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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Calamities dispirit those of little faith; but furnish strengthening exercise for souls that trust in God.

Floods, when controlled and guided, are sources of wealth; but, unrestrained, they are besoms of destruction.

The man who has trees is fortunate, because they have been growing while the floods have been destroying his other resources.

Some disasters are the result of the lack of foresight; but they are sign-boards pointing to a better way for those who can read their meaning.

The wise prepare ditches and dikes before it rains and have a refuge in time of flood; but the simple are idle during the drought and perish when the waters rush upon them.

THE TREMENDOUS AND PRESSING ENGINEERING PROBLEM OF TODAY

About fourteen years ago, after an unusual season of flood, we discussed the problem of control in these columns. The situation then should have so aroused our people that measures might have been taken to prevent, in large measure, the recurrence of the menace of floods. The levees were heightened and strengthened and consequently are now in better condition than at that time; but it was pointed out that it was a problem involving far more than levees and its solution must come as a result of the combined action of the government of many states and the Federal Government. If prompt and practical measures had then been initiated and systematically prosecuted, much of the present loss might have been avoided. However, we are too much like the mountaineer in the story of "The Arkansas Traveler," when it rains we cannot do the work and when it is not raining we do not need it.

The present floods are terrible; the losses are enormous; but much of the loss could have been prevented. We are not responsible for the unprecedented rainfall; but we are largely responsible for the flood conditions. The denuding of the hills by removal of the trees precipitates vast bodies of water into the streams when it should be absorbed in the soil. The opening of immense drainage ditches hastens an enormous volume of water into the streams. The confining of water by levees raises the height of the rivers and the cultivation of the bottoms makes erosion and cut-offs easy. With ordinary rains these ditches and levees help; but when the rainfall is unusual they simply augment the height and when bounds are passed, the destruction is terrible. It is evident that with further denudation, more ditching, and higher levees, the danger and destruction increase, and about once in ten years we shall have a repetition of the present disaster and each time on a larger scale. Unless we act now and take all of the factors into consideration, the time will come when for certain sections the floods will be almost Noachian, and each neighborhood must maintain its ark or perish.

Many partial solutions of the problem have been suggested; but no complete analysis has been made and no sufficiently complete plan submitted. Let us seek to understand the whole situation and the necessary preventive and remedial measures.

Analysis: (1) Lands subject to overflow, most of them near the Mississippi and its largest tributaries, need full and permanent protection, if it is possible. (2) Arid regions in the West near the headwaters of these streams need irrigation, and even ordinary lands need irrigation in time of drought; (3) It is desirable to obtain a better distribution of rainfall so that protracted drought and excessive rains may be prevented; (4) The immense quantity of rich soil now carried in suspension to the Gulf should be retained and deposited on land to maintain fertility; (5) A great system of inland waterways for drainage and commerce should be developed; (6) Co-operation of

AND THE BOW SHALL BE IN THE CLOUD; AND I WILL LOOK UPON IT, THAT I MAY REMEMBER THE EVERLASTING COVENANT BETWEEN GOD AND EVERY LIVING CREATURE OF ALL FLESH THAT IS UPON THE EARTH.—Gen. 9:16.

railroads, mutually beneficial to railroads and communities, should be obtained; (7) The flow of water should be used to generate power; (8) Scientific forestry and underdrainage should be undertaken to modify climate and soil conditions.

Explanation: (1) Many levees should be perfected. If too close to rivers and consequently in danger of undermining and crevasses, they should be rebuilt further back. Small levees should be built near the rivers to protect the riparian lands from ordinary floods. In some places secondary levees should be built to safeguard precarious situations. Near certain communities mounds should be erected and towns should be protected by double circular levees. In practically all bottoms houses should be built on piers so that they might be occupied even when water is high. In certain places boats and rafts should be always kept in readiness for emergencies. (2) By impounding waters at higher levels floods may be held back and the water so distributed as to diminish danger in wet seasons and irrigate arid lands. New Mexico and Oklahoma are now ready to join adjacent states in impounding their flood producing streams. Impounding near the heads of only a few streams might not materially diminish the floods, but it can be scientifically demonstrated that, if impounding is applied to practically all tributaries, especially in the mountains where the water rushes off rapidly and where by using deep gorges and canyons much could be cheaply retained, the detention would be enormous, and would relieve the lower streams of excess. (3) The creation of many lakes near the arid regions and the larger volume of water in the lower streams throughout the year would affect evaporation and precipitation and equalize and distribute rainfall so that excessive drought and excessive rain would be less common. (4) In the uplands soil is constantly washed into the creeks and carried into the rivers. When the floods have heretofore covered the bottom lands they have been enriched by the deposits left as water recedes. When all the water is confined between levees, there is an accumulation that gradually fills the channel and necessitates higher levees; but most of the soil goes in suspension to the Gulf and is lost. If by the construction of water-gates and subsidiary levees a portion of the flood could at the proper time be distributed over the fields they would be enriched without damage, and undue pressure on the levees would be relieved and the danger of breaks at high state reduced. Water-gates judiciously used would accomplish without harm just what is now accomplished with harm to certain communities by the breaks. (5) It is now agreed that rivers and canals are needed to relieve the railroads of carrying an excess of heavy freight. The railroads should be encouraged to utilize canals and rivers by making them an integral part of the transportation system. Under proper agreements the railroads might help to dig canals and strengthen levees and build upon the levees and thus help to maintain them. By a system of correlated ditches or canals, not only would navigation be provided, by opportunity to shift streams as might be expedient in time of flood so that the lateral rivers and creeks might carry the excess in time to relieve the larger streams before they reached the danger point. Protection and transportation might thus be combined. (6) Running water is wasted power. The more it is retarded in use for power the less damage it will do by ero-

sion. The water power of our streams, if properly harnessed, would run our railroad's and mills and light and heat our homes. By impounding and judiciously releasing our surplus water, we may make it work for us instead of destroying our property. (7) Scientific forestry should be promoted in the highlands and on worthless lowlands and the trees and leaves will hold back the rains and supply the springs and creeks with a perpetual flow. Tile drains laid in all cultivated field will draw water into the ground and prevent flood in the wet season and keep the ground porous and thus prevent drought. (8) It is now evident that much of our money spent on roads and bridges is wasted because excessive floods have not been anticipated. In constructing highways a more adequate study of flood conditions should be made and the bridges and embankments built accordingly. Roads should be built for the worst conditions in order to give the greatest benefits. Railroads should also be constructed with the worst floods possible in view. How much it would be worth to the people, for instance, if a few thousand dollars more had been spent on both road and railroad at Palarm and Cadron Creek!

A working plan: Congress should create a Mississippi Valley Commission, authorized to co-operate with state commissions. Let these commissions have the services of the best engineers in the world. Provide for an issue of United States bonds at a low rate of interest and sell them in small lots to the people, for a sufficient amount to furnish funds for work for five or ten years. Let small charges be made for protection according to benefits, and charge for power, irrigation and transportation privileges. The immediate saving would be enormous. The multiplied millions lost in such a flood as this would pay for all costs.

