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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Spiritual joy follows spiritual activity.
Procrastination destroys dependability and is a thief of character.
Church character depends more on disposition than on distance.

Conscience is the alarm clock of the soul; you refuse to hear it at your peril.

If your enemy criticizes you, pay heed; you might learn something from him.

Your own life is enriched when you think well of others and speak kindly about them, especially when they are opposing some pet plan of your own.

A true friend is still your friend, although he may misunderstand you and be grieved with your conduct; because misunderstandings are tests of friendship.

SIN AND SUFFERING

There is a connection between sin and suffering. We may not always be able to see the immediate connection, as when a little infant, in spite of the care and efforts of parents, is killed by a wild beast, but when God drove Adam and Eve out of Eden for their disobedience, he plainly told them that suffering would follow and be entailed upon their race because of their sin. The solidarity of humanity makes sin and suffering universal; and yet Jesus in Luke 13 tells the people that certain persons who had suffered in unusual ways were not necessarily great sinners. There are those among us today who argue that these terrible storms and floods have come upon us because of our sins. The words of Jesus in the passages mentioned should cause us to hesitate before we attempt to decide such a momentous question. There are conditions and relations in the world that need to be carefully considered before we commit ourselves on such a grave issue, lest we become befogged in casuistry.

We are living in a cosmos in which there are two distinct kinds of law—moral and physical. Strange as it may seem to the unthinking, a physical world under fixed, but ascertainable laws is necessary to the fixing of responsibility for human conduct. If a man's own body had no fixed laws so that he could know when he would be struck and he might go sidewise or backward, he could not be held responsible for a collision with another. If when he administered the water to his child he did not know whether the water would poison or sustain, he could not be held responsible for the result if the child died. If the water had typhoid germs, and the father knew it not and gave it thinking it was pure water, he would not be accounted a murderer; but if he knew that the water had such germs and knew that typhoid germs produced a dangerous and often fatal disease, he would be regarded as a murderer.

Without multiplying examples, it may be readily understood that only because the physical world has these fixed laws by which it is possible to know the connection between certain acts, that it becomes possible to hold a person who wills a result and the mediate means, responsible for the consequences of his act. In infancy, the child does not realize the connection between his movements and results, hence he may use a knife or any other instrument with deadly effect, and yet not be considered a criminal. He is excused because of ignorance. So, too, a barbarian wholly unacquainted with the physical nature of a pistol and gunpowder, might on being presented with a explanation of its use, shoot and kill another person without being considered a criminal. Consequently we see that knowledge of relation between means and ends is necessary to establish responsibility. If there were no fixed and knowable laws in the physical world, a man might constantly will to murder

BUT I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT WHO-SOEVER IS ANGRY WITH HIS BROTHER WITHOUT A CAUSE SHALL BE IN DANGER OF THE JUDGMENT.—Matt. 5:22.

and be a criminal at heart, but failing to know and use the requisite means he might never commit the overt act. On the other hand, without the slightest intention to kill, he might, without understanding the relation between cause and effect, become a menace to his neighbors.

God could have made nature so simple and man so intuitively wise that the man might without the transgression of physical law; but he did not do it. God seemed to have intended that man should spend much of his life in learning the secrets of nature and get large pleasure in the pursuit of knowledge. And as man does not hold his responsibility for acts that he cannot understand and does not motivate, we believe that God is equally just and does not hold man morally responsible for unmotivated and uncontrolled acts even if they result in immeasurable injury to his fellows, as in the case of a savage who contracts (to him) mysterious disease and contaminates a whole tribe with resultant death.

We believe the inspired Scriptures and when the writer tells us that the Noachian flood was the direct result of God's purpose to end a wicked generation, we accept it; but we also accept the statement of Jesus that, just as a father may often feed and cloth both his disobedient and his obedient children, so our Father in heaven "maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust."

We do not know all of the laws of soil and harvest, but we do know that if a man sows good seed on good ground and cultivates and protects his crop, he is almost certain of a harvest; while if he sows his seed upon a rock and fails to cover and cultivate he will make no crop. His intention may be the same in both cases, but in the first instance he feeds and lives and in the second he hungers and dies. We know something of the laws of winds and rainfall—that if a man builds an unbraced shack and the winds blow, it will fall; but if he builds a well braced castle, it will stand; and if he plants in the unprotected river bottom and the rains fall, his field will be flooded; but if he plants above high water, and the rains descend, he will nevertheless reap.

If a man could know positively that at a certain time a terrific tornado would strike in a certain definite spot, and then should deliberately build his house there and keep his family in it, he would practically become a murderer when the tornado did its deadly work, no matter how much he might have hoped they would escape. If he knew that at a certain time the waters of the river would cover a certain spot on his farm and that the current would be so strong as to destroy his house, and then he should deliberately erect his house there and keep his family there, he would also be practically a murderer, although he might devoutly pray that God might protect his home.

Now in so far as men knew about the laws of winds and floods and deliberately ignored them in the character of house or its location, they have sinned, and when their property and families and themselves suffer, it is as a result of the sin of not acting upon the knowledge which they had. However, the meteorologist has not yet discovered all the laws of wind and rain, and consequently in many instances, man cannot be held responsible for locating his home in the path of sure destruction. It will not do to argue that, when a man is struck by lightning, he is being punished on account of his awful sins; because the structure of a church is such that it is far more likely to be struck than is a cave in which a band of robbers

is hidden. Saints may be killed by lightning, while robbers escape; because the saints are in the natural path of the lightning while the robbers are not.

This is not arguing against special providences and really miraculous escapes; because the God who is behind nature can through nature's own laws put his hand, as it were, over those whom He needs for certain purposes or permit destruction to descend upon some who have become menaces to the progress of his Kingdom. We believe it is right to be devoutly thankful to God when we escape evils and dangers, and, if we are trusting Him fully, to believe that He is ordering our lives. On the other hand, it is morally a dangerous thing to conclude that the terrible floods and tornadoes which we are having are the results of wilful sins. But God does expect us to have respect for His physical laws. If we destroy his digests, his law of rainfall is violated. If we dig ditches, his law of canals where He wants the water to stand, or if we build levees so high that his waters cannot go where He intended, we must learn the sad lesson of the inviolability of his physical laws. We cannot fully explain the principles of meteorology the excessive rainfall, which is after all the cause of the disasters of the flood; but it may be that God has permitted these unusual rains to come so that we may, before the possibilities of greater disasters come to larger multitudes, make a closer study of God's law of wind and rain and forest and flood so that immeasurably greater disasters may be avoided.

Then, above all these physical lessons, there are moral lessons to be learned in helping one another in dire distress, in the loss of things that we had learned to prize but do not need, in the sense of helplessness in the presence of nature's forces, and in the determination to study more closely these forces and learn to master them. We suffer both because we sin and because we are ignorant, and the disaster may be either a whip to punish us for our transgressions or a spur to stimulate us to greater efforts in the right direction. Let us not deny that God even today may work miracles to save his saints from disaster; but saints should not presume that God will work miracles to save them from the results of their own ignorance. Let us not argue that every man who is suffering disaster, must be a great sinner; but let us also avoid the doing of foolish things lest we suffer for our folly.

TWO DAYS IN ST. LOUIS

Passing through this great city frequently, I had not seen much of it away from the business section for many years. Last Saturday I spent the morning conferring with railroad officials about the interests of the Western Methodist Assembly. Visiting a few minutes with Dr. Wells, P. E. of St. Louis District, and looking into the office of Dr. Todd, secretary of the Board of Finance, in company with Dr. Ransford, editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate, I had luncheon at the Athletic Club, a wonderful recreational and fellowship organization, with Dr. Ivan Lee Holt. Then as the guest of Dr. Holt and his Sunday School superintendent, I had the pleasure of witnessing an interesting game of baseball between St. Louis and Philadelphia, in which the former easily won with a score of 12 to 2, although the famous "Ty" Cobb was playing with the latter. Then came a spin through the beautiful residence section and around the campus of Washington University, and dinner with Supt. M. A. Nelson and his charming family at the new Roosevelt Hotel. Bro. Nelson, formerly of Junction City and Texarkana, and now district manager of the Equitable Life Insurance Co., reminded me that on his wedding trip twenty-five years ago, he had heard me preach in Centenary Church, and my memory confirmed his recollection.

Spending the night in the hospitable Home of
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METHODIST CALENDAR

Paragould D. C., at Imboden, June 6-8.
N. Ark. Conf. Ep. Lg. Assembly, Searcy, June 6-10.
Pastors' School at Conway, June 13-24.
L. R. Conf. Ep. Lg. Assembly, Arkadelphia, June 20-24.
Pine Bluff D. C., at Sherrill, July 7-8.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Little Rock Annual Conference is to meet at Camden, Nov. 16, and North Arkansas Conference at Searcy, Nov. 23.

R. W. Nance, evangelistic singer, of Huntington, Ark., writes that he has an open date May 16 to June 1, and would be glad to assist any pastor who needs him.

For some four weeks Rev. T. A. Hearn, retired missionary, who lives in Arkadelphia, has been under treatment in Barnes Hospital, St. Louis. He is improving and hopes to be out in a few weeks.

Dr. John A. Rice, pastor of Boston Ave. Church, Tulsa, has been selected as temporary editor of the Oklahoma Methodist to take the place of the late Dr. D. H. Aston until a permanent editor may be chosen.

Subscribers are advised to renew and add 90 cents to the regular price of the paper and thus get the wonderful travel-accident policy, which pays an indemnity of \$7,500 in case of death by accident while traveling.

Rev. C. M. Bishop, D. D., of Southern Methodist University, will preach the commencement sermon for Galloway College on Sunday, May 29, and Rev. H. D. Knickerbocker, pastor of First Church, this city, will deliver the baccalaureate address on May 1.

Dr. Jas. A. Anderson authorizes the announcement that the District Conference of Helena District will meet at Holly Grove at 8 o'clock p. m., June 8, for the opening sermon by Dr. F. H. Cummins, followed by the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. All other arrangements will be carried out as heretofore announced.

In a paragraph in last week's issue, it was stated that Southern Methodist University had less than two million dollars of endowment. Dr. J. L. Cannon of Arkadelphia writes that the latest report, dated April 4, shows \$2,268,780 endowment. Our

statement was made on the basis of the statistics in hand, but as Dr. Cannon is a trustee he, naturally, has the latest information, and it is a pleasure to know that the endowment is rapidly increasing, as it should.

The commencement exercises of Athens College, Athens, Ala., include May 21-27. Dr. W. R. Hendrix preachers the sermon and Dr. W. A. Lambuth of Washington, D. C., delivers the address.

Rev. S. W. Johnson, pastor at Kingsland, writes: "Observed Mother's Day at Kingsland at evening service. Had a crowded house and splendid program of song and reading in addition to the sermon. The flower service was carried out both in the decorations and the floral offering. The service was a spiritual feast."

Presiding Elder J. W. Harrell of Camden District came in Tuesday. He reports conditions at Strong where the tornado did terrible work, as almost beyond description. Our church was destroyed, but arrangements will soon be made to rebuild. While floods have not seriously injured his District, all farm work is retarded and church work hindered.

Dr. James Kilgore, dean of the Theological School of Southern Methodist University, will preach the baccalaureate sermon for Henderson-Brown College, on June 12, and Dr. C. M. Reves, pastor of our Winfield Church, will deliver the address before the Y. M. & Y. W. C. A. that night, and Senator T. H. Caraway will deliver the commencement address on June 14.

While attending the annual meeting of the Arkansas Medical Society last week, Dr. J. M. Lemons, the honored president of that organization, paid this office an appreciated visit. He is the physician for the Long-Bell Lumber Co., and a very useful member of our First Church, Pine Bluff. He gave a graphic account of certain incidents in connection with the flood at and near Pine Bluff.

On page 13 we are giving much space to the call of Rev. W. M. Edwards, secretary for Valley Springs Training School. He expected to have it in last week's paper, but it came too late. Read what Bro. Edwards is saying and respond to his appeal. The Training School at Valley Springs is reaching a group of youth with small financial means who could not afford to go to the more expensive institutions. It is a character builder and deserves support. Help it in this time of crisis.

Last week Rev. F. R. Hamilton, presiding elder of Jonesboro District, called. He reports fully one third of his District as having been under water, and much of that is still submerged. This works great hardship on our people, but they are courageous and hopeful, and expect to carry on the activities of the church unabated. The pastors are at their posts and are helping to maintain the courage of their people. Bro. Hamilton has been meeting his appointments by going in boat and wading in some instances.

