removal of entrance deficiencies.

The school for pastors will be in session June 13 to 24 with Dr. J. H. Reynolds, president of the college, as dean, and Prof. Theodore B. Manny, director of the rural life department, as director. The board of managers of the school is composed of the following: Little Rock conference—Dr. James Thomas, Rev. Clem Baker, Dr. C. M. Reves, Little Rock; Rev. J. L. Cannon, Arkadelphia; Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, Pine Bluff; Hubert Shull, Texarkana; Dr. E. R. Steel, Monticello; Rev. E. C. Rule, Warren. North Arkansas Conference—Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Rev. R. C. Morehead, Rev. G. G. Davidson, Prof. Theodore Manny, Conway; Rev. Harry King, Searcy; Rev. H. K. King, Wilson; Rev. B. C. Few, Booneville; Rev. A. E. Holloway, North Little Rock; Rev. Jefferson Sherman, Blytheville; Rev. W. A. Lindsey, Batesville.

Instructors in the school for pastors will be: Dr. Gilbert T. Rowe, book editor and editor of the Methodist Review, Nashville, Tenn.; Dr. Ed F. Cook and Dr. J. W. Shackford, general Sunday School Board; Dr. J. E. Crawford, General Board of Lay Activities; Dr. C. M. McConnell, school of theology, Boston University; Rev. J. Frank Simmons, Conference missionary secretary, Little Rock; Dr. Charles J. Greene, dean of Hendrix, Prof. H. W. Kamp, professor of Latin and Greek, Hendrix.

Speakers at the assemblies to be held each night will include Bishop Boaz, Dr. Knickerbocker, Dr. Shackford, Dr. Crawford and Dr. Rowe from the school faculty. A distinguished visitor from the Methodist Episcopal church will be Dr. Ernest F. Tittle, pastor of the First Methodist church, Evanston, Ill., the seat of Northwestern University. Dr. Tittle's addresses will occupy from June 20 to 23. Bishop Boaz will be the speaker from June 16 to 19, including the Sunday sermon to the assembled pastors.

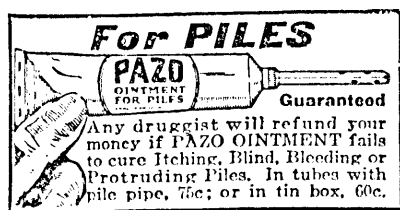
Students holding 90 credits are listed in the Hendrix senior class. However, as 120 credits are required for graduation, there is usually a variance between the senior list and those who actually finish. As now tentatively scheduled at the college, the bachelor of arts degree will be conferred at the times indicated:

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August—Marion Schneider, Memphis; Mary E. Denton, Belleville; John Bryant Guice, Conway; Joseph B. McGee, Conway; Thomas B. Talley, Hope; Ben T. Williams, Ozark.

February, 1928—Franklin H. McCormack, Malvern; Emily Robins, Conway; John C. Shewmake, Stamps.

PULASKI HEIGHTS CLOSES SUCCESSFUL REVIVAL

The pre-Easter campaign of evangelism closed last Sunday at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church. The pastor, Rev. John C. Glenn, was assisted by Rev. Clem Baker, Conference superintendent of Sunday School work, and J. Blaine Withee, general secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. Despite

the inclement weather during the week preceding Easter, not a single service was called off and the attendance was most gratifying.

A large class of children was received at the morning hour. Ten infants were dedicated to God by their parents in holy baptism. At the close of the night sermon, the Easter class composed of adults was received into the church. This brings the total additions up to seventy-five for 1927, making a grand total of 223 since Brother Glenn assumed charge of the church last September.