This is a national problem, because it affects the interests of the immense Mississippi Valley which supplies most of the food and much other material to the nation. The nation cannot prosper when its principal source of supplies is constantly menaced. Because the rivers are interstate it is necessary for Congress to act and open the way. But it is also a state problem, and Arkansas is directly interested more than any other state. In this flood every citizen of Arkansas has suffered, directly or indirectly, and the suffering and loss to the whole state will be greater with each succeeding flood. We are planning a great road system, and are projecting immense industrial enterprises, and inviting the outside world to enjoy our advantages. Before we can get the best results, we must study this far-reaching problem and plan for all of these things. The control of the Mississippi system will mean vastly more than the utilization of the Muscle Shoals dam or the Boulder Dam. It will, indeed, mean more to the nation than the digging of the Panama Canal or the prospective Nicaragua Canal. It is our major problem. Arkansas is in the center of the area involved. It will mean more to us than to any other state. It is proper that we should take the initiative. Let our Governor Martineau appoint a judicious and competent commission to study the question and let our senators and members of Congress co-operate in this study and then let a measure be introduced at the next session of Congress and followed up in our Legislature. If we solve this problem, future generations will call us wise and bless us.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR BALLOTING

In view of the fact that mails were delayed last week and the papers of April 21 did not reach our readers, in many cases, until this week, we extend the time for receiving ballots on the Educational Plan until May 10. To date we have had only words of approval of our suggestion. We trust that all members of the two Conferences will send in their ballots, and that they will not hesitate, on other sheets, to make suggestions. In this matter of paramount importance, we must confer freely and reach the best possible conclusions.

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Pastors' School at Conway, June 13-24.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Bro. Ed. G. Phillips of Siloam Springs is in a community meeting at Gravette. He has charge of the music and personal work.

Last Tuesday the editor had the privilege of dining with the Little Rock Kiwanians and of delivering an address on Forest Conservation.

Dr. J. D. Hammons had a great day on Easter Sunday. A class of 61 was received into his church at El Dorado, many of them on profession of faith.

If any one has second-hand church pews that he would sell at a reduced price he may find a purchaser by writing to Mr. J. O. Bennett, Lonoke, Ark.

Rev. A. E. Holloway, pastor of First Church, North Little Rock, as the result of the pre-Easter campaign, received 48 members. Since conference he has received 100.

Dr. J. M. Workman called last week and reported that 30 members had been received into his church at Conway on Easter Sunday and he announces that Rev. Burke Culpepper is to hold a meeting in Conway in October.

Rev. M. N. Terrell, general evangelist, has just closed a great revival at Wilson, Okla. On account of postponement of another meeting, he has an open date May 1 which he would be glad to give to a pastor in Arkansas. Address him at 2915 Reagan Ave., Dallas, Texas.

On Monday Rev. A. W. Waddill, our pastor at Malvern, called, while in the city to see his wife who, on account of a major operation, has been in Trinity Hospital for a week. His experience with mud and flood in traveling circuitously to reach this city, would furnish material for a tale of adventure. Mrs. Waddill is doing well, and Bro. Waddill's anxiety is relieved. He had profitable services in connection with Easter and received 20 into the church and baptized three children. His charge is prospering.

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Auspices

Pulaski Heights Methodist Church

The Oskar Rust Conservatory of Music presented eighteen advanced pupils in a Violin Ensemble at Pulaski Heights Methodist Church last Sunday night, as a prelude feature of the night service. Rev. J. C. Glenn delivered a special "post-revival" sermon on "Keeping the Heart-Fires Burning," following the musical program.

Rev. J. E. McConnell, pastor of our Church at Duncan, Okla., has not only completed a splendid new church edifice; but has received 350 into the church, in the two and one half years he has been pastor of this church. He has received 160 since November first. His many Arkansas friends will be pleased to learn of his success.

April 7, in Dallas, Texas, Judge J. E. Cockrell passed away at the age of 67 years. He was a prominent lawyer, had served in Congress and on the bench, and was president of the Board of Southern Methodist University. A loyal member of the Methodist Church, he had represented North Texas Conference several times in General Conference.

Evangelist C. N. Guice has just closed a successful revival meeting, with Rev. James E. McConnell, at First Church, Duncan, Oklahoma. The meeting resulted in nearly a hundred additions to the church. Both the pastor and people of the church at Duncan were delighted with Brother Guice's able preaching, charming personality, and gentle spirit.

A certain widely known publishing house is advertising as a magazine premium a book called "The Lost Books of the Bible." The advertising would lead one to believe that the "Books" were a new discovery of great value; whereas they are well known to students of the Bible and are not regarded as having any merit. They are worthless except as literary curiosities.

Writing about his subscription list, Rev. Van W. Harrell, pastor of Park Ave. Church, Hot Springs, says: "Have been mighty busy for the last two weeks and have just closed a fine revival meeting. Had a number of reclamations, conversions, and two life-service volunteers. Will receive on Easter morning a class of twelve or fourteen. People say that the spiritual life is better in the church than it has been for years.

Monday Rev. W. B. Hays, presiding elder of Booneville District, called. He can tell marvelous tales about the floods in his District; and he has much good news concerning the religious conditions of his charges. He thinks that most of his folks are genuinely religious and has unstinted praise for his preachers. His daughter had recently been in a Ft. Smith hospital for an operation for appendicitis. She is recovering satisfactorily and is now at home.

Sacco and Vanzetti, two Italians, who were charged with murder in connection with a robbery in Massachusetts, and whose case has attracted international attention, after all legal expedients have failed to secure their acquittal, have been sentenced to death, and their only hope is in a pardon from the governor. We have read many different accounts of the case, and, although at first we were inclined to think them guilty, we have become convinced that they are the victims of judicial prejudice and should have had a new trial and resulting acquittal. We believe that Governor Fuller would be fully justified in appointing a commission to study the case and in suspension of sentence until the whole matter could be impartially

considered. We have no sort of sympathy for the political doctrines of the accused men, but we believe in fair play and doubt whether they have had it.

Recently an aged and experienced minister of the Methodist Episcopal Church was asked whether he thought the influence of our colleges was, on the whole, in favor of religion. His reply was: "If by religion you mean a narrow sectarianism or noisy emotionalism, I should say probably not. But if by religion is meant a recognition of spiritual realities and a call for sympathetic co-operation with those eternal agencies and forces which ceaselessly make for human betterment through righteous conduct, I should say yes."

Advance ticket sales for the famous humorous lecture, "How to Get Married, Stay Married, and Be Happy, Though Married," by Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker, at the Little Rock High School Auditorium, Friday night, May 6, is gratifying. Brother Glenn, who is sponsoring this church-benefit program, states that a record attendance is expected. In addition to the lecture, in which Dr. Knickerbocker promises his audience, "Ten thrills, forty laughs, and ten tears in sixty minutes," several special musical numbers will be rendered.