Last Monday Rev. F. A. Lark, pastor of our First Church at Newport, called. While his city has been surrounded with water, still on account of its levee of solid concrete, it was not inundated. However, because most of the adjacent country was overflowed, the financial interests of Newport are affected. Bro. Lark says his people are full of hope and courage and are standing by the interests of the church. The concrete wall around Newport shows what can be done and in many instances must be done to secure adequate protection from flood.

As may be seen in his communication in another column, Dr. Steel, presiding elder of Monticello District, does not know when he can hold his District Conference on account of flood and crop conditions. That District has suffered terribly; but it is encouraging to know that pastors and people have not lost hope and determination. They will make heroic efforts this year to overcome their difficulties, and it is quite probable that they will have spiritually the best year of their history. In Doctor Steel they have a tried and faithful leader who will keep the thought of his people on things above, but will not neglect the practical things necessary to overcome present difficulties. He is not asking it, but we suggest that those who can, send to him some money to help the pastors who have lost their all and whose members are in about the same condition. Those of us who are above water should help those who are victims of the flood.

We are sending to Dr. Steel the contribution made by Rev. L. C. Beasley of California.

On Thursday of last week Dr. Chas. C. Wood, aged 88 years, died at his home in Sarasota, Fla. He was a member of Southwest Missouri Conference, and had been one of its leaders. He had served with distinction as pastor, presiding elder, president of Scarritt Collegiate Institute at Neosho, Mo., and editor of the St. Louis Christian Advocate. He was prominent in Masonry and had been for many years secretary of his Conference. A sweet-spirited Christian gentleman, he was a pleasing speaker, a poet of a high order, and an interesting writer. He succeeded the writer as president of the school at Neosho, and was his dear friend, often writing an appreciative note. Since his retirement he had spent most of his time in Florida.

Satan Serpent Suggestion
Senses Self Seeking Satisfaction Sin Surprise Separation
Suffering

REV. W. B. HAYS KILLED AND REV. G. G. DAVIDSON INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE ACCIDENT

Just as we were going to press, through information received by the secular press, we learned that on Tuesday morning, on the road between Danville and Plainview, Rev. W. B. Hays, presiding elder of Booneville District, was instantly killed in an automobile accident, and Rev. G. G. Davidson, North Arkansas Conference superintendent of Sundays Schools, who was with him, was not seriously injured. We are not able to give any particulars.

Bro. Hays, one of the editor's best friends, had been a presiding elder for many years and was one of the most useful men in North Arkansas Conference. His death comes as a terrible shock. His loved ones have our fullest and sincerest sympathy.

Bro. Davidson has been a presiding elder and leader in his Conference for many years. Let us hope and earnestly pray that he may fully recover. When the message was received he was in Danville for treatment.

A PLACE OF REFUGE

Naturally, there is fear of sickness in the overflowed country. Consequently many of our people who can afford to make the change, will spend part of the summer in higher regions. Some will go to the lakes, some will go to the seashore. Many ought to go to Fayetteville and safeguard health and at the same time get the benefit of the program of the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah. Some should rent cottages; but many should buy lots and build cottages and thus arrange for permanent summer homes where they will not only get benefit, but at the same time build up a great Assembly for their Church and in their own state.

We Methodists of Arkansas are wonderfully favored in having the Assembly in our own state. Commissioners representing Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and Louisiana voted to locate the Assembly at Fayetteville. We have there an institution which is advertising Arkansas in the best possible way. We in Arkansas ought to appreciate it and support it. We can make it the greatest institution of its kind in the world.

If pastors know of any members or friends who expect to send their families out of the overflowed section, they would confer a favor by writing to Supt. J. W. Workman, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, and giving the names so that he may correspond with them. Urge our members to go and help to build up this great institution. Only a few of the lots are left. Buy and build.

Whether people want to get the programs offered, they should go to Mt. Sequoyah. There they can rest and play and have fine fellowship every day. There are opportunities for games, golf swimming, riding, sight-seeing, and attendance on classes at the University. There are good highways and railroad connections so that the men who must stay with farm and business can easily run up and visit. Let us go to Mt. Sequoyah.

THE LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT CONFERENCE

As a member of the Conference, rather than as editor, I attended and took part in the proceedings, and I shall leave it to the secretary to report in detail. However, it may be worth while to record a few impressions.

When conditions are considered, the attendance was good. It is always harder to hold the member-

ship together in the city than in the village. The Conference was to have been held at Lonoke three weeks earlier, but was postponed because of the flood, and was held at Highland Church in this city. Lunch was served at noon by the ladies of the Highland Church and the fare was fine and fully appreciated. Rev. J. H. Cummins and his people met all expectations of hospitality.

Most of the Connectional men were present and made short and appropriate addresses. Bishop Boaz, Dr. Knickerbocker, and Rev. F. A. Buddin preached strong and helpful sermons. The reports, tabulated on a blackboard were unusually interesting and generally satisfactory. The accessions to the membership were beyond the usual for the time of year, and finances were in hopeful condition. It is believed that all will be paid in full.

Dr. James Thomas, the experienced presiding elder, in his unique and felicitous way, guided the affairs of the Conference without friction to profitable results. His remarks and comments, although sometimes caustic, were interesting and stimulating. He expects great things of his preachers and gets what he expects. He says (and who can question it?) that the District is in splendid condition. With such a band of preachers and laymen, he will not fail to have a good year.

The seventeen lay delegates were elected on the first ballot, and eight alternates were elected on the next ballot. After a close contest between Hazen and Mt. Tabor, the latter won the Conference for next year.—A. C. M.

PRESIDING ELDERS' MEETING.

Bishop Boaz requests that the Presiding Elders of Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference meet him at Conway at 9 a. m., June 14.

CIRCULATION REPORT

Since the last report was published, the following subscriptions have been received:

McCrary, Rev. W. J. Faust, 13;
Keo, Rev. A. C. Rogers, 18, 100 per cent list for Keo Church;
Winslow, Rev. H. K. Steward, 10;
Foreman, Rev. J. L. Leonard, 2;
Friendship, Rev. E. R. Lewis, 3;
Capitol View, Rev. B. A. Few, 3;
Augusta, Rev. F. E. Dodson, 14;
Perry, Rev. S. O. Paty, 10;
Arkadelphia, Rev. J. L. Cannon, 2.

In addition several brethren have made good remittances on their club accounts. All this good work is appreciated. Others are at work and will soon report. Let us keep at it until the campaign is completed. Do not forget the travel accident policy as a premium when 90 cents is added to the regular price of \$2. Also remember the booklet premium announced on page 2 for all who pay the full price.

TWO DAYS IN ST. LOUIS

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Dr. Holt, on Sunday morning I visited the great Sunday School of St. John's Church of which Mr. Nelson is the efficient superintendent; and then preached to a fine audience in the beautiful auditorium. It happened that almost twenty-five years ago I had on the invitation of Dr. J. W. Lee, while he was attending his Conference, preached the last sermon that was preached in the old downtown St. John's Church. On that day I was the guest of Mr. Samuel Cupples, the merchant prince and philanthropist, who gave me much information about Washington University to which he was giving millions. At Central College I lived in the dormitory built with his gift and named for him. At that time I learned that his father had been my mother's teacher when she was a child and that his brother had been killed in a steamboat boiler explosion at Van Buren and that his mother had dreamed all the circumstances of the accident many days before she got the information by letter. My visit with Mr. Cupples resulted in a handsome donation of books to the Central library.

After luncheon, Dr. C. W. Webdell, chaplain of Barnes Hospital, gave opportunity to inspect the hospital and preach to a small group in the chapel. Elsewhere the Hospital will be described. I found Rev. T. A. Hearn, of Arkadelphia, in the Hospital. He has been there for some four weeks, and expected to remain for several weeks. He had suffered the loss of weight and was very weak, but is rapidly improving. He was cheerful and appreciates the advantages afforded by the

Hospital.

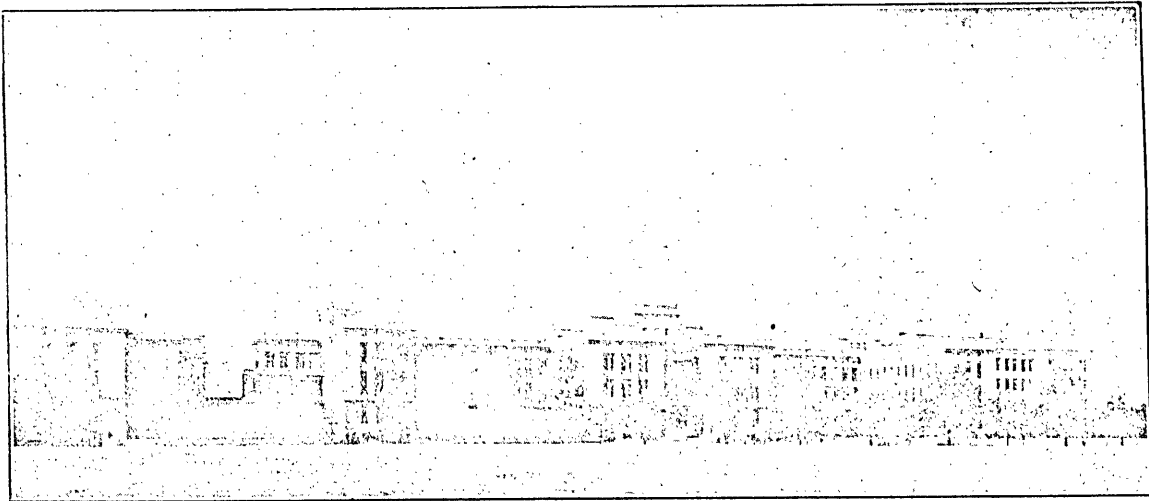
At the close of this visit, Rev. D. C. Bryan, pastor of Lafayette Park Church, picked me up and carried me to Kirkwood, about fifteen miles out, to see Dr. J. E. Godbey. I found him and his wife in a beautiful home and had pleasant converse with them for an hour. Although far past four-score, he is well and in fine spirits. Intellectually and spiritually he is easily one of the greatest preachers our Church has produced, and he is so sane and brotherly and tolerant that it is always a distinct event to talk with him. He still preaches an occasion offers, and sets all of us an example of the right use of old age. I am importuning him to give a volume of his great sermons to the press.

Returning with Bro. Bryan, I visited his League and found it live and progressive, and then preached to a fair congregation. I had preached at this church fifteen years ago when Dr. Court was pastor, but there were not many of the former congregation left. Conditions have so changed that it is a difficult situation to handle. While there are some 1,200 members and Bro. Bryan has added 160 since conference, the population in that Southern section of the city is so shifting that it is hard to maintain the finances. However, Bro. Bryan, a Texan and graduate of Southern Methodist University, is a capable and active pastor and is handling the problems with vigor and success. I appreciated his many courtesies and predict for him abundant success in his ministry. It was a real pleasure to form his acquaintance and be with his people. One of his acquaintances conveyed me to the station where I got a train a little before midnight and was able to be in my office early Monday.

At St. John's Church, I discovered that Dr. Holt is greatly beloved and honored. His members say that he is easily the most influential pastor in St.

Louis, and that during his nine years there he has accomplished large things. While his church is not as large as some other city churches, it is a fine organization and has in it some of the great laymen of Methodism. Through their munificence, there are churches called St. John's and built with St. John's money in Japan, China, and Brazil. This church gave \$60,000 to the Centenary, \$40,000 to the Christian Education Movement, and \$27,000 on a quota of \$8,000 for Superannuate Endowment. Now, in an almost spontaneous collection, in which the leaders showed the finest possible spirit, some \$300,000 have been pledged for an Education Building. An adjoining lot has been purchased and work will begin soon. This will be one of the greatest buildings of its kind in our denomination and will largely increase the usefulness of the Sunday School and all other departments. This wonderful church, situated near Forest Park, is surrounded by other splendid church edifices. In its membership are many of the great business and professional men of the city, and they contribute both leadership and money for all good enterprises. It has had for pastors some of the most distinguished preachers of our Church, and in Dr. Holt is maintaining the honorable succession. His Arkansas friends may be sure that he is rendering to St. Louis and the whole Church service of largest value. My special object in accepting his invitation was to give his people some idea of the character and possibilities of the Western Methodist Assembly. At the close of the service much interest was manifest, and I had the privilege of meeting a host of old friends, some of them of my college days.

I was greatly impressed with the substantial growth of St. Louis. When its civic improvement scheme is completed, it will be in some respects incomparable.—A. C. M.