The faith of the people was deepened, their resolve strengthened and their spiritual attitudes cultivated during the series of services. The entire church has been encouraged and blessed. Not only is the spiritual state of the church in excellent condition, but the finances are in fine shape. A \$1,000 payment has been made on the church debt since the first of January. The special love-offering for Missions totaling \$402 has been sent to the treasurer. All current bills are paid promptly, and pledges have been made to cover the General and Conference Claims, the Superannuate Endowment quota and all necessary expenses of the church for 1927. In addition to this a second payment of \$1,000 will be made on the church debt in June.

Brother Glenn is happy in his pastorate. The people are loyal, responsive and faithful in their work.—Reporter.

GARDNER MEMORIAL, NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Sunday, April 17, was the climax of a four months' program at Gardner Memorial. During these months special emphasis had been placed upon four phases of the work of the church: Evangelism, Missions, Leadership Training, and Finance.

Evangelism was given first place when a training class was organized in December for the purpose of training the leaders for the program of Evangelism in the Sunday School. The general plan of the Sunday

School Board was followed out in the program of Evangelism in the Sunday School with results which brought joy to the Sunday School workers.

A two weeks' meeting was held, beginning March 20, which resulted in 58 people offering themselves for church membership, 50 per cent of the number being on profession of faith. For the most part those who united with the Church on profession of faith were members of the Sunday School.

Our Sunday School enrolled 70 for the Leadership Training School, which was held at First Church, Little Rock, in March. Fifty-four of this number took credit and won the Dr. James Thomas Loving Cup and brought this cup over on the North Arkansas Conference side of the river.

The School of Missions was held in our church in February with 62 people attending at least five class periods. Many others attended one or more class periods. An offering of \$100 was made on the Mission Special.

The church has set a new record in church finance. The local expenses, such as salaries of pastor, and presiding elder, and the incidental expenses of the church, are 100 per cent plus. \$225 have been raised on the claims. More than \$1,000 worth of improvements have been secured including a new lot, walks, chairs and a piano.

The church attendance during this period has increased 100 per cent. The Sunday School attendance for the past month has averaged over 400. The Woman's Missionary Society and the Leagues are doing splendid work.

The progress of this year has been made possible by the fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the Church membership and the splendid foundation laid by former pastors.—Ira A. Brumley, P. C.

THE REAL GIPSY

The real Gipsy Smith is expressed in a conversation with a notable London interviewer, the Rev. Kingscote Greenland, who asked the famous soul winner, "Gipsy, why are you an evangelist?" The Gipsy raised himself in his chair, thrust forward his massive head, crowned with his still raven black hair, and with tremendous emphasis replied: "Because I cannot help it—I must. Necessity is laid upon me. I am as sure of my commission as of my conversion. I should no more dare to live without preaching Christ's gospel than to live without eating. I've got to do this thing—why, I don't know, but I have. It's my business, my divine work, and woe is me if I preach not the gospel. And God has set his seal on my ministry in five continents by permitting me to see tens of thousands of men and women brought back home to him through my humble agency. Go out and call men in I must, and I will; I can do no other, as Martin Luther said."—The Methodist (Australia).

AWAKE

If the world is to be saved, there must come an unprecedented revival in the church of Jesus Christ—a revival as comprehensive in its scope and purpose as the broad life of the world. It must begin in the souls of individual men and women, and must be so thoroughgoing as to put to shame that type of professional evangelist who relies on the mere signing of cards and the raising of hands as the evidence of success. The hearts of saints and sinners alike must be scourged of all unrighteousness. The souls of Christians, both ministers and laymen, must feel the "Woe is

me!" and the urge of a "dying man unto dying men." A new zeal for the Kingdom of God based upon the self-sacrifice of the Cross itself must take possession of the church. And the revival must go out of the church door into the pulsing life of business, society, the nation, and the world. The refining fire must lead from Sunday to Monday and Tuesday and every other day of the week.

Christians need to be so "revived" that they will not only sing and pray, but will have courage to denounce evil in the world of affairs and in governments, and be brave enough in the face of criticism and ridicule to insist that the Jesus' way of life shall prevail among the nations. It is no hour for compromisers, for weaklings, for men so busy admiring and analyzing their own religious feelings that they piously allow the world to go to the devil. We are in a death struggle for control with a menacing monster who threatens civilization and the very life of the world. "Awake thou that sleepest!"—Zion's Herald.