Last Sunday morning the editor visited with Dr. W. R. Richardson and his people at Hunter Church, and found Bishop Boaz in the pulpit. The Bishop had been prevented by flood from going to another appointment. He preached a great sermon, which was greatly appreciated. Dr. Richardson has entered upon a good year. On Easter Sunday he received 12 members and baptized two infants. He has been anxiously watching over his wife who has been seriously ill and in St. Vincent's Infirmary for some six weeks. Her recovery is slow.

We realize that our people all over the state have been passing through an unusually trying experience the past two weeks, and the loss of life and property by flood has been great. Our sympathies go out to all, and we trust that in every community the Methodist people will do their full part in helping those who are suffering and in need. Anything that the paper can do in carrying messages of cheer and comfort will be done. It is going to make the financial affairs of the Church more difficult to handle; but we must not lose courage. It is time for even greater efforts on the part of Christian people to do the Master's work.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Honor Girl; by Marcia Macdonald; published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia; price \$1.75.

The Honor Girl is the story of a bright and charming young girl who has naturally and graciously accepted the gifts of life with little thought of obligation for service to others, yet when aroused to this sense of duty she meets the situation with a brave, unselfish heroism that brings its rich reward. The book is full of youth and life and charm. It is a clean wholesome book to put into the hands of your young girls. Any one would be refreshed by reading the story. The illustrations by Frances Kratz add to the charm.

The Portion For The Children; A Pastor's Talk With the Children of His Congregation; by Frank J. Scribner; published by The Macmillan Co., New York.

These little sermons for children are very simple and forceful, told in the language understood by a child. Each sermon consists of two parts—the story and its application. Pastors and other workers with children will find much of help and inspiration in this book, as well as a rich source of interesting and fresh material for presentation. A careful study of these selections will help you to understand more thoroughly the nature and the needs of the child and you will be the better able to present to him the great truths of the Christian religion.

Boys and Girls Of History; by Eileen and Rhoda Powers; published by The Macmillan Company, New York; price \$2.50.

If you are in doubt about what book to give to your story-loving boy or girl, it would be safe and wise to give a copy of "Boys and Girls of History." The stories are all interesting as stories, but they are more than that. They are stories taken from the great periods in English History, starting with Lucius, the Roman Briton, and closing with the

OUR BISHOP'S CORNER.

CONFERENCES WILL NOT BE CALLED IN MAY

Some time ago the presiding elders of the two Arkansas Conferences and the educational commissioners asked the presiding bishop to call the two Arkansas Conferences early in May, 1927. In doing this they had in mind two things: First, the early settlement of the educational policy of the Church in order that all suspense might be ended and the school men might know what to expect and how to adjust their work for the next school year. Second, it would give the remaining part of this year to put on the campaign for the necessary funds for this larger program of the Church and thus hasten the work of promoting our educational interests.

Since then it has developed that a majority of our friends in charge of our educational institutions are opposed to the early sessions of the Conferences and affirm that it is taking undue advantage of them in pushing a program that has not been fully considered. No one of the commissioners has any such thought. No one seeks an advantage or is trying to rush an immature program, and are sure that time will multiply its friends.

Flood conditions in the State make it unwise to undertake at this time any campaign for funds for any thing except for flood sufferers. Our State has been devastated with unprecedented floods costing our people millions of dollars. Now is not a good time to raise money for schools.

For these reasons, after consultation with some of the presiding elders and some of the commissioners (all that were available) and representatives of the Little Rock Chamber of Commerce, I have decided that it would be best not to call the early sessions of the Conferences as requested.—H. A. Boaz.

P. S. The above statement was written before I knew anything of the editorial and questionnaire written by Dr. A. C. Millar in last week's *Arkansas Methodist*.—H. A. B.

FOR YOUTH.

A HYMN FOR ARBOR DAY

By Henry Hanby Hay

And save this tree we plant!
God to all nature grant
Sunshine and rain.
Let not its branches fade,
Save it from axe and spade,
Save it for joyful shade,
Guarding the pain.

When it is ripe to fall,
Neighbored by trees as tall,
Shape it for good.
Shape it to bench and stool,
Shape it for home and school,
Shape it to square and rule,
God bless the wood.

FOREST CONSERVATION

A forest is more than a collection of trees. It is not merely a wood storehouse. It is a wood factory, a water reservoir, a fish hatchery, a game refuge, and a wild-flower preserve. All these in one the forest truly is.

We are the biggest wood users on the face of the earth. The people of the United States actually use two-fifths of all the wood consumed in the world. I see no chance of an early abandonment of the wood-using habit. The way out of this situation is clear. We have been—and I hope we may continue to be—a nation of wood-users, but to enjoy this privilege and the prosperity that goes with it we must become a nation of wood growers.

The biggest mistake made in the lumbering of the past was that no provisions were made for forest renewal. As a result we have vast stretches of idle forest land. It brings no good to anyone. It pays little or no taxes, keeps willing hands out of work, builds no roads, supports no industries, kills railroads, depopulates towns, creates a migratory population, all of which work against a good and stable citizenship. Idle forest land serves no one well. It is a menace to our normal national life.

We must do more than accept conservation. We must preach it and, what is most important of all, we must practice it. It is not enough to

have a right attitude on this subject. For however right an attitude is, unless translated into action, little good will come from it.

If we act the part of good citizens we will bestow upon our children a wisely conserved heritage of natural resources. By doing this we will rear to ourselves a monument of noble vision and unselfish enterprise. Such a conservation policy will make this country a better land in which our boys and girls, and their boys and girls, can become the kind of men and women we want them to be.—Gifford Pinchot.

FOR CHILDREN

TREES OF THE FRAGRANT FOREST

(For six children. As they take their places upon the stage, those in seats recite the first stanza.)

Trees of the fragrant forest,
With leaves of green unfurled,
Through summer's heat, through winter's cold,

What do you do for our world?

First:
Our green leaves catch the raindrops
That fall with soothing sound,
Then drop them slowly, slowly
Down;

'Tis better for the ground.

Second:
When, rushing down the hillside,
A mighty freshet foams,
Our giant trunks and spreading roots
Defend your happy homes.

Third:
From burning heat in summer
We offer cool retreat,
Protect the land in winter's storm
From cold, and wind, and sleet.

Fourth:
Our falling leaves in autumn,
By breezes turned and tossed,
Will make a deep sponge-carpet warm
Which saves the ground from frost.

Fifth:
We give you pulp for paper,
Our fuel gives you heat;
We furnish lumber for your homes,
And nuts and fruit to eat.

Sixth:
With strong and graceful outline,
With branches green and bare,
We fill the land through all the year

With beauty everywhere.