THE BARNES HOSPITAL

Knowing the remarkable chain of circumstances by which the Barnes Hospital came into being, I had long desired to visit it, but "hitherto had been let." When I found that I was to be in St. Louis last Sunday I communicated with Dr. C. W. Webdell, the chaplain, who gave me an hour of his time to go through the magnificent building, the magnitude of which may be seen in the picture above.

Mr. Robert A. Barnes was a warm personal friend of Mr. Adam Hendrix of Fayette, Mo., the father of Bishop E. R. Hendrix. Because of this friendship he endowed two chairs in Central College while Bishop Hendrix was its president. Later, in making his will, he decided to found a hospital under Methodist auspices, although not himself a Methodist, and conferred freely with Bishop Hendrix concerning his purposes. In his will he left about one million and appointed three trustees to handle it for our Church. They decided to invest the million and save and re-invest the interest until it should accumulate to a point which would make it possible to erect one of the best buildings in the world. Mr. Barnes died in 1892, and in 1914 the Hospital was dedicated. The endowment had earned enough to pay for the building and yet leave the endowment itself untouched. This was a fine piece of financing by these trustees and their successors.

Although under the control of our Church, Barnes Hospital is for sick and injured persons without distinction of creed. Located on six acres bounded on two sides by Forest Park, the buildings are fire-proof and modern in every respect, and with ground and equipment represent an investment of more than \$1,200,000. They have three-stories and

basement and are connected by covered ways. The frontage is about 1,000 feet.

Affiliated with the Medical College of Washington University and surrounded by a group of other medical institutions, Barnes Hospital offers facilities for the care of the sick and for research work perhaps unsurpassed in the world. These institutions include the St. Louis Maternity Hospital, Children's Hospital, Washington University Dispensary, and the Nurses' Home. Nearby are the Jewish Hospital and the Shriners' Hospital for Crippled Children. This wonderful group is attracting the attention of the scientists of the world. Recently Washington University received a gift of \$1,000,000 for research in the study of cancer and the therapeutic properties of radium. Last year 5,814 patients were handled in Barnes Hospital, making over 52,000 since it opened. While it has endowment, its expenses exceed income, and Dr. Webdell, the busy and efficient chaplain, is constantly working for additions to the funds. The present trustees, who are managing affairs ably, are Frank C. Rand, John W. Fristoe, and X. P. Wilfley.

While our Conferences are not directly responsible for the maintenance of this great institution, nevertheless many of our people are beneficiaries and we should feel proud that our Church is behind it. It is a wonderful example of what money rightly directed can do for humanity. When any of our readers are in St. Louis, they should visit the Barnes Hospital. Dr. Webdell will take pleasure in showing you through and explaining the work and plans. I was amply repaid for the time spent, and feel under obligation to let our people know what we have in this Hospital.—A. C. M.

CONTRIBUTIONS

GOD'S FOOT STOOL

By Mrs. A. J. Forgy.

The mountain's heart is burnished gold;
The soul of it can ne'er grow old;
'Twill stand till love's last tale is told,
For it is God's foot-stool.

Its brow is wrapped in purest white;
Its shoulders draped in softest light;
It is there that Heaven and earth unite—
There, there on God's foot-stool.

His omnipresence there is felt;
For on a mountain oft He knelt,
And from a mount His laws He dealt
To man, from His foot-stool.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS, MAY, 1927

Bishops Present—Except Bishop Cannon, who was in Africa, and Bishop Beauchamp, who has recently been ill, all the active bishops were present on May 2, 1927, when the College of Bishops met.

Communications—Many communications to the College were received, and Bishops McMurry, Dickey, and Hay were appointed a committee to give careful consideration to all these communications and to bring recommendations for action to the College.

Publicity—As on other occasions Bishop DuBose was appointed the representative of the College to give information to the daily Press.

Assignment of the Bishops—Because of the absence of Bishops Cannon and Beauchamp, who would this year have been members of the Committee on Assignment, Bishops Dickey and Hay were added to Bishops Darlington, DuBose, and Ainsworth to compose the Committee on Assignment. Next year Bishops Cannon and Beauchamp will take their places on that committee. No changes were made in the fields of labor agreed upon in May, 1926, for the several bishops.

Forms—Because some of the forms on which official reports are made and actions recorded are not satisfactory Bishops Mouzon, DuBose, and Dobbs were appointed a committee to recommend needed changes in our forms.

Legal Questions—No bishop had given an official decision during the year, consequently there were no legal questions to consider.

Ecumenical Methodist Conference—In answer to a communication touching an Ecumenical Methodist Conference in 1931 it was agreed to appoint Bishops DuBose, Boaz, and Darlington to confer with like committees from other American Methodist Churches.

World Conference on Faith and Order—Vacancies in the delegation to the World Conference on Faith and Order are to be filled by the reserves already elected. Rev. John W. Pearson, of Springfield, Mo., was elected a reserve delegate to this Conference.

Fall Meeting of the College—The invitation from Dallas, Tex., to hold the fall meeting of the College in that city was accepted, beginning at 9:30 a. m. Friday, December 16, 1927.

Wesley's Room in Lincoln College, Oxford—The rooms occupied by John

Wesley during the years that he was a fellow of Lincoln College need repair, and it is proposed that the several Methodist bodies in the world shall participate in the expense necessary to restore these rooms to their original condition. The proportion of this fund asked of our Church is \$2,000, and each bishop in charge of the home Conferences is expected to raise \$200 and to report at the fall meeting.

Reorganization of the College of Bishops—The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That beginning with this the first annual meeting of the bishops, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, following the General Conferences of 1926 the following shall be and is hereby the order of the bishops concerning future meetings:

1. The presidency of the College of Bishops shall henceforth be held by all the bishops in the order of seniority, each bishop serving from the close of one meeting to the close of the next meeting. It shall be the duty of the president to call meetings as provided, be responsible for securing a suitable room in which to hold the meetings, preside at the sessions, and discharge all the duties of the president of the body.

2. Beginning with this meeting, a secretary shall be elected by ballot, without nomination, during the first annual meeting of the College of Bishops following the General Conference, to hold office for four years and to assume the duties of his office at the conclusion of the said first annual meeting after the session of the General Conference. The secretary shall send to the several bishops copies of the minutes of the meeting at as early a day following the meeting as may be practicable.

3. Communications in the hands of the secretary and others for the consideration of the College shall be referred at the first session of the meeting to a committee of three, to be appointed by the president, who shall consider them and report their recommendations thereon to the bishops at the earliest possible hour.

4. The committee on the course of study shall be named at the first annual meeting of the bishops following the General Conference and shall serve through the quadrennium.

5. That a Committee on Programs, consisting of the president, the retiring president, and the next to occupy that office, shall be created, whose business it shall be to determine in the interim of the meetings all matters pertaining to the next meeting, public functions, etc., for the College.

6. There shall be a Committee on Assignments, consisting of five bishops in the order of seniority, who shall serve through the year from the beginning of one annual meeting to the beginning of the next. This committee shall receive all communications relating to the assignments and shall prepare the plan of episcopal visitation and submit it to the bishops for their final determination. During the interim of the meetings of the bishops this committee shall have power to assign a bishop or bishops to the presidency of any Conference or Conferences that for any cause may be made vacant during the year.

In cases of emergency the majority of the committee shall have authority to make the assignment.—W. F. McMurry, John M. Moore, H. A. Boaz, Edwin D. Monzon, Hoyt M. Dobbs, H. M. DuBose, Sam R. Hay.

The following resignation was submitted and accepted:

To the College of Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South—Brethren: That the majority of the College may be relieved from every possible embarrassment in the accomplishment of its wishes and purposes, I resign the position of secretary to take effect at its pleasure.

Collins Denny.

Nashville, Tenn., May 3, 1927.

Bishop Denny in submitting his resignation as secretary announced that he was perfectly willing to continue to act as secretary during this annual meeting; to reply officially to all communications, and to prepare the official report of the actions of the College or that at the pleasure of the College he would give way at once. The College requested Bishop Denny to continue to act as secretary through this annual meeting, to answer all the official communications, and to prepare the official report.

Bishop Moore was then elected secretary.

Course of Study—The College elected the following members to serve as a Committee on the Course of Study: Bishops Candler, Denny, Mouzon, Moore, and Dobbs.

Fraternal Delegate to the Methodist Episcopal Church—Bishop Dobbs was elected to represent our Church at the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Submission of a Constitutional Question—It was agreed that the constitutional question referred to the Annual Conferences by the last General Conference should be submitted in the third year of this quadrennium.

Colored Methodist Episcopal Church—Rev. J. A. Martin, Sunday School Secretary, of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church, came before the College and spoke in the interest of Paine College. That college in order to continue the great work in which it has been engaged, to enable it to keep pace with other institutions for the training of preachers and teachers for our colored people is in need of new buildings and additional endowment. Already in Virginia a committee has been appointed to visit the cities and towns within the State in the interest of this college. Most cordially our College of Bishops endorsed this movement and recommended to our Church that Paine College should be aided to enable it to continue, and indeed to improve the great and commendable work it has been doing from the time of its organization. So notable has been the work of Paine College that not even one of its graduates has ever been brought before the courts for any breach of law. In addition to such scholars as the late Professor Gilbert, Paine College has equipped a large number of the leading officers and preachers of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church. Our College of Bishops earnestly hopes that our people will count it a privilege to continue and to increase the aid our Church has been giving to this institution.

The Superannuate Endowment Fund—The bishops in charge of the home Conferences were requested to stress the immediate collection of the subscriptions made to the Superannuate Endowment Fund and to give suitable time during the meeting of the Conferences for the presentation of this cause. The College unanimously agreed to cooperate heartily and fully with the Board of Finance in this matter and Bishops McMurry and Dickey were appointed to prepare a statement to our Church in the name of the College of Bishops.—Collins Denny, Secretary.

THE BOARD OF MISSIONS MEETING

By Elmer T. Clark

The Annual Meeting of our Board of Missions was held in Nashville on May 3-4 and at this session the first annual report of the present administration was made to the Church. This is a crucial day in all missionary matters. In the first place, the tremendous social upheavals that are taking place in all the lands wherein Protestant missionaries are working, are taxing missionary statesmanship and strategy to the utmost. This is especially true for our Church in China and Mexico because of the revolutions in the one and new laws in the other, but in all of our fields the problem of nationalism or the insistence on the part of the native Christians upon a larger degree of influence and authority in their own religious affairs, presents an acute problem. The second is the financial handicap under which our own Church, along with nearly all of the other denominations in America, has been laboring for several years. On account of this situation, the administration of our Board of Missions, which came into office one year ago, has been peculiarly difficult, but it is a matter of great gratification that the reports made to the recent meeting indicate that a better day is dawning in this the most important of all the phases of work in which we are to be engaged.

Dr. Cram's Report

The report of the General Secretary, Dr. W. G. Cram, elicited from the Board a special vote of appreciation for its statesmanlike character. It gave a swift review of the work of the year, made some announcements of first importance, and offered some constructive recommendations looking to a greater missionary progress.

Perhaps the outstanding achievement of the year was the substantial reduction in the indebtedness of the Board. At the beginning of the last fiscal year this debt stood at \$1,658,000.11; at the close of the year it was only \$783,952.11, having been reduced by \$874,589. Of the remaining indebtedness \$520,000 is carried by the Lambuth Building and will be paid in fifteen years by the income from the building; \$123,952.11 represents interdepartmental obligations which will be adjusted in the regular course of administration, and this sum is therefore not regarded as an obligation of the Church at large. The actual bank indebtedness is today only \$140,000, and Dr. Cram stated that this would likely be paid soon by Centenary returns and unsettled bequests.

The adjustment of the heavy debt which for a time threatened the very existence of our missionary work constitutes one of the most remarkable administrative achievements of our history. It is the more notable in that while these payments were being made our work was maintained without a deficit for the first time in several years.

Dr. Cram further reported that the work during 1927 would be operated without a deficit, carefully adding the qualifying phrase, "however, we must proceed with caution." In order to safeguard the current budget and prevent the probability of a deficit due to unforeseen events in China, Dr. Cram asked for and obtained permission to make private (not public) appeals for funds to bring our missionaries home from China should this become necessary and require funds not available in the budget.

It was estimated that at least \$700,000 in cash would be received from the special maintenance appeal made

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in February. Already about \$450,000 has been paid in.

In order to still more nearly balance the annual budget a reduction of \$110,000 was made in the appropriations. The budget of the General Work Section for 1928 will be \$1,393,000. Even with such a drastic reduction, however, it was possible to increase the salaries of all missionaries.