A CHINESE VIEW OF THE SITUATION IN CHINA

"The present Nationalist movement in China is not a Cantonese movement, but it is a rising tide of the hopes and opinion of the Chinese people," declares the Rev. W. B. Nance, president of Sochow University, in writing to the Board of Missions on the Chinese situation. Speaking of the idea, which he believes is held by many people, that the present trouble in China is merely a question of conflict between two leading militarists of the North and South—Chang Tso Lin and Chiang Kai Shek—Dr. Nance says that Chiang Kai Shek, leader of the Cantonese, is simply one of the channels through which the Chinese people are seeking to express their hopes and purposes, and that if he should cease to be an open channel another leader would be chosen, possibly from Chekiang, Canton, Chili, or some other city, who would help to bring about the realization of the Chinese hope of nationalism.

Dr. Nance reports a recent interview with Dr. Y. C. Ma, outstanding political economist of China, who since his return to that country six years ago from a period of study at Columbia University, New York, has been a lecturer on public finance and related lines at the National University at Peking, and has also lectured on economic problems at Shanghai, Soochow, Wusih, Manking, and Wuchang, and during the past autumn delivered a series of lectures on this subject at Canton. Dr. Ma is now head of the department of issue of the bank of China with headquarters at Peking. At the recent celebration of the 25th anniversary of the founding of Soochow University, Dr. Ma was honored by that institution with the degree of Doctor of Laws. Dr. Ma was formerly a student at Soochow University.

In speaking of Dr. Ma's observa-

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tions during his month's stay at Canton and of his interview with Borodin, Dr. Nance says:

"People who have been accepting the statement constantly made by the North China Daily News and other foreign papers that the Russians are running the whole show and are using the simple-minded Kuomintang for their own selfish ends would have gotten an entirely different view of the matter could they have heard Dr. Ma. He threw a new light on the relations between the Nationalist movement in China and the Russians.

"Dr. Ma interviewed Borodin and found him, somewhat to his surprise, a very retiring, scholarly person, who speaks perfect English and who was educated in one of the middle-western universities of the United States. He is the greatest authority on the Chinese land-tenure, having made the only thorough-going investigations of that subject. Upon Dr. Ma's question as to what he would suggest as to a solution of the present Chinese problem, Borodin replied: 'The nationalization of the land.' Great was his surprise when Dr. Ma explained to him that this plan had been tried seven separate times in China and that each time it had proved a complete failure. Dr. Ma believes that Communism, although it may be well suited to Russia, is utterly unsuited to conditions in China. He pointed out that in striking contrast to Russia, there had never been any serfs in China and there are none today. Instead of the land belonging to great landowners, as was the case in Russia, in China the land is owned by those who cultivate it, and the farmer throughout Chinese history has been at the top of the social ladder with only the scholar-statesman above him. A proposal to confiscate their land would make no appeal to the farmers of China, declared Dr. Ma, especially as the farmers constitute more than 80 per cent of the population of the country. Neither would such a proposal appeal to the remaining 20 per cent of the people, who are artisans and merchants and have always had a reputation for fair play.

Dr. Ma added that no thoughtful Chinese would consider the Russian communistic proposals seriously for a moment. Consequently, the Cantonese can see no danger at all in accepting financial or other help from Russia since they know that Communism can never make any appeal to the people of China unless it be to a small impractical extremist group. "The reason," said Dr. Ma, "that

the majority right wing of the Kuomintang, which is the hope of the Nationalist of China today, allows itself to be associated with Russian Bolshevism and an extreme communistic, anti-foreign, anti-Christian left wing is because they have an immediate objective in common, and the Nationalists are willing to use the help of the Bolsheviks and the extremists to obtain this. If it is true, as is commonly reported, that the Russians are spending \$20,000,000 a year in China today, it is because they are carrying on the age-old struggle with Great Britain and they believe it is worth any sum to break the prestige of Britain in Eastern Asia and thus weaken her hold on India and elsewhere. Weakening Britain's hold on concessions in China is one of the immediate objectives of the Nationalist movement, and the advice of Russian military experts helps the Cantonese to train and hold together their military forces, and thus furthers the carrying out of their plans against Britain.