All:
So, listen! From the forest
Each one a message sends
To children on this Arbor Day:
"We trees are your best friends!"
—Primary Education

HOW A FIRE STARTED

One Sunday morning in August a little girl about 8 years old was walking along a road on Johns Mountain, in Tennessee. She noticed a cigarette stub smoldering in the leaves by the roadside, but passed by. When she had gone only about twenty steps she heard what she thought was the sound of an automobile coming up behind her. Looking around, she discovered that the smoldering cigarette stub had started a fire in the leaves which was spreading rapidly. She ran to a home near by, and the man of the house hurried back with her to the fire. He soon found that he could not cope with it single-handed, so he rushed to a neighboring church and called out all the men and boys who were attending the church service—about forty in all. The fire had spread so by the time they reached it that they had to fight it all the rest of the day and half the night. When it was finally extinguished, at 11 o'clock at night, it had burned over about 30 acres of woodland.

That little girl does not know who was so careless as to drop the burning cigarette stub in the leaves; but she does know that if she had set her foot on it she would have saved many hours of hard work for forty men and boys, and the trees growing on 30 acres of land.—Selected.

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DEATH OF DR. D. H. ASTON

With little detail, because of interference with the mails by flood, the news of the death of Dr. D. H. Aston, editor of the *Oklahoma Methodist*, has been received. Accompanying Bishop Boaz on his itinerary among the Oklahoma District Conferences, he had been unusually busy during the past month, and had doubtless overworked and was under the terrible strain that is upon all of our church editors—the strain due to the effort to maintain a respectable paper without adequate support. Suddenly, without warning, Dr. Aston dropped dead on Sunday, April 17, at his home in Tulsa.

He had been a school man, pastor, presiding elder and editor, and acquitted himself with distinction in every position. Scholarly and studious, he was a strong writer and did not hesitate to express himself frankly on the issues of the day. The writer had only become well acquainted with him during the last three years when association as editors brought social contact. This editor had learned to love and honor him as a fine, courageous self-sacrificing Christian worker. At this time, when men of his type are sorely needed, he will be missed by his brethren. His death is a severe blow to Oklahoma Methodism. A month before his death he had married Mrs. Kimbro of Nashville, Tenn. To her and other members of his family our sympathy goes out.

HALF SIZE THIS WEEK

On account of the stoppage of the mails by the floods very little matter came to us in time for use this week, and as we have a limited amount of advertising, we are not able to fill sixteen pages at the usual time for going to press. Next week we shall probably have more than the usual amount and will go back to sixteen pages. Some of the daily papers have been cut down in size by conditions growing out of the flood.

OUR SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN

Since our last report the following subscriptions have been received:

Lake St., Blytheville, Rev. E. M. Peters, 10;
Prescott Ct., Rev. W. L. Arnold, 3;
Clarksville, Rev. W. V. Womack, 63;
Mount Ida, Rev. J. K. Harrell, 10;
Piggott, Rev. J. E. Lark, 41;
Hardy, Rev. J. A. Gatlin, 8;
Atkins, Rev. G. C. Johnson, 16;
Monette, Rev. A. L. Riggs, 11;
Marianna, Rev. W. L. Oliver, 15;
Kingsland, Rev. S. W. Johnson, 3.

When flood conditions are considered, this is a good report. In many places the first duty of the pastors and people will be to flood sufferers, and we cannot expect them to pay special attention to the paper; but in those places where the flood has not seriously affected our people, the pastors are urged to look after the *Arkansas Methodist*, because it will lose much on account of delay in the flooded sections. Individual subscribers are urged to renew without delay, and to take advantage of the wonderful accident policy proposition. It is the cheapest and best travel accident policy that can be secured.

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W. M. SOCIETY

The Annual Report of North Arkansas Conference W. M. S. comes out in a lavender dress suggesting lilacs and other beauties of the springtime. And no less attractive are its pages with Minutes of the interesting and profitable meeting at Searcy. Again Mrs. H. Hanesworth, Rec. Sec., is to be congratulated on making a beautiful booklet worthy of preservation.—V. C. P.

A RECOMMENDATION
RECOMMENDED

A wise recommendation in the Report of the N. Arkansas Conference Committee on Publicity and Literature is No. 4: "That the missionary items sent quarterly by each auxiliary to the Conference Superintendent of Literature and Publicity for publication on the Woman's page in the Arkansas Methodist contain chiefly the giving of real missionary information and methods of arousing interest in the work rather than those of a social nature."—Mrs. R. A. Dowdy, Chairman, Mrs. W. L. Jeter, Sec.

PLAINVIEW AUXILIARY

Mesdames Sebold and Rhoads recently entertained this society which held a "Dollar Social," each member telling how she earned her dollar. We sent Mrs. H. H. Blevins as delegate to the Conference at Searcy and she gave a good report.—Mrs. W. E. Holland.

APRIL FESTIVAL OF FUN

Another festival was given at the high school by the circles of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church of which Mrs. O. C. Ganske and Mrs. E. D. Ferguson are chairmen. The festival, which was

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In some families, the fourth generation is relying on this medicine.

advertised as a "spring tonic" was just that, as the fun and laughter gotten out of it were indeed a tonic for even the grouchiest.

There were two quartettes, several solos, the black-face minstrels, the ukulele girls, the dialect readings, the burlesque fashion show and parade of the "beauties." An orchestra furnished musical numbers throughout the evening.—Chairman.

TILLAR AUXILIARY

Recently 15 members of this society met at the parsonage for a quilting-time, and 3 quilts were made for the Methodist Orphanage. Each member brought something for the lunch and Mrs. M. K. Rogers, our pastor's wife, added considerably to the menu.

Our regular mission study class met in the home of Mrs. Will Nichols this month with 14 members present. Mrs. Peacock is making "Moslem Women" very interesting for us by putting so much study and thought into it herself. Our business meetings, led by our president, Mrs. S. V. Clayton, are always interesting and helpful. A program from Voice follows the business sessions.—Mrs. Angie Henry, Supt. of Publicity.

LITTLE ROCK FIRST CHURCH
AUXILIARY

A most interesting business meeting was held April 4. Splendid reports were given of the regular work by the Supts. of the different departments. Mesdames Pemberton and Frost gave interesting reports from Annual meeting of the Conference at Winfield. Mrs. Pemberton told of the beautiful memorial service honoring our departed co-laborers. In speaking of our own Mrs. Rummel she said the basket of white lilies placed beside the picture of Mrs. Rummel seemed typical of her, the white lilies representing the purity of her life with its heart of gold, and the petals representing the many ways in which she gave herself.

Mrs. Boaz who has been in the Orient so recently brings us a real personal touch from those people. Mrs. James Thomas, Dist. Sec., was an honored guest and brought us words of praise and encouragement.—Mrs. W. N. Jones, Pub. Supt.