A New Policy

The General Secretary, in his report, made four recommendations to the Board, all of which were adopted. These recommendations constitute the missionary policy for the year. They indicate constructive statesmanship in administration and are of the utmost importance to the Church. These four recommendations are as follows:

1. The budget of the Board of Missions must be balanced by bringing the Board's income and its expenditures to a common level. As is well known, there is now a difference of about one million dollars between what the Board receives from the assessments and what it must expend to maintain our work. The money from the assessments is not available until the fall and it has always been necessary, therefore, for the Board to borrow large sums in order to conduct its affairs until the assessments were paid. According to the policy announced, an effort will be made to equalize income and expenditures, not of course by reducing our work to such a degree that it can be maintained on the assessment alone, but by developing a regular income from Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, Specials, and the free-will offering in addition to the assessment so that the budget will be balanced. The General Secretary was also authorized to create an operating or revolving fund of \$200,000 so that the work may be placed on a cash basis, thereby avoiding debt and the payment of interest.

2. A most important section of the new policy is that which announces that an emphasis is to be placed on an evangelistic advance in all of our mission fields at home and abroad. "We are well equipped with schools and hospitals and other buildings in most of our fields," declared the General Secretary. "We need now to lay emphasis upon extending the borders of the Church."

3. A more nearly adequate support is to be given to all of our missionaries. Our workers in all fields have suffered greatly during the days of financial stringency. The Board this year granted an increase of salary to all missionaries and this was done in spite of the fact that the appropriations were decreased more than \$100,000.

4. The year 1928 is to be observed as Jubilee Year of the Woman's Missionary Societies, in celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our organized Woman's Work.

New Missionaries

A new departure, which was made by the present administration of the Board of Missions, provides that all missionaries must be accepted by the Board of Missions itself in full session. Formerly, the missionaries were accepted by the Candidate Committee but the importance of this function is so great that it was felt that all candidates should appear in person before the Board, which is composed of all our Bishops and the various General Secretaries of the other Boards, in addition to representatives from all Annual Conferences.

For the first time, therefore, all candidates appeared this year before the Board, were formally accepted by vote, and their assignments were read. This was the high point of inspiration of the entire meeting. Thirty-nine new home and foreign missionaries, most of them the Seniors from Scarritt College, faced the Board while Bishop Denny fervently prayed for them and their work.

The Hearn Case

Some time was devoted to a consideration of the case of Rev. W. A. Hearn of China, who was not received into full connection by the China Conference because of a statement of his belief concerning the resurrection of Christ. Bishop Ainsworth had recommended his withdrawal from the field. The China Mission, however, had asked a delay in order that additional information might be laid before the Board. Mr. Hearn was not present and had had no opportunity of personally stating his case or his beliefs to the Board. Several members felt that he should be allowed to state his views in person lest his position be misunderstood and an unwitting injustice be done him.

The Board, therefore, took the following action:

1. Mr. Hearn's travel to the United States is to be paid and his salary kept in force for six months.

2. Unless he indicates to the General Secretary his desire to present further facts he is to be considered withdrawn from the field.

3. If he does within thirty days after notice indicate a desire to present further facts, the entire case is to be heard by a special committee composed of the Executive Committee and Bishops Candler, Boaz, and Mounzon, these being the Bishops on the Foreign Work Committee. This committee has power to pass finally on the matter.

4. Should Mr. Hearn avail himself of the privilege of coming before the committee, his status pending a final decision will be that of a missionary on furlough.

Little White Russia

For the past two or three years, the Church has been aware of the great opportunity waiting for us in Little White Russia, a province of Poland, to which we have been invited by some of the most representative citizens of the province. Unfortunately, we have been forced to refuse this appeal for lack of funds. At the same time our work among Russians in Harbin, Manchuria, has not borne the fruit we expected because the laws passed by the Bolshevik regime in Russia have prevented us from using Harbin as a base of supplies from which to enter Siberia.

The Board of Missions has, therefore, given authority for the gradual transfer of our workers and appropriations from the Russian Work in Manchuria to Little White Russia in Poland. When this transfer has been made and we are thereby able to launch an evangelistic activity among the White Russians, we may expect to witness great gain.

The Commission on Nationalism

As stated above, one of the greatest and most pressing missionary problems of the present day is that of nationalism which is stirring in every field. In some places it has become very acute. In Mexico, for example, the laws now make it impossible for foreigners to exercise certain religious and educational functions and we have already completely nationalized the Mexican Conference by withdrawing all our American evangelistic missionaries. The work in Mexico has, therefore, been placed entirely in the hands of the Mexican Methodists and the indications point to the fact that they will bear the responsibility well. In China, as the result of the present revolutions, we may expect similar adjustments. No foreigner can be the head of a school in the zone of the Cantonese armies in China and all presidents and principals of our institutions have resigned. These are but examples of the spirit that stirs in various countries.

The last General Conference provided that a Commission on Nationalism should be created to study this entire problem. At the last meeting of the Board of Missions, this Commission was created. It is composed of twenty-five members from our own Church in the United States termed the Central Committee and fifty-two members from the foreign fields termed the Field Committees. This Commission is expected to find, if possible, a solution to the present problems.

The Centenary Commission

An interesting side-light of the meeting was the report of the Centenary Committee, which showed that \$122,244.75 had been collected on the old Centenary pledges since June 1,

1926. The persistence and tenacity of the Centenary giving is one of the most remarkable facts of our history. The Centenary has been referred to as "dead" by its critics for five years. All publicity on the subject was stopped more than a year ago. Yet it survives and continues to bring in surpluses which, before it was launched would have been regarded as vast liberality. All hail to the Centenary, most successful of all such movements!

Dr. Andres Osuna

Another interesting feature of the recent meeting was the address of Dr. Andres Osuna, our distinguished representative in Mexico who in these uncertain days mediates between our Church and the Mexican government. His address cast a flood of light upon a much misunderstood situation.

Dr. Osuna reported that plans are under way for vesting the titles of our property in Mexican in a "Foundation," or holding corporation, which will safeguard our interests and at the same time comply with Mexican law.

Woman's Work

One of the outstanding achievements of the year was the completion of the Belle Bennett Memorial fund for Scarritt College. The women were asked for \$500,00 and paid \$633,000, thus providing for one of the most modern and beautiful college buildings in America. By resolution the Board committed the General Work Section to whole-hearted support and patronage of Scarritt.

Our Woman's Work has no debt and no annual deficit. It is progressing all along the line and made this year appropriations for advance work, over and above its Centenary program, for the first time since the Centenary was launched.

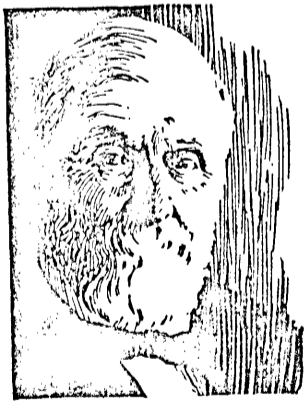
The appropriations of the Woman's Work Section for 1926 total \$998,279.15. When this sum is added to the \$1,388,486.55 appropriated by the General Work Section it is seen that the entire budget of the Board of Missions next year will be \$2,386,765.70.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AS AN ORGANIZER OF HIS FORCES

By J. R. Pepper

The Need Of It

The Sunday School organization of the 20th Century should be a force on wheels. Wheels are not the result of blind chance or happy fortune, but the achievement of well directed, persistent effort. Every church in the land is full of sleeping energy that needs to be aroused to become a dominant power for God. Thousands of members are lost to the Church, and many of their souls are lost eternally for the sheer lack of something to do. One of the most difficult tasks for any member of God's Church to accomplish is that of being an idler in the vineyard, and not get tangled in the vines, and actually lose the way, or become dead to all of the refined beckonings of the Lord of the vineyard. In my humble judgment



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The How Of It

With special reference to the primary department of the church called the Sunday School.

No Sunday School has ever fruited its best without a well defined policy, —an objective point clearly in view. All lines, however, divergent they

may seem externally, must internally and eventually lead to this real purpose goal.

A superintendent who rightly grasps the functions of his office will seek first of all to become a power out of sight, but also seek earnestly and intelligently to bring the results of power in sight. After a good many years of service and observation, my deliberate conviction is, the chief work of the superintendent is generalship, and with a well trained eye he will be surprised at the number of Colonels, Majors, Captains, Lieutenants, and Comrade Generals as well that will be discovered as he tents among his soldiery. Therefore, in planning a campaign the first thing is to get right views of the issues involved. Why am I a soldier at all? Have I deep-rooted convictions touching the honor of my King, and undying allegiance to him. Is the fire of victory shut up in the very marrow of my bones, so that no amount of discouragements or impediments can dim my vision on the triumphs at the battle's end?

These fundamentals fixed in the core of my being, I am ready to get down to details with my campaign chart laid out before me, which is simply a picture made from the negative—long hid away in my heart.

Deep rooted convictions will always find methods of expression. What most superintendents need is not just telling them how to perform little details of the school program, but rather to incite them to catch the vision of possibility of his office and he will find a way out of his own mid-heart promptings.

DEPARTMENT OF PROMOTION AND FINANCE

The Board of Education at its recent annual meeting authorized the development of a Department of Promotion and Finance whose work will be two-fold—cultural and financial. The people called Methodists have not yet come to the point where they have "an adequate appreciation of the importance of Christian education." They will reach it only by slow degrees. A beginning has been made. "Line upon line and precept upon precept" will be necessary. It takes a long time to develop an apple orchard to the fruit-bearing stage. The only hope of a crop is to grow strong, vigorous trees. This means slow, tedious cultivation. Likewise much cultivation is needed to make our people educationally minded and educationally fruitful.

The financial feature of the Department has to do with gathering the fruit. It is no small task to harvest a crop after it matures. It has to be done at the right time and in the right way, lest the fruit be damaged and the trees injured to the detriment of future crops. So it is with gathering financial harvests in church work.

It is the purpose of the Board to establish this Department on sound business principles in harmony with Methodist ideals and polity. No high pressure methods will be employed. The usual inflated boosting with consequent collapsing and more or less general bad effects will be avoided. Only such methods will be used as will leave permanent results and steadily advance the interests of the Kingdom.

Incidentally, it is expected that this Department will render valuable help to other Church activities by assisting them in raising funds for their enterprises such as hospitals, orphanages, and church buildings. There is

no desire or expectation of making any money for the Board out of this Department. On the contrary the Board will furnish the overhead supervision to the local enterprise, leaving only the field expenses connected with the campaign, such as salary of financial director and other workers, publicity, etc.

If you want to raise funds for your school, to endow a chair, build a dormitory, pay a debt; or if you want to build a hospital, an orphanage, or a new church, let the Board of Education know about it. They can help you and will be glad to do so.—H. H. Sherman, Associate Secretary, Board of Education.

MEETING OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The forty-fifth annual meeting of the Board of Church Extension was held in Louisville, Kentucky April 28. The Bishops are members of the Board and all were in attendance except three who were not present on account of illness or absence from the country. The meeting was largely attended, only a few members being absent and everyone present seemed greatly interested in all matters brought before this important body of our Church. The most perfect harmony prevailed throughout the entire meeting. It is interesting to note that in former years the annual meetings lasted from two to three days, while the present session finished its business in one day, after giving careful and earnest consideration to all matters presented. The report of the secretary, Dr. T. D. Ellis, shows that the loan fund capital was increased during the year by a total of \$104,739.63. The total loan fund capital of the Board now amounts to \$2,741,854.35. During the fiscal year closing with the annual meeting, the Board granted loans, including grants made by the Appropriations and Executive Committees, amounting to a total of \$609,050.00 and donations aggregating \$126,415.58, making a grand total of \$735,465.58. The Church will be interested to learn that due to the increase in the loan funds and despite the fact that the amount for donation purposes is limited because payments in benevolences have fallen far short of the amount assessed, the Board is aiding a larger number of churches

and parsonages from year to year. This ought to emphasize the fact that for a church which is at all able to handle a loan, the loan continues to be the best type of aid. The Architectural Department of the Board is rendering an important service to the Church in many ways, and more particularly in reviewing plans sent in for constructive criticism and in preparing plans for Church buildings.

On the day previous to the annual meeting of the Board, the Ninth Biennial Session of Representatives of Conference Boards of Church Extension was held. This meeting was attended by representatives from practically all of the Annual Conferences of the M. E. Church, South, in the United States. Questions concerning the relationship between the General Board and the Conference Boards, together with various Church Extension problems were considered and discussed at length by those present. The representatives entered into these discussions in a fine spirit and the results were helpful in every way. All present seemed anxious to get a better understanding of the duties and functions of the Boards and to develop the greatest possible co-operation between the General and Conference Boards. The conviction grows that these biennial meetings are fulfilling a genuine need in co-ordinating the work of Church Extension.—Gilbert P. Robertson.