"Also, the right wing of the Kuomintang is so absolutely sure that Communism can never be made a practical issue in China that they are willing to make use of the intense nationalistic activities of the left wing for the time being to help carry out their purpose, knowing full well that the time must come for a settlement between the two wings of the party. They believe, however, that the good sense of the Chinese people will neutralize the effects of communism in good time."

Dr. Ma emphasized the fact that the present trouble is in reality a revolution of the Chinese people, who are endeavoring to take such measures that the wealth of their country in natural resources shall be guarded and developed for the benefit of the whole people of China and not exploited by any small class.

In conclusion Dr. Ma said: "We feel we have a right to expect that Christian people shall appreciate our position and not do anything to stand in the way of the realization of our national aims. No revolution can avoid suffering and injustice to individuals. But the end to be gained is worth all that it costs, and we ask that our friends shall understand and at least not make it more difficult for us."

OBITUARY

WOOD.—Harry Wood was born June 26, 1869 near Bethalto, Ill., and departed this life April 7, 1927. He was the youngest child of J. P. and Caroline Ralph Wood. He came with his parents to Rogers in 1889, and was united in marriage to Miss Lida Merryfield in 1897, who survives him. To this union were born six children: Mrs. W. W. Giddens, who lives near Hebron; Ethel, Irene, Ralph, Cecil, and Lora Wood who live at home. He is also survived by a brother, L. J. Wood, of Bethalto, Illinois, and two sisters, Mrs. M. H. Reid, and Miss Ada Wood, both of Rogers. Brother

COOPER.—On March 6, 1926, the angel of suffering visited the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Cooper and left one of the finest babes that ever came to adorn and enrich a home. Little Elbert Wilkes remained in this lovely home nearly thirteen months. God sent a messenger back to earth Sunday afternoon, April 3, 1927, to pick one of the fairest flowers of his creation to add a further touch of beauty to heaven, and he plucked this little human flower, Elbert Wilkes. This little jewel returned to God who gave it to his parents before it was marred by sin, untainted by evil. Besides the grief-stricken parents, two sisters, Ruth and Jane Elizabeth, and a brother, John J., Jr., mourn the passing of little Elbert Wilkes. A host of relatives and friends are in sorrow because of his seemingly untimely death. The parents, sisters, brothers, relatives and friends have been blessed by the coming of this human flower. During its short life, it created the spirit of sympathy, tied the bonds of love more securely and brought the blessings of ambition and hope. Heaven is much closer now than it was before he was translated.—J. C. Glenn.

ROGERS.—Mrs. Mary Frances Rogers, widow of the late David N. Rogers, came to the end of her earthly pilgrimage, after a lingering illness of many weeks, at her home in Fordyce, Arkansas, May 21, 1926. Her maiden name was Hardeman. She was born near Holly Springs, Arkansas, Feb. 11, 1853. She was married to David N. Rogers, Nov. 11, 1869. They celebrated their Golden Wedding in the presence of a large company of children, grand-children, relatives, and friends Nov. 11, 1919. A few years later Bro. Rogers preceded his good wife to the heavenly home. Mrs. Rogers was the mother of ten children, seven of whom are still living. Two of her sons, L. T. and M. K. are honored and efficient members of the Little Rock Conference. Another of her sons, Henderson H., is an efficient local preacher in our church at Arcadia, La. All of her children are devout Christians. Nearly all of her married life was spent in the quiet farm home located some nine miles north of Fordyce in Dallas County. For more than fifty years this home gave a welcome to any of God's ministers who passed that way, and many of them recall with pleasure their visits to that home which was always fragrant with the air of generous Christian hospitality. Sisters Rogers was not a great woman as the world measures greatness. Her education was limited. She lived and died within a circle of fifty miles of the spot where she was born. She missed the culture which comes from education and association with cultured people, but there was an air of native grace and refinement about her life, and a poise and vigor of her men-