CHILDREN'S WORK AT WARREN

Mrs. Lewis Ederington of Warren, re-elected Supt. of Juniors for 1927 has had a very successful year. This group of children are loyal missionary workers.

They have six members on their Baby Roll.

24 members in Jan. and thirty-two in Dec., 1926.

1 promoted to Young Peoples Society.

24 Flower Showers and one gift Shower.

14 magazines sent to the country.

7 scrapbooks made and sent to St. Mark's Kindergarten in New Orleans

1 bundle of sheets sent to the Lepers.

7 subscribers to the "Y. C. W."

1 Valentine Basket of fruit given to needy children.

11 pairs of hose sent to Orphans Home in Little Rock.

Doll and clothes valued at \$6 sent to the Doll Festival in Japan.

Amount of money sent to the Conference Treasury for pledge and dues is \$49.99.

Amount spent on local work \$28.00. Total \$77.99 for 1926.

Mrs. Ederington has as her assistant for this year Mrs. Vernon McKimney. Mrs. Cline McKay was the assistant for last year.—Mrs. T. J. Knight, Supt. Publicity.

S. S. DEPARTMENT

A DAY AT PIGGOTT

Last Sunday was spent with Rev. J. E. Lark and the good folk at Piggott. Fine crowds were at the preaching services and a total of 175 at Sunday School. Brother E. H. Scurlock is superintendent. This large and enthusiastic Sunday School is in desperate need of a new building and better equipment. Sixteen classes in one room make effective work very difficult. Yet with adequate equipment this school would soon rank with the best in the Conference. We are sure that Brother Lark and his fellow workers will meet the needs of this challenging situation just as soon as financial conditions make it possible.—A. W. M.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
4TH SUNDAY MISSIONARY
OFFERINGS FOR MARCH

Batesville District:—

Batesville, 1st Church \$ 16.67
Batesville, Central Ave. 7.27

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Calico Rock | 29.61 |
| Gassville | 2.40 |
| Desha | 1.50 |
| Oil Trough | 3.93 |
| Flat Rock | 1.50 |
| Mt. Home | 4.24 |
| Newark | 2.86 |
| Pleasant Plains | 1.90 |
| Oak Grove | 2.20 |
| Moorefield | 1.35 |
| Swifton | 3.56 |
| Tuckerman | 6.47 |
| Yellville | 2.50 |
| Bergman | 1.33 |
| Previously reported | 284.93 |

Total \$374.27

Booneville District:—

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|------------------------------|-------|
| Ola | 2.22 |
| Booneville, 1st Church | 7.00 |
| Branch | 1.74 |
| Danville | 25.13 |
| Dardanelle | 5.25 |
| Centerville | 1.76 |
| Oak Grove | 1.35 |
| Gravelly | 2.50 |
| Bluffton | 1.00 |
| Huntington | 3.27 |



DR. W. B. CALDWELL
AT THE AGE OF 83

To Dr. W. B. Caldwell, of Monticello, Ill., a practicing physician for 47 years, it seemed cruel that so many constipated infants and children had to be kept "stirred up" and half sick by taking cathartic pills, tablets, salts, calomel and nasty oils.

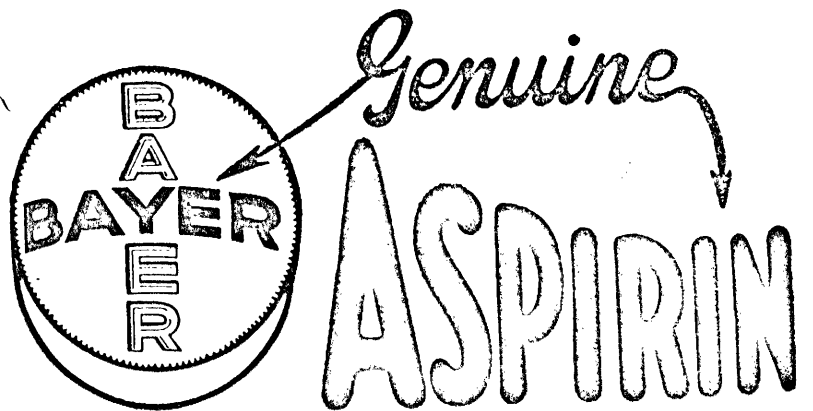
While he knew that constipation was the cause of nearly all children's little ills, he constantly advised mothers to give only a harmless laxative which would help to establish natural bowel "regularity."

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|---------------------|--------|
| Magazine | 1.25 |
| Havana | 2.50 |
| Mansfield | 6.13 |
| Paris | 11.20 |
| Caulksville | 1.40 |
| Beulah | 3.05 |
| Houston | 5.16 |
| Adona | 1.01 |
| Prairie View | 2.02 |
| Delaware | .72 |
| Oppelo | 3.20 |
| Bigelow | 2.40 |
| Salem | 2.24 |
| Waldron | 2.74 |
| Waltreak | 1.75 |
| Previously reported | 237.50 |

Total\$335.49

Conway District:—

| | |
|------------------------------|--------|
| Conway, 1st Church | 31.15 |
| Dover | 3.85 |
| Greenbrier | 1.23 |
| Union Grove | 1.16 |
| Holland | 1.25 |
| Naylor | 1.00 |
| Lamar | 3.80 |
| Morrilton | 14.11 |
| N. Little Rock, 1st Church | 33.27 |
| N. Little Rock, Gardner Mem. | 10.00 |
| Plumerville | 1.90 |
| Pottsville | 5.40 |
| Mt. Pleasant | .65 |
| Quitman | 2.89 |
| Macedonia | 1.00 |
| Vilonia | 2.05 |
| El Paso | 1.00 |
| Previously reported | 363.69 |

Total\$479.31

Fayetteville District:—

| | |
|-----------------------|-------|
| Alpena | 2.36 |
| Mt. Hebron | 1.18 |
| New Home | 1.75 |
| Council Grove | 2.75 |
| Berryville | 3.87 |
| Elm Springs | 6.71 |
| Harmon | 4.30 |
| Fayetteville, Central | 50.00 |
| Zion | 1.00 |
| Gentry | 16.00 |
| Lincoln | 5.66 |
| Morrow | 2.00 |

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Mrs. Bertha Williamson

Hartshorne, Okla.—“For some time I was rundown in health and really sick. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was the one remedy which relieved me of suffering from headache, backache and pain in my side. It made me well. My mother used to take the ‘Favorite Prescription’ and I cannot explain why I tried other remedies when I knew how satisfactory the ‘Favorite Prescription’ was to mother. Just a disposition to try something else, I suppose. I will always prefer the ‘Prescription’ in the future.”—Mrs. Bertha Williamson, Box 334.

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Send 10c to Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., if you desire a trial package of the tablets.