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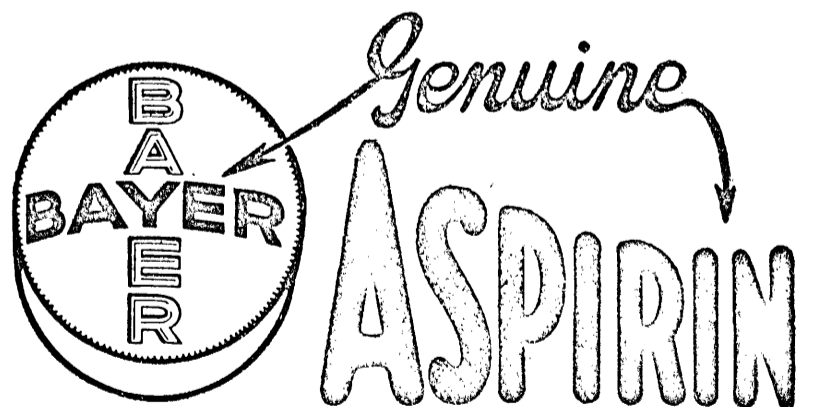
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Always to look myself in the eye;
I don't want to stand with the setting
sun
And hate myself for the things I've
done.

I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself as I come and go,
Into thinking that nobody else will
know
The kind of a man I really am:
I don't want to dress up myself in
sham.

I want to go out with my head erect;
I want to deserve all men's respect;
But here in the struggle for fame and
pelf
I want to be able to like myself.
I won't want to look at myself and
know
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty
show.

I never can hide myself from me;
I see what others may never see;
I can never fool myself, and so
I know what others may never know;
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience-free.—
Ex.

THE LOAD

I recently watched a man, said the
minister, who was carrying heavy
loads up a flight of stairs, and mar-
veled at his strength and skill. It
seemed incredible that anyone could
carry such weights and be none the
worse for it. Half the load that man
carried would have injured an ordi-
nary man. I asked him how he did
it.

"There's a knack to it," he said,
"You have to learn it. It isn't strength
so much as it is adjustment. You've
got to know how to get under the
load, and there's only one right way
of doing it."

Adjustment is no less important for
burdens of another sort. "There's a
knack to it," a way of carrying our
troubles that makes them seem light-
er. If the load is breaking us, we
should readjust it.

It was to the weary and heavily lad-
den that Jesus offered rest. Beneath
his own tremendous load He neverthe-
less found peace and joy. He has the
secret of adjustment, and He offers it
to all who are willing to learn it.—
The Youth's Companion.

OLD-TIME PREPARATION FOR
COLLEGE

In 1785, John Adams soon to be
vice-president and later president of
the United States was living in Paris.
His son, John Quincy Adams, who af-
terwards became president, had been
living with his father and was sent
back to Massachusetts at the age of
eighteen to become a student in Har-
vard College. The father wrote the
following letter of introduction to Dr.
Benjamin Waterhouse, who was pro-
fessor of Physics in Harvard. The
original spelling is copied.

Auteuil near Paris, April 23, 1785.
Dear Sir:

This Letter will be delivered you,
by your old acquaintance, John Quin-
cy Adams, whom I beg Leave to re-
commend to your Attention and fav-
our. He is anxious to study some-
time, at your University before he be-
gins the Study of Law which appears
at present to be the Profession of his
Choice.

He must undergo an Examination,
in which I suspect he will not appear

exactly what he is, in Truth there
are few who take their degrees at
Colledge, who have so much Know-
ledge, but his studies having been pur-
sued by himself, on the travells with-
out any Steady Tutor, he will be found
awkward in speaking Latin, in Pros-
ody, in Parsing, and even perhaps in
that accuracy of Pronunciation in
reading orations or Poems in that
Language, which is often chiefly at-
tended to in such examinations.

It seems to be necessary therefore
that I make this Apology for him to
you, and request you to communicate
it in confidence to the Gentlemen who
are to examine him, and such others
as you think prudent. If you were to
examine him in English and French
Poetry, I know not where you would
find any body his Superiour. In Ro-
man and English History few Per-
sons of his Age, it is rare to find a
youth possessed of so much Know-
ledge. He has translated Virgils
Aeneid, Suetonius, the whole of Sal-
lust, and Tacitus's Agricola, his Ger-
many and Several Books of his An-
nals, a great part of Horace, some of
Ovid and some of Caesars Commen-
taries in Writing, besides a number
of Tullys orations. These he may
show you, and altho you will find the
Translations in many Places inac-
curate in point of Style, as must be
expected at his Age, you will see
abundant Proof that it is impossible
to make these things without
Understanding his Authors and their
Language very well.

In Greek his Progress has not been
equal. Yet he has studied Morcells
in Aristotles Poetics, in Plutarchs
Lives, and Lucians Dialogues, the
Choice of Hercules in Xenophon, and
lately he has gone through Several
Books in Homers Iliad.

In Mathematicks I hope he will pass
muster. In the Course of the last
Year, instead of playing Cards like
the fashionable world I have spent
my Evenings with him. We went
with some Accuracy through Geome-
try in the Praeceptor, the Eight Books
of Simpsons Euclid, in Latin, and com-
pared it Problem by Problem and
Theorem by Theorem with Le Pere
Dechalles in french. We went through
plain Trigonometry and plain Sailing,
Fennings Algebra, and the Decimal
Fractions, arithmetical and geometri-
cal Proportions, and the Conic Sec-
tions, in Wards Mathematicks. I then
attempted a Sublime Flight and en-
deavored to give him some Idea of
the Differential Method of Calcula-
tion of the Marquis de L'Hospital, and
the Method of Fluxions and infin-
ite Series of Sir Isaac Newton. But
alas it is thirty years since I thought
of Mathematicks, and I found I had
lost the little I one knew, especially
of these higher Branches of Geome-
try, so that he is as yet but a Smatter-
er like his Father. However he has a
foundation laid which will enable him
with a Years Attendance on the Math-
ematical Professor, to make the nec-
essary Proficiency for a Degree. He
is studious enough and emulous
enough, and when he comes to mix
with his new Friends and young Com-
panions he will make his way well
enough. I hope he will be on his
Guard against those Airs of Superi-
ority among the Schollars, which his
large Acquaintance with the world,
and his manifest Superiority in the
Knowledge of some Things, may but
too naturally inspire into a young
Mind, and I beg of you, Sir, to be his
friendly Monitor, in this Respect and
in all others.

With great Esteem I have the Hon-
our to be, Sir, your most obedient and
most humble servant

John Adams.

FOR CHILDREN

SUNSET

By Betty Betts
(Eleven Years Old)

A fleet of white ships
Sailed o'er the blue sea
And into a port
So merrily.

But what is that?

The ships are on fire!
Now they have vanished
The very same hour.

The ships are the clouds
Of many a sort.
The sea, the sky,
The west, the port.

The fire was the sunset,
Its glory at its height.
The ships disappeared
With the sun from our sight.

—In Advocate

THE CANDY HOUSE

Emily Jean's mother always said
that the very first tooth her little
girl had must have been her sweet
tooth, she had always been so very
fond of candy. She wanted candy
every time anyone went to the store,
and in between times she would beg
her mother to make taffy or fudge
or peanut brittle. Sometimes she
would tease and cry and act real
naughty about it. Yes, sir, she did!
Her mother explained how too much
candy spoiled her appetite for whole-
some vegetables and milk and cereals,
and that little children who ate too
many sweets seldom had sound, pret-
ty teeth, but Emily Jean kept on teas-
ing for candy.

One evening not long after Christ-
mas, this little girl asked her mother
to make cocoanut fudge.

"Just think how much candy you
have had since Christmas," said her
mother, "and how happy those dimes
and quarters you've spent for it would
have made some poor child. Let's not
make any tonight, Emily Jean."

But Emily Jean did not care any-
thing about the poor little children;
she wanted some fudge. She cried
and she pouted but this time her
mother was firm.

"Let us read a nice story," she sug-
gested.

She settled the little girl comfort-
ably on the davenport, the black Mam-
my doll and the lovely Princess be-
side her, and began to read about
Hansel and Gretel.

Emily Jean was still sulky; yes, sir,
she was! And when they came to
the place where Hansel and Gretel
found the candy house she cried out:
"I wish I lived in a candy house. I
want a candy house. Where could we
find one, Mother?"

Her mother went on with the story.
Suddenly her daddy came into the
room.

"Well, little lady, here is some good
news for you. We are going to move,
and guess where we are going to live.
In the candy house down on Sugar-
Bowl street."

"Oh, your dear, darling Daddy! Here
I was just wishing to live in a candy
house. Oh, won't that be glorious!"
cried Emily Jean.

Almost before she knew it they
were moved into the new house. It
was a splendid affair of chocolate
bars, and a pink taffy roof, and pil-
lars of striped peppermint sticks sup-
ported the porch roof. Downstairs
the furniture was of walnut fudge,
the upholstery of Turkish delight,
while electric lights were lollipops.

But Emily Jean's own little bed-

room pleased her most. A darling
little dressing table, a chiffonier and
a bed were of maple sugar. She went
to sleep on a mattress of fluffy cot-
ton candy with two fat marshmallows
for pillows.

When she woke up, she felt hungry,
so she ate the marshmallows and the
cotton candy and began on the maple
sugar bed. It was delicious. She
didn't touch the dressing table be-
cause it was so pretty. Of course, she
wasn't hungry for breakfast after that,
but pretty soon she devoured the
lollipop lights.

A great noise outside then alarmed
her, and rushing out she found some
bad boys tearing down the pepper-
mint sticks, and they had pried one
chocolate bar from the side of the
house.

"You, bad, bady boys!" Emily Jean
cried, stamping her foot. "If Daddy
were here, you wouldn't dare do such
things. You're eating up my lovely
candy house."

The boys only laughed and ran off.
Emily Jean was so angry she ran
upstairs to throw herself on her bed
and cry, but she found only a few
small pieces of her bed left. And, to
her dismay, the maid had devoured
her lovely little dressing table. So she
came downstairs again. On the floor
lay Towser, her dog, chewing black
Mammy's fat licorice body. This was
terrible! She rescued poor Mammy
and scolded the dog soundly. Then
looking out the window, she saw the
little girl next door just finishing up
the beautiful Princess.

"Oh! Oh! Oh! What have you done?
My Darling Princess!" Emily Jean
sobbed. But that didn't help any; the
lovely Princess was eaten up.

A big, fierce-looking man came
striding up to her and caught her
roughly.

"Mother, Mother, help me!" cried
the little girl. The man picked her
up. "What are you going to do to
me?" she asked him.

"Do you think I'd let a pretty little
French bonbon like you get away
without eating you?" he inquired.

All Emily Jean could do was hold
her breath in terror.

"Wake up. Wake up, sleepyhead, and
go to bed."

Then she heard her mother's voice.
"I can't," wailed Emily Jean. "I
ate the bed all up."

"Listen to the child. Wake up! Dad-
dy brought home some marshmallows,
and you can have two before you go
to bed."

"Then, I'll have some pillows, any-
way."

Her mother laughed, "Do wake up,
dear. Do you hear? You can have
some marshmallows."

Then Emily Jean's eyes fell upon
black Mammy beside her, and the
lovely Princess, the pretty furniture,
the bright lights. So she wasn't in
the candy house on Sugar-Bowl
street.

"Here is your candy," said her
mother. "How sound asleep you
were!"

Emily Jean looked at the marsh-
mallows. "No, thank you, mother, I've
had enough candy today."

"Enough candy! Daddy, can you
imagine such a thing? Take them
away while she is still half asleep. I
confess, however, that she looks wide
awake."

Emily Jean sat and blinked at the
lights and hugged her dear dolls, but
said nothing. Explaining to grown-
ups was so difficult, she told herself.
She just wanted to go to sleep in her
own little white bed.—Mildred R.
Mumaw in Pittsburgh Christian Ad-
vocate.

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THE JUBILEE GOALS

The Jubilee goals adopted are as follows:

1. A greater sense of the realities of God's presence in the individual life.
2. An appreciation of the past.
3. The extension of the organization.
4. The re-evaluation of the missionary task.
5. An expression of love and gratitude through a great thank offering.

OUR RETIRED MISSIONARIES

Our woman's organized work has been carried forward for nearly fifty years. Soon we are to celebrate our Year of Jubilee. The missionaries who entered our work during the first twenty-five years are rapidly coming to the place in life when they can no longer render active service. The number of retired missionaries increases each year. The need of a larger retirement fund is imminent. Facing this demand the Council is memorializing the Board of Missions to increase the allowance of retired missionaries, if possible.