tal faculties which would have commanded recognition and respect in any station of life. She was truly great according to the Master's standard of greatness, for she was great in goodness and in the measure of unselfish service which she gave to her family and to the world. She has left to her children and loved ones the memory of a beautiful Christian life, and they cherish the blessed hope of meeting her again in that home where we shall find those "whom we have loved and lost awhile", and be with them forevermore.—J. A. Sage.

WILLIAMS.—Mary Catherine Goodwin was born in Cherokee County, Texas, Sept. 7, 1864. She moved with her parents in 1879 to Polk County, Ark., where on Nov. 21, 1880, she was married to Rev. J. B. Williams, who has been for many years an honored member of the Little Rock Annual Conference. Twelve children were born to their union, four of them died in infancy, eight are still living. All of them have reached manhood or womanhood. Two of the boys are preachers. All are Christians and active members of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Williams was a woman of rather unusual strength of both mind and body. She was deeply and consistently religious. She had a genuine experience of grace and lived in conscious fellowship with God. The people among whom she lived as the wife of a pastor loved and trusted her always. She was ever ready for every good work in the church, and was especially devoted to the work of the W. M. S. In many of the charges which they served she was the president of the Missionary Society and filled the place with fidelity and signal ability. Some ten or twelve years ago her husband was compelled by advancing age and infirmities to accept the superannuate relation. Since that they have lived near the little town of Hatfield, where in Jan. 15, 1927, she finished her earthly pilgrimage, and gently fell on sleep. She had been a helpless invalid for many months preceding her death, having been stricken with apoplexy on July 9, 1926. She bore her afflictions with resignation and cheerfulness. As the end drew near she talked frequently about Heaven and the loved ones who had gone before her to that happy home. Her bereaved husband and children will be comforted by the memory of her beautiful Christian life, and by the blessed hope of meeting her again in the heavenly home.—J. A. Sage.

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LYDIA OF THE PINES

By Honore Willsie

(Continued from last week)

He rose obediently and produced half a dozen oranges and a bag of candy.

"Oh, that's gorgeous," cried Lydia, whose spirits tonight were not to be quenched. She brought in the doll house.

"See, daddy," she said with the pride of the master builder. "I colored it with walnut juice. And I found the wall paper in the attic."

Amos got down on his knees and examined the tiny rooms and the cigar furniture. He chuckled delightedly. "I swan," he said, "if Patience doesn't want it you can give it to me!"

"I'm going to let Lizzie put the candy in the stockings," mused Lydia, "then I'll have that to look forward to. I'm going to bed right now, so morning will come sooner."

Alone with the stockings, into which Lizzie put the candy and oranges, Amos sat long, staring at the base burner. Something of the urgent joy and beauty of the Eve touched him, for he finally rose and said:

"Well, I've got two fine children, anyhow." Then he filled up the stoves for the night and went to bed.

CHAPTER IV

The Ravished Nest

It would be difficult to say which enjoyed the doll house more, Lydia or Patience. It would be difficult to say which one was the more touched, Lizzie or Amos by the package each found on the breakfast table. Amos unwrapped his to find therein a pipe tray fashioned from cigar box wood and stained with Lydia's walnut dye. Lizzie's gift was a flat black pin-cushion, with "Lizzie, with love from Lydia," embroidered crazily on it in red. Lydia and Patience each were planned to her dress a cotton handkerchief, Lizzie's gift.