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|---------------------|--------|
| Rodgers | 10.00 |
| Pea Ridge | 4.00 |
| Siloam Springs | 15.00 |
| Springtown | 6.24 |
| Springdale | 9.12 |
| Viney Grove | 2.26 |
| Winslow | 22.62 |
| Previously reported | 183.33 |

Total\$350.15

Ft. Smith District:—

| | |
|----------------------------|--------|
| Alma | 1.70 |
| Cecil | 4.44 |
| Charleston | 6.73 |
| Clarksville | 13.83 |
| Spadra | 2.33 |
| Ft. Smith, 1st Church | 61.55 |
| Ft. Smith, Midland Heights | 4.70 |
| Backett | 2.50 |
| Bethel | .75 |
| Hartman | 1.50 |
| West Mt. Zion | 1.25 |
| New Hope | 2.49 |
| Lavaca | 1.30 |
| Oak Grove | 1.85 |
| Ozark | 21.84 |
| Gar Creek | 2.57 |
| South Ft. Smith | 1.00 |
| Van Buren, 1st Church | 4.24 |
| East Van Buren | 2.99 |
| City Heights | 1.12 |
| Previously reported | 267.21 |

Total\$407.89

Helena District:—

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|---------------------|--------|
| Aubrey | 2.14 |
| Rondo | .91 |
| Moro | 11.89 |
| Brinkley | 7.97 |
| Birdeye | 4.35 |
| Clarendon | 14.00 |
| Wesley | 1.24 |
| Colt | 1.50 |
| McElroy | 1.00 |
| Crawfordsville | 3.80 |
| Forrest City | 27.33 |
| Haynes | 2.83 |
| Lexa | 3.19 |
| Helena, 1st Church | 79.98 |
| Hughes | 4.00 |
| Hulbert | 4.85 |
| Hickory Ridge | 1.50 |
| Hunter | 9.42 |
| Turner | .70 |
| West Helena | 5.00 |
| Wheatley | 4.49 |
| Goodwin | 3.00 |
| Widener | 3.21 |
| Wynne | 24.80 |
| Previously reported | 390.07 |

Total\$613.11

Jonesboro District:—

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|-------------------------|--------|
| Blytheville, 1st Church | 29.04 |
| Yarbro | 1.48 |
| Bono | 5.38 |
| Trinity | 1.48 |
| Fifty-Six | .75 |
| Brookland | 2.55 |
| Dell | 2.04 |
| Jonesboro, 1st Church | 7.78 |
| Jonesboro, Fisher St. | 10.96 |
| Leachville | 5.01 |
| Lepanto | 4.00 |
| Rosa | .50 |
| Monette | 7.15 |
| Bay | 4.50 |
| Osceola | 20.59 |
| Tyroneza | 8.68 |
| Wilson | 24.56 |
| Previously reported | 412.25 |

Total\$551.04

Paragould District:—

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|----------------------|-------|
| Biggers | 3.25 |
| Portia | 1.92 |
| Corning | 20.63 |
| Gainesville | 2.00 |
| Williford | 1.00 |
| Hoxie | 9.69 |
| Mammoth Spring | 4.00 |
| Marmaduke | 5.74 |
| Success | 1.38 |
| Paragould, East Side | 17.04 |
| Hurricane | 1.50 |
| Piggott | 15.00 |
| Rector | 12.90 |

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| Lynn | 2.00 |
| Walnut Ridge | 20.00 |
| Old Walnut Ridge | .77 |
| Previously reported | 180.62 |
| Total | \$299.44 |

Searcy District:—

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|---------------------|----------|
| Russell | 2.00 |
| Revel | .75 |
| Morris Grove | .90 |
| Gregory | 5.57 |
| McClelland | 3.46 |
| Harrison | 6.01 |
| McCrory | 4.91 |
| Garner | 3.96 |
| Marshall | 1.60 |
| Searcy, 1st Church | 14.63 |
| Valley Springs | 3.33 |
| Weldon | 3.77 |
| Tupelo | 1.50 |
| West Searcy | 2.74 |
| Higginson | 3.00 |
| Previously reported | \$199.55 |

Total\$257.68

Specials to Valley Springs:

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|------------------------|---------|
| Batesville, 1st Church | \$50.00 |
| Jonesboro, 1st Church | \$25.00 |

District Standings

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|--------------|----------|
| Helena | \$613.11 |
| Jonesboro | 551.04 |
| Conway | 479.31 |
| Fort Smith | 407.89 |
| Batesville | 347.27 |
| Fayetteville | 350.15 |
| Booneville | 335.49 |
| Paragould | 299.44 |
| Searcy | 257.68 |

—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT 100

PER CENT

Recent orders sent in through District Secretary Charley Goodlett bring the Arkadelphia District up to 100 per cent in ordering programs. Every school in the District now has programs and is getting ready for the day. Charley says that he is going to make hay while the sun shines in the Arkadelphia District and the floods roar in the Pine Bluff District. But it will take something more than a flood to stop Henderson and Cooper. They head the list in offerings this week.—Clem Baker.

NOTES FROM THE FIELD, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Rev. R. E. Fawcett writes for examination questions on “The Methodist Church and Its Work” for a class of 20 at Nashville.

The Men's Wesley Class at Mena in addition to sending the regular Fourth Sunday offering for the Dual Mission has taken on an extra Foreign Mission Special and will remit same quarterly through Mr. Hayes.

W. O. Williams of Magnolia writes enthusiastically of his school. He says that he had 400 in attendance yesterday. One class of Young Men had 84 present and is working for 100. He claims the most loyal and efficient crowd of teachers any where in the world and that is “going some.”

Judge J. C. Pinnix assumes and sends in check for one half of the entire S. S. Day offering for the Murfreesboro-Delight Charge.

C. A. Kizzia of Delight sends in nearly the remaining half. Brother Cagle ought to be on the Honor Roll by next week.

MARCH CREDITS TAKEN IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE OUTSIDE OF TRAINING SCHOOLS

March was a banner month in Training work for the Little Rock Conference. In addition to having two great Standard Schools (Little Rock and Stuttgart) there were 137 credits awarded otherwise than in Training Schools. And in addition to all this we had a fine number of

Cokesbury credits. We are having our best year.—Clem Baker.

OUR FORTUNATE SCHOOLS WILL HOLD THE FORT TILL FLOODS ARE PAST.

The Sunday School Day offerings last week are proof of the fact that our Little Rock Conference Sunday School people are equal to any emer-

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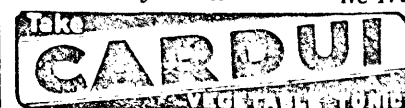
“I had been suffering with pains in my sides all the time, and Cardui helped this wonderfully. I needed a tonic for female trouble, and Cardui just fitted the need. I was awfully restless and could not sleep at night, but after taking two bottles of Cardui I could sleep like a top. I got along all right, and I know it was due to Cardui. I can certainly recommend it to women suffering from women's troubles.”