At the same time an appeal is made to the women of the Church asking that the gifts to the relief and retirement fund be increased and authorization is given to make this fund an object for special gifts from auxiliaries and individuals.

TO MEMBERS IN HELENA DISTRICT

I am writing to ask that all checks sent for the car we are buying for this District and also all checks for the Deaconess salary be sent to the same treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Huie. It seems some have gotten mixed up because we had to change our District Secretary and until notified, please send all checks to me, Mrs. J. L. Huie, Treasurer.

GROUP MEETING AT PARIS

A group meeting of the missionary societies of Booneville District was held here Thursday, April 28, with 30 out of town members present. Auxiliaries represented were: Booneville, Branch, Scranton and Paris.

Mrs. W. A. Steele, Conf. Treas., of Van Buren was the principal speaker of the day. Mrs. Dora May of Waldron, Ark., District Secretary, was in charge of the meeting. Lunch was served in the Methodist Church dining room.—Mrs. Jas Crossno.

WABBASEKA

Mrs. Kate Ballard Writes:

We are glad to tell our friends that although the water is all around us it has never been over our little town. Since the water reached Altheimer we have enjoyed having our Pastor, Rev. M. O. Barnett, and his family with us. In addition to the regular Sunday services he conducted an old-fashioned testimonial meeting together with a song and prayer service Sunday night.

Monday at 3 p. m. the W. M. S. met in the home of Mrs. Eugene Townsend. Each member brought a dollar with a verse telling how she earned it. All the lines were good,

some quite witty.

A very enjoyable social hour was followed by a salad course with ice cream and cake.

JONESBORO

The Mission Study Class held a delightful all-day session recently in the home of Mrs. J. W. Chichlow. The Daughters' Miss. Soc. was united to study with the class. All together the students numbered sixty-five. The rooms were prettily decorated in spring flowers and the feeling of Christian fellowship added much to the occasion. The Mission Study Supt., Mrs. H. Pruitt, who had charge of the program, opened the meeting with prayer and gave the introduction to the book, "The Moslem Faces the Future." The chapters were most interestingly given by six members of the W. M. S. Questions by the Leader and discussion by the class followed each division, also appropriate scripture was read and prayer offered at that time.

A large wall map was used in connection with the study.

Meeting closed with prayer by Mrs. J. W. Crichlow.

At the noon hour a most delicious buffet lunch was served and a social time enjoyed.—Mrs. W. L. Jeter, Pub. Supt.

FROM SHANGHAI, CHINA

Margaret Williamson Hospital

..... Report for 1926	
Number of Patients in the Hospital January 1, 1926	76
Number of Patients admitted during 1926	3,121
Number of In-Patients by Depts.:	
Medicine and Pediatrics	521
Surgery	400
Maternity	1,176
Babies in Nursery	909
Gynecology (Oct.-Dec.)	59
Eye	21
Ear, Nose, Throat	33
Dental	2
	3,121

Number of Operations in the Operating Room	267
Number of Out-Patients for year	29,588
Surgical clinic	14,932
Operations	387
Medical Clinic	5,522
Eye Clinic	2,221
Operations	30
Refractions (Oct.-Dec.)	18
Ear—Nose—Throat	2,058
Operations	30
Gynecology	1,469
Pre-natal	489
Post-natal	10
Dental	730
Vaccinations:	1,752
Small-pox	631
Typhoid	451
Cholera	521
Shick	79
Diphtheria Antitoxin	26
Diphtheria T.A.T.	23
Cold vaccine	8
Autogenous vaccine	13
Syphilis clinic	387
Wassermann	221
Neosalvarsan Injec.	128
Mercuric chloride	38

WORK TO DO

From "A Book of Prayers, Written For Use in An Indian College"

Master,
Give us this day hard work to do,
Work that will tax us and strain us,
Work that will stretch our muscles and engross our minds,
Work that will employ all our powers of body and intellect and heart,
Work—above all—that will further thy cause in the world.

If our work appointed this day be study and training for life,
Reveal unto us our responsibility unto thee for the future;
Show us that we are debtors to thyself and to our fellows;
Teach us that every faculty of body and mind must be faithfully prepared,
So that when our time comes, we may go forth fit instruments for thy Weapons polished and keen, ready suited to thy grasp,
Wherewith thou mayest fight the battles of righteousness and truth,
Vanquishing error, oppression and wrong.

If our work be the teaching and training of others,
Then make our minds pure and humble before thyself,
That no stain of selfishness or lethargy,
Of means purpose or of low ideals,
May mar this weighty and honorable service
Which thou in thy loving favour hast been pleased to commit to our charge.

LEADERSHIP TRAINING SCHOOLS FOR WOMAN'S WORK Summer 1927

Do you want better preparation for your service in the W. M. S.? If so come to one of these schools this summer.

Leadership Training Schools
To assist the great number of volunteer leaders of our Woman's Missionary organization in making preparation for their work, the Woman's Missionary Council has provided that Special Leadership Training Courses be given during the Summer of 1927 for
Officers of Conf. Missionary Societies
District Secretaries
Officers of Auxiliary Missionary Societies
Mission Study Leaders
Members of Missionary Societies.
These courses will be given in conjunction with the following schools:
Oklahoma City Pastors' School, May 30-June 13.
Mt. Sequoyah Fayetteville, Arkansas School of Missions, July 5-29.
Lake Junaluska North Carolina School of Missions, July 20-August 3.
Emory Virginia Pastors' School, August 15-27.
Lakeland Florida Pastors' School, August 29-September 13.

Courses of study will be offered as follows:
I. General Missionary Subjects selected from the curricula of all Schools of Missions and Pastors' Schools, such as:
Present Rural Conditions and Problems.
Social Teachings of the Prophets.
Missionary Message of the Bible.
International Aspects of Christianity.
Story Telling in Religious Education.
H. Mission Study:
The Current Mission Study Texts for Adults.
The Current Mission Study Texts

for Young People. (Except at Oklahoma City.)

The Current Mission Study Texts for Children. (Except at Oklahoma and Lakeland, Fla.)

III. Organization and Methods: Organization and Methods of work for Adults.

Organization and Methods of work for Young People. (Except at Oklahoma City.)

Organization and Methods of work for Children. (Except at Oklahoma City and Lakeland, Fla.)

IV. Social Service: Social Organization. (Except at Oklahoma City and Lakeland, Fla.)

Racial Studies. (Except at Oklahoma City and Lakeland, Fla.)

When 12 subjects have been successfully completed, a diploma will be given.

These courses will be taught by Missionary Leaders of experience.

There will be opportunity for discussion of your needs and problems.

Platform hours will be in charge of Missionaries and distinguished Church leaders of America.

Comfortable accommodations will be available at all Schools at reasonable rates. There will be no Registration or tuition fees.

Begin now to make your plans to take advantage of this opportunity for training for missionary service in one of these schools.

For fuller information write—Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn.

KEEP FOR REFERENCE

What We Need and Where to Get It I.—Adult

- a Helps for Missionary Societies.
- b Adult Year Book.
- c Council Minutes.
- d Record and Reports for
 - 1 Auxiliary Corresponding Sec'y
 - 2 Auxiliary Treasurer.
- e Pledge Card, list of publication, leaflets, etc., free from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 706 Church St., Nashville, Tenn.

II.— Missionary Voice, \$1 per year, (contains material for programs.) 706 Church St., Nashville, Tenn.

III.— Information for leaders. One Year Book for each auxiliary. Week of Prayer Literature.

Helps (two copies free for each auxiliary.) from Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Wilmar, Ark., Drew County.

IV.—Conference News in Missionary Page Arkansas Methodist.

V.—The Bulletin from Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Wilmar, Ark.,

VI.—Mission Study Books from Methodist Pub. House, Nashville, Tenn.

I.—For Young People.

a Year Book, one for each auxiliary free.

b Information for Leaders and leaflets.

c Standard of Excellence.

d Organization blanks all from Mrs. H. G. Allis, 1020 N. Spruce St., Little Rock, Ark.

II.—Young Christian Worker, 706 Church St., Nashville, Tenn.

III.— a Pins, Pennants.

b Year Books from Mrs. R. W. Lipscomb, 706 Church St., Nashville, Tenn.

I.—For Children.

a Year Book, one for each auxiliary.

b Information for Leaders, leaflets.

c Membership Certificate.

d Standard of Excellence.

e Mite-boxes and Pledge Cards.

f Organization Blanks all from Mrs. J. W. Rogers, Magnolia, Ark.

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NORTH ARKANSAS EXTENSION NOTES

Institutes in the Paragould District during the past week met with a good response on the part of Sunday School workers. Attendance was lowered somewhat by adverse weather conditions. Brother Sherman and his staff presented an interesting and well prepared program. There is an especially fine interest in training work. The District Standard School, scheduled for May 30 at Paragould, will be well attended. Superintendent of Training Mann has a number of Cokesbury Schools lined up.

Brother J. W. Cooley, superintendent of the Sunday School at Bard, on the Paragould East Side Ct., has not missed Sunday School in more than three years. A good record. We wish that more of our officers and teachers were as faithful.

Training Class at Huntington.—Rev. L. B. Davis, pastor at Huntington, reports a fine training class in "What Every Methodist Should Know." Eight earned credit. We need more of this kind of work.

Miss Francis Knauss, superintendent at Friendship, on the Ravenden Springs Charge, is leading a fine group of young people in Sunday School work. With one exception, the entire staff is made up of young people and they are doing good work too. Brother L. F. Lafavers is the pastor. The Extension Secretary had the privilege of visiting two other churches on this charge, Ravenden Springs and Ravenden.

Black Rock and Brother Utley.—Flood and storm hindered our services at Portia and Black Rock. But the hospitality of the parsonage seemed all the more bountiful because of bad weather. Three good schools on this charge under the leadership of Brothers Steadman, Childers, and Webb.

Rev. J. A. Gatlin, pastor at Hardy and Williford, made it possible for me to have personal conferences with several of his workers and dispensed bountiful hospitality from the parsonage.

A fine service at Ash Flat with Brother Gibson and his workers. A training school was planned for a week in late summer. Brother J. W. Taylor, superintendent of schools, is doing outstanding work in this community.

Salem will soon have their church finished and it is a beauty. This school with its adequate plant should become one of the best in the Conference. A small group of workers met for a conference and to plan a training school for a week in the early fall.

On this trip the Extension Secre-

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- a Junior Pins, Pennants.
 - b Catechism, Curios, etc.
 - c Year Book.
 - d Report Books from Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, 706 Church St., Nashville, Tenn.
- Suggestions for boxes of supplies from Mrs. J. D. Rogers, 501 Wesson, El Dorado, Ark.—From L. R. Conf. Annual Report.

tary met with many interested and eager Sunday School workers. Our Sunday Schools are facing a new day. We are beginning to think of them as "schools". And that is something.—A. W. M.

RESULTS OF A COKEBURY TRAINING SCHOOL

Recently, the extension secretary visited the churches on the Paragould Circuit. Some weeks before this visit the pastor, Brother G. C. Taylor, had enterprised a Cokesbury School at Pruitt's Chapel. One other school on the charge, Wood's Chapel, had joined in and sent a number of pupils to this training school. Two units were offered with Brothers Sherman and Bearden as the instructors.

The results of this school were very much in evidence. Classes were arranged differently, some effort had been made to grade the pupils, the Dual Missionary Special had been adopted and a spirit of progress was in the air. And there was a very insistent demand for more training work.

These fine people are doing good work and we are expecting them to go on improving. They have caught the real Sunday School spirit and we will be hearing more of them.—A. W. M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS FROM N. ARK. CONFERENCE TO MAY 15

Conway District:—	
Providence	\$ 1.00
Fayetteville District:—	
Rogers	\$ 68.00
Ft. Smith District:—	
South Ft. Smith	2.50
Ft. Smith, Dodson Ave.	100.00
Total	\$102.50
Helena District:—	
Holly Grove	20.90
Smith's Chapel	5.00
Total	\$ 25.00
Paragould District:—	
Biggers	2.78
Williford	10.00
Black Rock	7.13
Total	\$ 19.91
—G. G. Davidson.	