John Levine appeared at noon, laden like a pack horse. This was his great opportunity during the year to do things for the Dudley children and he took full advantage of the moment. Books for Lydia, little tops for the baby, a pipe for Amos, a woolen dress pattern for Lizzie, a blue sailor suit for Lydia, a fur hood for Patience.

John's thin, sallow face glowed, his black eyes gleamed as he watched the children unwrap the packages. In the midst of the excitement, Lydia shrieked:

"My ducks! My ducks!" and bolted for the kitchen.

"The pie!" cried Lizzie, panting after her.

"Don't tell me they're spoiled!" groaned Amos, as with John and the baby, he followed into the kitchen.

"Safe!" shouted Lydia, on her knees before the oven. "Just the pope's nose is scorched! The pie is perfect."

"Let's eat before anything else happens," said Amos, nervously.

"Lord!" said John Levine, "who'd miss spending Christmas where there are children? I'd a gotten out here today if I'd had to come barefooted."

The dinner was eaten and pronounced perfect. The gifts were re-admired. John Levine, with Lydia and Florence Dombey on his lap, Amos with the drowsy little Patience in his arms, and Lizzie, her tired hands folded across her comfortable stomach, sat round the base burner while the wind rose outside and the boom of the ice-locked lake filled the room from time to time.

"Fearful cold when the ice cracks that way," said Amos.

"The owl, for all his feathers was a cold," murmured Lydia.

"Where'd you get that and what's the rest of it?" asked Levine.

"Selected Gems," replied Lydia. "It's a girl's poem. Gosh, I've been happy today! Daddy, you thought we'd have an awful poor Christmas, didn't you? Poor old daddy! Why, I've just felt all day as if my heart was on tip-toes."

It had indeed been a high day for the child. Perhaps she remembered it for years after as one of her perfect days, because of the heartbreaking days that followed.

For little Patience for the first time in her tiny life was taken ill. For three or four days after Christmas she was feverish and cross with a hoarse cold. When Amos came home the fourth night, he thought she had the croup and sent Lydia pelting through the darkness for the dairy farmer's wife. Mrs. Norton, the mother of Billy, was not long in coming to a decision.

"Tain't regular croup. You go after the doctor, Mr. Dudley."

Patience, frightened by her difficult breathing, would let no one but Lydia touch her. Under Mrs. Norton's supervision, she packed the baby in hot water bottles while Lizzie heated water and stoked the fires till the stove doors glowed red.

Amos came back with the doctor about nine o'clock. Patience was in a stupor. The doctor sent Lydia away while he made his examination. The child clenched her fists and walked up and down the living-room, cheeks scarlet, eyes blazing. Suddenly she dropped on her knees by the window and lifted her clasped hands to the stars.

"God! God, up there!" she called. "If you let her die, I'll never pray to you again! Never! I warned You when You let mother die!"

She remained a moment on her knees, staring at the stars while fragments of Sunday school lore flashed through her mind. "Our Father who art in heaven," she said. "No, that won't do. Suffer little children to come unto me. Oh, no, no."

The door opened and Lizzie came out, tears running down her cheeks. Lydia flew to her.

"They say I got to tell you. Diphtheritic croup—her lungs is full—no hope."

Lydia struck the kind old hand from her shoulder and dashed out of the house. She ran through the snow to a glant pine by the gate and beat her fists against it for how long she did not know. Pain in her bruised hands and the intense cold finally brought her to her senses. A self-control that was partly inherent and partly the result of too early knowledge of grief came to her rescue. With a long sigh, she walked steadily into the house and into the room where the baby sister lay in a stupor, breathing stertorously.

The doctor and Amos were there. Mrs. Norton was now soothing Lizzie in the kitchen, now obeying the doctor's orders. Amos did not stir from his chair by the bed, nor speak a word, all that night. The doctor was in his shirt sleeves, prepared to fight as best he could.

"Go out, Lydia," said Doctor Fulton, quietly.