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School Day on account of the floods. But other fine schools will come to the rescue and hurry their offerings in and hold the fort till the floods are over. My prediction is that in the long run not a single school in the Conference will fall down and that we will have the finest offerings this year in the history of the Conference. In the mean time every dollar that can be rushed to Mr. Hayes just now will be doubly appreciated.—Clem Baker.

INSTITUTES IN THE PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Institutes are scheduled in the Paragould District as follows: Rector, May 3; Corning, May 4; Mammoth Spring, May 5. Pastors and delegates from Sunday Schools are expected to attend the institute most convenient for them to reach. The following program will be rendered at each place:

10:00 A. M. Worship Service—Theme: "The Aim of the S. S.," Rev. L. E. Mann.

10:15 District Goal, Rev. Wm. Sherman.

10:30 Special Days in the S. S., Rev. J. E. Lark.

10:50 Organized Class Work, Rev. C. E. Gray.

11:05 Adolescent Work, J. M. Oliver, Jr.

11:20 Elementary Work.

11:35 Reports from Schools.

12:00 Noon Lunch.

1:15 P. M. Worship Service—Theme: "Present Day Challenge of the S. S.," A. W. Martin.

1:30 Finish Reports.

2:00 Open Forum; Discussion based on Program of Work, led by A. W. Martin.

3:00 Miscellaneous.

3:30 Adjournment.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Little Rock District Conference will convene at Highland Church, Little Rock, Tuesday night, May 10, at 8 o'clock sharp. It will be in session Wednesday and Thursday, the 11th and 12th. All delegates expecting entertainment, write to the Rev. J. H. Cummins, 4000 West 13th St., Little Rock.—James Thomas, Presiding Elder.

MISSIONARY SPECIAL RECEIVED FROM APRIL 19 TO 25

| Little Rock Conference | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Emmett | \$ 14.50 |
| Arkadelphia | 388.50 |
| Ashdown | 266.50 |
| Magnet Cove, Friendship Ct. | 3.25 |
| Buena Vista Church | 16.00 |
| Ogamaw Ch., Buena Vista Ch. | 6.00 |
| Lewisville-Bradley | 50.00 |
| Mt. Ida | 25.00 |
| Center Point Circuit | 8.00 |
| Louann | 20.00 |
| First Church, Camden | 1100.00 |
| Prescott | 6.00 |
| Nashville | 67.40 |
| North Arkansas Conference | |
| Cabot | 2.50 |
| Elaine | 88.60 |
| McRae | 20.00 |
| Kensett | 51.35 |
| McCrory | 20.25 |
| West Searcy | 10.00 |
| Clinton | 30.00 |
| DeView | 15.00 |
| Bellefonte | 11.50 |
| Searcy | 65.00 |
| First Church, Van Buren | 17.50 |
| First Church, Helena | 10.00 |
| Harrisburg | 68.25 |
| Waldron | 9.30 |
| Luxora Ct. | 10.00 |
| Bentonville Ct. | 16.00 |
| Swifton-Alicia | 4.00 |

Total Amounts Received by Districts:

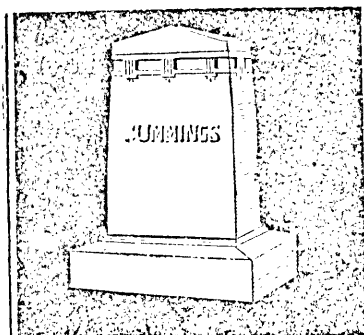
| Little Rock Conference | |
|----------------------------|------------|
| Arkadelphia District | \$2,655.89 |
| Camden District | 3,700.80 |
| Little Rock District | 7,239.93 |
| Monticello District | 3,163.35 |
| Pine Bluff District | 2,679.40 |
| Prescott District | 2,588.97 |
| Texarkana District | 2,386.40 |

| North Arkansas Conference | |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Batesville District | \$1,493.49 |
| Booneville District | 1,271.25 |
| Conway District | 1,602.92 |
| Fayetteville District | 1,020.09 |
| Fort Smith District | 2,492.50 |
| Helena District | 2,733.55 |
| Jonesboro District | 2,104.35 |
| Paragould District | 2,325.17 |
| Searcy District | 2,237.85 |
| Total from L. Rock Conf. | \$24,419.74 |
| Total from N. Ark. Conf. | \$17,281.17 |

Total from both Confs. ...\$41,700.91

PULASKI HEIGHTS

Sunday School Day was observed last Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock hour at Pulaski Heights Church and, following the splendid program, the quota for the work of the Sunday School organization was raised in full. In addition to this, approximately \$60 were contributed by the congregation for flood relief work. Several of the adult classes had already responded to the call of the Red Cross for help, making the grand total for this cause more than \$75.



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LYDIA OF THE PINES

By Honore Willisle

(Continued from last week)

Not because she feared him but because some knowledge beyond her years told her of his wisdom, Lydia turned, found Florence Dombey in the living room and with her and a blanket, crept under her father's bed, into the farthest corner where she lay wide-eyed until dawn. Someone closed the door into the room then, and shortly, she fell asleep.

In three days, the like of which are the longest, the shortest days of life, the house had returned to the remnant of its old routine. The place had been fumigated. Lydia had placed in her bedroom everything that had belonged to the baby, had locked the door and had moved herself into Lizzie's room. Amos departed before dawn as usual with his dinner pail, stumbling like an old man, over the road.

The quarantine sign was on the house and no one but the undertaker, the doctor, Mrs. Norton and John Levine had been allowed to come to see the stricken little family, excepting the minister.

Lydia and Lizzie put in the morning cleaning the cottage. Never since they had lived in it had the little house been so spick and span. At noon, they sat down to lunch in a splendor of cleanliness that made the place seem stranger than ever to them both. Neither talked much. At intervals, tears ran down old Lizzie's wrinkled cheeks and Lydia looked at her wonderingly. Lydia had not shed a tear. But all the time her cheeks were scarlet, her hands were cold and trembled and her stomach ached.

"You must eat, child. You haven't eat enough to keep a bird alive since—since—"

There was a bang on the door, and Lizzie trundled over to open it.

"For the Lord's sake, Kent!"

Kent it was, big and rosy with his skates over his shoulders. He walked into the living room deliberately.

"Hello, Lydia," he said, "I came out to see your Christmas presents."

Lydia clasped her hands. "Oh, Kent, I'm so glad! But you can't stay! We're quarantined."

"What the seventeen thunder-bugs do I care," returned Kent, gruffly, looking away from Lydia's appealing eyes.

Lydia laughed, as she always did at Kent's astonishing oaths. At the sound of the laughter, old Lizzie gave a sigh as though some of her own tense nerves had relaxed.

"Now see here," growled Kent, "they've got no business to shut you up this way. You come out and skate for a while. We won't meet anybody at this end of the lake."

"Just the thing, quarantine or not!" exclaimed Lizzie, briskly. "And I'll cook a surprise for the two of you. Keep her out an hour, Kent."