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Received up to Saturday May 14	
Arkadelphia District:—	
Tulip	\$ 5.25
Arkadelphia	80.00
Previously reported	105.73
Total	\$190.98
Camden District:—	
Buckner	9.38
Harrell	11.53
Strong	16.00
Previously reported	116.70
Total	\$153.61
Little Rock District:—	
Highland	35.00
Mt. Tabor	15.00
Des Arc	25.00
28th Street	15.00
Previously reported	55.00

Total

Monticello District:—

Eudora

Previously reported

Total

Pine Bluff District:—

Stuttgart

Previously reported

Total

Prescott District:—

Saline

Okolona

Ozan

Sardis (Min, Spgs. Ch.)

Mineral Springs

Blevins

Previously reported

Total

Texarkana District:—

Fouke

Williamson's

Previously reported

Total

How The Districts Stand

Little Rock

Monticello

Camden

Arkadelphia

Texarkana

Prescott

Pine Bluff

Grand Total

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

Total

During the week just closed seven more charges in the Little Rock Conference placed their pastor's name on the Honor Roll by sending in Sunday School Day apportionments in full. They are as follows:

- Arkadelphia Station—J. L. Cannon, P. C.
- Highland, L. R.—J. H. Cummins, P. C.
- Des Arc—M. W. Miller, P. C.
- 28th Street, L. R.—C. D. Meux, P. C.
- Eudora—James Cannon, P. C.
- Stuttgart—O. E. Holmes, P. C.
- Murfreesboro-Delight—Geo. C. Cagle, P. C.

SEVEN MORE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CHARGES PUT PASTORS' NAMES ON HONOR ROLL

This makes a total of 23 names on this roll and it is headed for 150 before conference. Who will be next?—Clem Baker.

BIG SHAKE UP IN DISTRICT STANDING THIS WEEK.

The week just closed saw one sensational shake-up in District standings. The Pine Bluff District still maintains first place and the Little Rock District holds on to the cellar position but the other five Districts all swapped places in the standing column. Charley pushed the Arkadelphia District from sixth to fourth place thus passing the Monticello and Camden Districts in one big leap. Dedman and Teeter got busy and passed two Districts and now have the Prescott District resting safely in second place. All the Districts sent in offerings and all are doing well. The best offering for the week came from Arkadelphia where Bob Huie came across with \$20 more than his appointment. Looks like Bob is in "Cahcots" with Charley in the effort to carry the banner for the first time to the Arkadelphia District. Well, we like that kind of a conspiracy. We call special attention to the offerings from Strong, Des Arc, Stuttgart, and Eudora. Strong was practically demolished by the storm and the other three places were flooded, yet all sent in fine offerings. You just can not beat the spir-

it of our Little Rock Conference pastors and elders ably assisted by superintendents. Watch the report next week.—Clem Baker.

COKEBURY SCHOOLS AT WILMAR AND BETHLEHEM THIS WEEK

Our work is getting back to normal. This week we have two Cokesbury Schools in progress. At Wilmar Bro. Baugh is running a school assisted by Pastor Hanna. At Bethlehem on the Dalark Charge Rev. Geo. W. Warren is holding a school with L. T. Rogers and Andrew Christie as instructors. We expect fine reports from these schools.—Clem Baker.

DeQUEEN STANDARD SCHOOL WEEK

Next week we are to have our Standard School for the area around DeQueen at First Church, DeQueen. Brother Cannon writes that prospects are right for a fine attendance. This school will be followed by one at Ashdown beginning the 29th of May and one at Mena beginning the 6th of June. Later on we expect to have a Standard School at Stamps. The Texarkana District is planning the record year in its history in training work.—Clem Baker.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT RE-ELECTS SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS

At the close of the Little Rock District Conference last week the following officers were elected for the District Sunday School organization. Chairman—Dr. James Thomas. Vice Chairman—Rev. J. H. Cummins. Ex. Sec.—Mr. S. H. Pace. Supt. of Training Work—Dr. C. M. Reves. Supt. Cokesbury Work—Rev. Andrew Christie. Supt. Wesley Class Work—Rev. J. W. Mann. Elementary Superintendent—Miss Bessie Meux. All these had held office before except Brother Christie who takes the place of Rev. Jesse Galloway, deceased.—Clem Baker.

FIVE THINGS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL MINDED PEOPLE TO REMEMBER

- 1—Sunday School Day observance before missionary time.
- 2—Missionary program and offering each fourth Sunday.
- 3—Increase in Sunday School enrollment by ten per cent by July.
- 4—Hendrix summer school for pastors—June 13-24.
- 5—Leadership schools at Sequoyah—July 5-August 13.—Clem Baker.

SHALL WE TAKE TO COVER OR ACCEPT THE CHALLENGE?

For some two or three years those folks over in Texas and Oklahoma have had so many more folks in the Training Schools at Sequoyah than has the Little Rock Conference that they have grown bold and "dared us" to try to beat them this year. Well, somehow we believe if we lived down where they do we would be taking to the hills in the summer too. But just the same we don't like to be lorded over by any one, especially by a little state like Texas, so we accept the challenge and here are the finest attendance from any Conference in the West. The dates are as follows:

- First Term Leadership School July 5-19.
- Second Term Leadership School July 19, August 2.
- Young People's Conference August

2-13.

There is no better place to go. Several have already enrolled. Let others line up and let's put Texas in the shade where she can "cool off."—Clem Baker.

27 ENROLLED FIRST WEEK AT PASTOR'S SUMMER SCHOOL

In response to our letter sent out last week, the first mails brought back twenty-seven enrollment cards for the Hendrix Pastor's School. This is a wonderful response and indicates that we are going to have the largest attendance this year that we have ever had in several years. We earnestly urge that every pastor in the two Conferences send in the enrollment card at once or write us why attendance is impossible. If there are pastors in the Conference who cannot go on account of financial difficulties, please write us and we will be glad to make an effort to supplement one's expense account. We feel

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like that nothing could happen to put Arkansas Methodism back to a normal state again more than for all of us to go up to the Pastor's School and spend ten days together. We have never had such a fine line-up of teachers and public lecturers. Bishop Boaz is planning to be there and is anxious to see all his preachers. We give below a list of the preachers who have sent in enrollment cards to-date. We trust that this number may be more than doubled by next week. Let all communications concerning enrollment be sent direct to Rev. Clem Baker, 406 Exchange Bank Building, Little Rock, Arkansas, Chairman of Enrollment Committee.

Those who have enrolled are as follows: Rev. C. M. Reves, Rev. R. L. Long, Rev. Geo. E. Williams, Rev. J. H. Cummins, Rev. W. R. Jordan, Rev. J. C. Williams, Rev. W. M. Mears, Rev. A. J. Christie, Rev. Alva C. Rogers, Rev. O. L. Walker, Rev. W. R. Boyd, Mrs. W. R. Boyd, Rev. W. C. House, Mrs. W. C. House, Rev. Kenneth Spore, Rev. J. D. Baker, Rev. Eli Craig, Rev. A. McKelvey, Rev. E. B. Williams, Rev. J. M. Workman, Rev. A. E. Holloway, Rev. J. B. Stevenson, Rev. Hoy M. Lewis, Rev. F. M. Tolleson, Rev. F. R. Hamilton, Rev. A. L. Riggs, Rev. Jefferson Sherman.—Clem Baker, Chairman Enrollment Committee.

learned through their own experience the merit of this dependable medicine are enthusiastic in recommending it to their friends and neighbors.

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"I read about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the little books you give away and began to take the medicine. After the first few bottles I began to feel better and could eat better and had fewer headaches. I feel like a different person. At anytime that I don't feel good I take the Vegetable Compound again, as I always keep a bottle on hand. You may use this letter for every word is true. I will answer any letters sent to me."—Mrs. JENNIE BOLLEMAN, 516 Smith St., West Hoboken, N. J.

EPWORTH LEAGUES.

LEAGUE ASSEMBLY AT MOUNT SEQUOYAH

The General Epworth League Assembly to be held this year at Mt. Sequoyah is the Fifth Western. From the very first of the establishment of the Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, the League has taken advantage of this great opportunity of getting together a large number of young people from the Conferences west of the Mississippi, where they found 3,300 chapters and a membership of 91,000.

The program for the present Assembly, August 16-26, follows. With a few exceptions, instructors and speakers have been secured and will be published in the announcement soon going out from the Central Office at Nashville, Tenn.

Daily Program

MORNING

- 8:30-9:00—Worship and Devotion Address.
- 9:00-9:45—Bible and Church Courses. (4 classes)
 1. The Gospel of Luke—Erdman.
 2. Studies in the Life of John Wesley—Chappell.
 3. The Methodist Church and Its Work.
 4. What We Believe—Parker.
- 9:45-10:30—Leadership Courses. (6 classes).
 1. Recreational Leadership.
 2. Missionary Leadership.
 3. Christianity and Economic Problems.
 4. The Cost of a New World.
 5. Intermediate Leadership.
 6. Junior Leadership.

- 10:30-10:45—Intermission.
- 10:45-11:15—The Leaguers' Own Half Hour.
- 11:15-12:00—Methods. (5 classes).
 1. Worship and the League.
 2. Instruction and the League.
 3. Recreation and the League.
 4. Service and the League.
 5. Conference, Union and District Activities.

AFTERNOON

- 1:00-1:45—Jr. and Int. Superintendents' Conferences.
- Conference and Group Meetings.
- 1:45-3:45—Rest and Study.
- 3:45-5:45—Directed Recreation.

EVENING

- 7:30-9:00—Vespers and Inspirational Address.

The attendance each year at the League Assembly runs at about 150. Those who come are among the more mature of our young people, many of them being Field Secretaries, Conference Presidents, Union Presidents, or District Secretaries. Pastors have been well represented, and one of the most fruitful results of the Assembly is this opportunity for fellowship and discussion between these two types of leadership in the local church. A sufficient amount of fun and physical recreation is mixed in with the more serious parts of the schedule, so that a proper balance is maintained between work and play. The ten-day session closes without that usual worn-out appearance upon the features of those who have been in attendance.

"The Sequawker," the Assembly daily, appears eight times during the session. Printed on splendid paper, illustrated with numerous cuts, containing well-humored jests upon faculty and students, it makes a splendid addition to the success of the session. It is to be edited this year, as it was last year, by Rev. R. S. Satterfield, well known for his long connection with our general organ, "The Christian Advocate", and now serving as missionary secretary of the East

Oklahoma Conference.

In connection with the Assembly, and really an integral part of it, are the Junior and Intermediate Conferences held under the leadership of the Central Office Superintendents of these respective departments. These Conferences should attract many Conference and Chapter Superintendents, for no similar opportunity is given in any other meeting during the year.

Those who complete the work as outlined above earn three units of credit on the Christian Culture Diploma.

Further information concerning the program can be secured from D. L. Mumpower, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE LEAGUE HONOR ROLL

Since Central Office requires that our Conference Mission Pledge be paid in April during each year our Conference policy is for each Chapter to pay its mission pledge in ten months—or before the end of April.

The following Chapter pledges were paid in full before April 30; according to record of pledges made at Assembly last June:

Arkadelphia District:

Bethlehem, Ebenezer, Malvern Jr., Sardis, Benton, Central Ave. Sr., Hot Springs, Oaklawn Int. Hot Springs, Third St. Jr. Hot Springs, Third St. Int. Hot Springs, Third St. Jr. Hot Springs.

Camden District:

Camden Jr., Stephens, Smackover Int., Fredonia Sr., Fredonia Jr., Thornton Sr., Thornton Jr.

Little Rock District:

Asbury Sr., Asbury Jr., Capitol Asbury Sr., Capitol View Int., Capitol View Jr., Primrose Sr., Pulaski Heights Sr., Twenty-Eighth St. Sr., Bauxite Int., Henderson Sr., Henderson Int., England Int., Mt. Tabor Sr., Winfield Sr., Hazen.

Monticello District:

Hamburg Sr., Hamburg Jr., Dermott Int., Portland Sr., Portland Int., Rock Springs, Lake Village Sr., Lake Village Jr., Millers Chapel.

Pine Bluff District:

Bayou Meto, Good Faith Sr., Good Faith Int., Sherrill Int., Faith Sr., Humphrey Int.

Prescott District:

Blevins Jr., Friendship Jr., Murfreesboro, Emmett Sr., Midway, Nashville Jr.

Texarkana District:

DeQueen, Locksburg, Mena Sr., Mena Jr., Stamps Sr., Horatio, Fairview Sr., First Church Sr. Texarkana, First Church Int. Texarkana, Richmond, Gravelly.

Listed below are several Leagues that did not make pledges at the Assembly, but that have made remittances on Mission Pledge: Malvern, Int., Traskwood, Magnolia, Strong, Waldo, Douglasville, Forest Park Int., Keo, Eudora Int.-Jr., Trinity.