"She'll want me," replied the child.

"She's in a stupor and won't miss you, Lydia. She is not suffering at all. Now, I want you to go to bed like a good girl."

"I won't," said Lydia, quietly.

"Lydia," the doctor went on, as if he were talking to a grown person, "all your life you will be grateful to me, if I make you obey me now. I know those wild nerves of yours, too much and too early controlled. Lydia, go to bed!"

(Continued next week)

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson for April 24

PETER AT THE TRANSFIGURATION

LESSON TEXT—II Peter 1:16-18; Mark 9:2-29.

GOLDEN TEXT—And a voice came out of the clouds saying, This is my beloved Son, hear ye Him.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Shows Peter His Glory.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Beauty and Glory of Christ.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—What Peter Saw and Heard in the Mount.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Majesty and Glory of Christ.

I. The Meaning of the Transfiguration (II Peter 1:16-18).

These verses are an inspired interpretation by one who was present and knew all that transpired. The hope of the disciples was crushed. When Christ announced His death which was to take place on the cross, they were unable to see how victory could issue from death. Jesus took with Him, Peter, James and John, and they went into the mountain by themselves. Before going into the mountain He declared that there were some standing in His presence who would not taste of death till they had seen the kingdom of God come with power.

Two men from the upper world were sent to converse with Jesus about His approaching death at Jerusalem—the very thing about which the disciples refused to talk. Then, too, God's own voice was heard in words of approval of Christ's course, directing them to hear the Master.

II. Jesus Christ Glorified on the Mountain (v. 2, 3).

He took the disciples "by themselves" and was "transfigured before them." This shows that the purpose of the transfiguration terminated upon the disciples and not on Christ. Christ's rebuke of Peter for his unwillingness to hear concerning His death apparently for a time estranged the disciples from Him. His appearance on the mountain typifies His visible appearance on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14:4, 9).

III. Peter, James and John Represent Israel in the Flesh in Connection With the Kingdom (v. 2).

Christ is peculiarly the King of Israel. According to Ezekiel 37:21-27, the Israelites are to be the central people in the kingdom. This people shall be gathered from among the nations and united as one in that kingdom, in their own country.

IV. Moses and Elijah Appeared in Glory With Jesus (vv. 4-13).

These men in the glorified state are typical of the saints in glory. Moses who was once denied an entrance into Palestine appears now in glory representing the redeemed of the Lord who shall pass through death into the kingdom. Elijah represents the redeemed who shall pass into the kingdom through translation. Some shall be living upon the earth when the Lord shall come and they without dying shall be changed and thus pass into the kingdom (I Cor. 15:50-53; I Thess. 4:14-18).

1. Peter's proposal (vv. 5, 6).

So definitely was the method of the kingdom unfolded before Peter that he proposed to erect tabernacles for Christ, Moses and Elijah. It is true that the unveiling of the majestic person of Christ and the panoramic display of the kingdom somewhat disconcerted Peter, yet he grasped its central meaning and proposed to celebrate the advent of the kingdom which had been prefigured in a tangible way.

2. The divine voice out of the cloud (vv. 7, 8).

God declared Jesus to be His Be-

loved Son in whom He was well pleased. If one would know what is pleasing to God, let him study Jesus Christ who perfectly did His Father's will.

3. Jesus' charge (vv. 9-13).

He charged them that they should tell no man concerning the things which they had seen until He had risen from the dead.

V. A Demonstration of the Purpose of the Establishment of the Kingdom (vv. 14-29).

When they descended from the mountain of transfiguration they witnessed a great multitude in a state of perplexity. The immediate cause of this state was the grievous condition of a young man possessed with a demon (v. 18). This young man's state is representative of the nations who are oppressed by the devil. Just as this young man was grievously oppressed, causing him to cast himself into the fire and into the waters, so the nations today in their great perplexity are doing the things which will result in their own destruction.

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