Lydia silently got into overcoat and leggings and pulled on her Tam o'Shanter. She brought her skates from the kitchen and the two children made their way to the lake shore.

With unwonted consideration, Kent helped Lydia strap on her skates. Then the two started, hand in hand, up the lake. They skated well, as did most of the children of the community. The wind in their faces was bitter cold, making conversation difficult. Whether or not Kent was grateful for this, one could not say. He watched Lydia out of the tail of his eye and as the wind whipped the old red into her cheeks, he began to whistle. They

had been going perhaps fifteen minutes when the little girl stumbled several times.

"What's the matter, Lyd?" asked Kent.

"I don't know," she panted. "I—I guess I'm tired."

"Tired already! Gosh! And you've always worn me out. Come on up to the shore, and I'll make a fire, so's you can rest."

Lydia, who always had scorned the thought of rest, while at play, followed meekly and stood in silence while Kent without removing his skates hobbled up the bank and pulled some dead branches to the shore. Shortly he had a bright blaze at her feet. He kicked the snow off a small log.

"Sit down—here where you get the warmth," he ordered, his voice as gruff as he could make it.

Lydia sat down obediently, her mittened hands clasping her knees. Kent stood staring at his little chum. He took in the faded blue tam, the outgrown coat, the red mittens, so badly mended, the leggings with patches on the knees. Then he eyed the heavy circles around her eyes and the droop to the mouth that was meant to be merry.

Kent was only a boy, but he was mature in spite of his heedless ways. Staring at the tragedy in Lydia's ravished little face, a sympathy for her pain as real as it was unwonted swept over him. Suddenly he dropped down beside her on the log and threw his boyish arms about her.

"I'm so doggone sorry for you, Lydia!" he whispered.

Lydia lifted startled eyes to his. Never before had Kent shown her the slightest affection. When she saw the sweetness and sympathy in his brown gaze:

"Oh, Kent," she whispered, "why did God let it happen! Why did He?" and she buried her face on his shoulder and began to sob. Softly at first, then with a racking agony of tears.

Even a child is wise in the matter of grief. Kent's lips trembled, but he made no attempt to comfort Lydia. He only held her tightly and watched the fire with bright, unseeing eyes. And after what seemed a long, long time, the sobs grew less. Finally, he slipped a pocket handkerchief into Lydia's hand. It was gray with use but of a comforting size.

"Wipe your eyes, old lady," he said in a cheerful, matter of fact tone. "I've got to put the fire out, so's we can start home."

Lydia mopped her face and by the time Kent had the fire smothered with snow, she was standing, sad-eyed but calm except for dry sobs. Kent picked up one of the sticks he had brought for the fire.

"Catch hold," he said, "I'll pull you home."

Old Lizzie was watching for them and when they came stamping into the dining room, they found a pitcher of steaming cocoa and a plate of bread and butter with hot gingerbread awaiting them.

"See if you can get her to eat, Kent," said Lizzie.

"Sure, she'll eat," Kent answered her. "Gimme back my hanky, Lyd!"

Lizzie gave a keen look at Lydia's tear-stained face and turned abruptly into the kitchen. She came back in a moment to find Lydia silently eating what Kent had set before her.

Kent ate hugely and talked without cessation. About what, Lydia did not know, for the sleep that had been denied her was claiming her. She did not know that she almost buried her head in her second cup of cocoa, nor that Kent helped carry her to the couch behind the living room base burner.

(Continued next week)

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson for May 1

PETER'S DENIAL AND REPENTANCE

LESSON TEXT—Mark 14:53, 54; 66-71; Luke 22:61, 62.

GOLDEN TEXT—Let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Peter Grieves Jesus and is Sorry.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Story of Peter's Denial.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How Jesus Is Denied Today.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Danger of Sudden Temptations.

1. Peter's Downfall (Mark 14:29-71).

This began when he refused to hear about the cross and ended when he, with a foul oath, declared: "I know not the man." When the disciples would no longer hear Christ's message about the cross, they not only ceased to grow in knowledge, but they began to deteriorate in moral discernment and were exposed to the possibility of the shameful denial of their Lord. Steps in Peter's backsliding:

1. Overweening self-confidence (vv. 29-31).

His unwillingness to face the cross alienated him from Jesus and when apprized of the fact that the disciples would all forsake Jesus, Peter declared that Jesus was certainly mistaken, saying: "Although all shall be offended, yet will not I." Our condition is most perilous when we are most sure of our safety.

2. Sleeping at the post of duty (v. 37).

In one short hour the very one who was so confident of his self-sufficiency had fallen asleep instead of watching. The only way to escape from backsliding is to watch.

3. Lack of prayer (v. 38).

The legitimate inference from the Lord's words "watch and pray" is that He had commanded them to pray as well as to watch. The reason there is so little prayer is due to the lack of the sense of need of God's help.

4. Misguided zeal (v. 47).

Peter drew a sword and cut off an ear of a servant of the high priest (John 18:10) when they came to arrest Jesus. He was thus zealous for the Lord. He was trying to make up in outward service his conscious lack of communion.

5. Followed Jesus afar off (v. 54).

Christ's rebuke for taking the sword and the awkward position in which his act had placed him, caused him to follow afar off. He keenly felt Christ's reprimand. Following Jesus afar off got him into trouble.

6. Warmed himself at the enemy's fire (v. 67).

This fire was built by those who had come unsympathetically to witness the crucifixion and even to mock in this tragic hour. For Christ's disciples to try to get comfort from the things prepared for the satisfaction of His enemies is sinful. Many professing Christians are living a life of compromise, even attempting to get pleasures out of the things which the enemies of Christ have prepared for themselves.

7. Open denial (vv. 66-71).

Step by step downward Peter went until the words of a servant girl provoked open and blasphemous denial. This even by one who had said: "If I should die with thee, I will not deny thee in any wise." Peter's trouble began when he shrank from the cross. It was that shunning which separated him from contact with God. It should be remembered that there can be no backsliding until there be established a position from which to slip. Many of the so-called backsliders have never been born again.

11. The Repentance of Peter (Luke 22:61-62).

1. The look of Jesus (v. 61).

This was a most wondrous look. It was doubtless filled with pity and pain. Christ knew the trials through which Peter and the other disciples would pass and He prayed for them. This look brought to Peter the full consciousness of his cowardice and disloyalty and his blasphemous words of denial, and yet it displayed His pity and forgiving love.

2. Peter's bitter tears (v. 62).

The look of Jesus brought conviction of sin. It called to mind his boastfulness and cowardice. How awful must have been his condition as he went out that night into the darkness, little suspecting that there would be found a way to get back into communion with his Lord. Doubtless the message from the women as they came from the tomb brought the first good cheer to his heart. Christ said to them: "Go and tell my disciples and Peter." This encouraged him, no doubt, as it indicated Christ's particular consideration and love for him.

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