This fine cooperation on the part of the Leagues paying pledges in ten months has enabled our Conference to pay its Mission Pledge in full this year.—Effie Bannan, Treasurer, Little Rock Conference Epworth League.

ATTENTION NORTH ARKANSAS LEAGUE LEADERS

The need for a better financial system for the Conference League was discussed at the mid-year Cabinet meeting in January and a committee was appointed to study the situation and report to the Conference Assembly in June.

As a member of that committee the writer sent out a questionnaire to the Conference Presidents of Southern

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Methodism. Fine response has been made by these League leaders. Their reports are interesting because of the many things they reveal. The writer has made a careful study of these reports and of the financial situation of our own Conference; and is presenting in this article a financial policy which he hopes the leaders of our Conference will study. He will welcome any criticism on the part of anyone who has made a careful study of the plan. If any one has a better plan we want it. Your committee wants any suggestion that will help us in working out the best possible financial plan for our Conference.

The plan that is adopted covers two general items: Missionary offering and Conference promotion. Some Conferences raise the funds necessary for these items by the budget method; other Conferences raise them separately. The writer believes the budget system the best for our Conference at this time. The question is then raised as to the portion that should be used for Conference promotion and the portion to be used for Missions. We can hardly afford to pay less than 50 per cent for Missions.

The next question is as to how the money for Conference promotion should be used. Our work is largely built on the District plan. The District secretaries are the persons upon whom the whole program depends. If these workers are active our League work advances, if they fail our work is almost a failure. The Conference officers are dependent on the District leaders, for our work must be carried forward on the small unit plan. The above being true the writer believes that 50 per cent of the money spent on Conference promotion should be used by the District leaders. The writer also believes that this money should be used by the District raising the money, for we do not have a single District which is not able to carry its own financial responsibility.

Suppose we are going to raise \$4000. as our total budget, half of which would go for Missions; then we would have \$1000 for General Conference promotion and \$1,000 for District promotion. The total amount would be apportioned among the nine Districts of the Conference with the understanding that all money raised be sent to the Conference treasurer to

be used as follows: 50 per cent for Missions; 25 per cent for Conference promotion; and 25 per cent returned to the District for District promotion. This would mean that the Conference treasurer would return to each District 25 per cent of the amount raised by said District. This fund would be used by the said District as the leaders of the District should think best.

This plan places the responsibility where it belongs. If a District secretary is willing to work, there will be results secured and funds will be in hand to carry the work. If he is not willing to work the other District secretaries should not be expected to raise Conference money to send the inactive District secretary to the various official meetings. This plan will dispose of all pleasure seeking District secretaries.

This plan will encourage the active District secretary to become more active because the more money raised in his District the more he will have with which to promote the work of his District.

The writer has not given the details of the plan but only the idea. The committee must work out a financial policy. This plan is only the suggestion of one member of the committee. If this article can arouse some thinking on our financial situation the writer will have accomplished his aim.—Ira A. Brumley, Conf. Vice-Pres.

WATCH FOR PLAN

Watch for a suggested plan for District Standard of Efficiency which will be in next week's *Methodist*.—Ira A. Brumley, Conf. Vice-Pres.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE ANNIVERSARY DAY OFFERINGS

The Fort Smith district has made a splendid report the past week. This District lost its leader when Clint Walden was sent to Kansas. A new District secretary, Miss Gracie Mae Meadows, has been selected; and now Ft. Smith District will be doing big things again.

Helena District under the leadership of J. C. McPhaul, continues to report, and likewise Searcy and Conway Districts.

The following Leagues have reported during the past week:

Fayetteville District:—
Previously reported\$109.31

Conway District:—
1st Church, N. L. R.\$ 4.10
Previously reported 35.65

Total\$ 39.75

Helena District:—
Vanndale 2.50
Wynne 3.00
Previously reported 31.33

Total\$ 36.83

Searcy District:—
Weldon 2.00
Previously reported 28.25

Total\$ 30.25

Ft. Smith District:—
Van Buren 1st Church 5.00
Ft. Smith, Dodson Ave. 15.07
Previously reported 5.00

Total\$ 25.07

Booneville District:—
Previously reported\$ 17.43

Jonesboro District:—
Previously reported\$ 13.70

Paragould District:—
Previously reported\$ 8.83

Batesville District:—
Previously reported\$ 5.81

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Helena	7	36.83
Searcy	8	30.25
Ft. Smith	3	25.07
Booneville		17.43
Jonesboro	2	13.70
Paragould	2	8.83
Batesville	1	5.81

Total40 \$285.48

Please let Leaguers that have not reported and expect to make a report on Anniversary Day Offering, do so at once so that we may complete our report in time to have it ready for the Assembly which opens three weeks from today, May 16.—Ira A. Brumley, Conf. Vice-Pres.

FIRST CHURCH, N. LITTLE ROCK

The Senior Epworth League of First Church, North Little Rock, observed League Anniversary Day, Sunday, May 15. The following officers were installed:

- President, Marie Howard;
- Vice-President, Dixon Toms;
- Secretary, Leta Emison;
- Treasurer, Mrs. W. F. Spradling;
- Era Agent, Mildred Zorn,
- Int. League Supt., Mary Emison;
- 1st Dept. Supt., Maysel Goss;
- 2nd Dept. Supt., Ruth Probst;
- 3rd Dept. Supt., Daisy Short;
- 4th Dept. Supt., Catharyan Homan.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Conference will meet at Serrill, Thursday, July 7, 7:30 p. m., and will continue Friday, July 8. We want to make this the sixtieth session of the Pine Bluff District Conference, a "Jubilee Conference." The Sunday School Institute will meet Friday at 10 a. m. We are looking for Bishop H. A. Boaz and he will bring the message Friday at 11 a. m.—J. A. Henderson, P. E.

NEWS FROM THE FIELD

I give here some statements received from missionaries in different fields. The most common request that these workers make is not for more money but that we pray for them. The first is from a native worker in Ypres, Belgium. He says: "I was ever so glad to know about the persons who have made us by their

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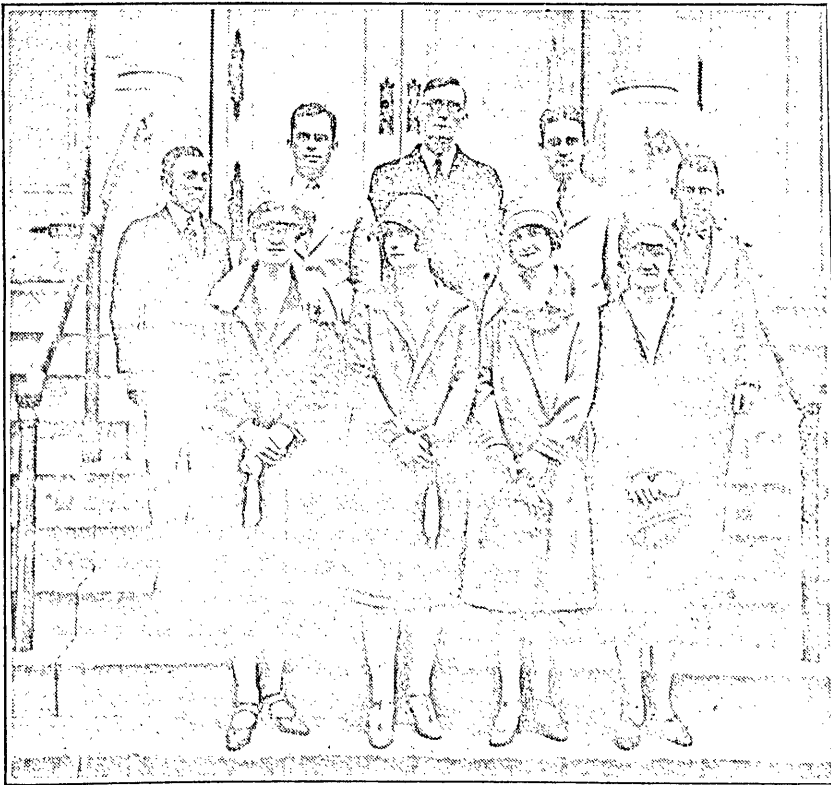
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The persons in the above group were elected officers of the Epworth League of Highland Methodist Church at the close of one of the most successful years in the League's history. The officers, are, from left to right: First Row—Mrs. Ward Rice, first department superintendent; Miss Iris Botts, second department; Miss Miriam Cummins, treasurer; Mrs. Roscoe Blount, president. Back row—A. G. Williamson, fourth department superintendent; Claude Collie, corresponding secretary; J. H. Cummins, Epworth League pastor; Homer Tatum, first department superintendent and retiring president; Homer Hardcastle, vice president. Miss Gladys Keyword, secretary, was absent when the picture was taken.

During the past year the organization was one of the first of local Epworth Leagues to gain the standard of efficiency as set forth by the Epworth League Board of the Southern Methodist Church at Nashville, Tenn. In recognition of this attainment the League will be awarded a gold seal certificate at the annual Epworth League assembly at Arkadelphia in June. The four delegates named by

the Highland League to receive the certificate at the assembly in behalf of the organization are: Miss Iris Botts, Miss Miriam Cummins, Ben Rook and Homer Tatum.

Last year members of the League financed and issued the weekly church bulletin. The organization sponsored a "get-together" banquet for church members in the early fall. Seventy-five dollars from the treasury was expended for the remodeling of the chapter room. The League plans to redecorate the room from proceeds of the play "Cinderella," which members will present at Robert E. Lee School in June. Sixty-five members of the League were enrolled in the annual mission study class taught by J. P. Womack, state superintendent of public instruction. On Anniversary Day \$20 was contributed to the Epworth League fund of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The League gave \$75 to missions.

The chapter is financing the creation of two tennis courts on the grounds of the Methodist Orphanage. It sponsors the Junior League of Highland Methodist church, of which 55 children are members.

support able to win men and women here for Christ, and are supporting my work by prayer and gifts. I and all those who are saved can not thank you enough for this brotherly act."

Another statement is from a worker in Brazil. "We are in great need

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of money", says Rev. H. I. Lehman, "but we are in greater need of prayers. Pray for people in remote regions in this country who often pass years without even seeing a preacher, and who spend their lives in drinking, gambling, and dancing."

"Methodists in Brazil are making heroic efforts to do their full part in the evangelization of their own country. In the Rio District benevolences were paid before preachers' salaries, all charges paying in full and one-fourth over. This is typical of all churches in Brazil."

Here is something about one of our schools in Brazil: "Over 500 students matriculated at Granbery College during the past year. Of this number 60 per cent came from Roman Catholic homes, and yet all took the Bible courses and attended daily chapel services."

Such work as this needs our prayerful support. This is the kind of work made possible by the special missionary offering and by funds received from Conference Claims.—J. F. Simmons, Missionary Secretary.

THE DISASTER AT STRONG

I am sending a brief report about the awful disaster that befell the town of Strong Monday evening, about 4:20 p. m. I shall not try to describe the conditions in every particular, but will only state a few facts.

I have read about cyclones and tornadoes and have looked at the pictures of destruction, but this time I am in the midst of it. Those who come and look on the desolation, say they could not believe from the reports that it was so bad. Every business house of any size is almost a complete wreck. I do not know just how many residences are blown all to pieces and wrecked so they will have to be rebuilt. I suppose about one third of the homes are gone, or ruined, and others damaged. Up to the present, 26 are dead and more than 70 wounded. Some others will no doubt die.

The Methodist Church was blown to pieces, but the parsonage is not seriously damaged. All the out buildings of the parsonage are gone. The Baptist Church is damaged considerable but the Baptist parsonage escaped. Yesterday there were a number of the dead buried, eight at one time. Others will be buried today. It was a sad sight to see so many laid away at one time and so many heart-broken ones. The last two days the little town of Strong has been thronged by sight-seers and sympathizers as never before. With all sorrows and loss, it is refreshing and helpful to see how many respond and show real sympathy in such a time.

My wife and I are trying to be thankful that we are not injured in body in the least. We are trying to be of some service to this stricken community.—B. F. Scott, P. C.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

My District Conference will be delayed at least a month. Preachers could come, but could not bring their people earlier. Damage to the preachers and church property not so bad as feared. Twelve pastoral charges in my District immediately affected. Only two of the preachers and property hurt, Arkansas City and Watson-Kelso. Those two charges are very badly damaged. Preachers have lost all that they left, and left nearly all that they had. Parsonages at McGehee and Dermott were both flooded with less than foot of water. Water did not get into parsonages in Tillar, Lake Village, Wilmot or Portland. I have not yet learned extent of damage

at Montrose and Eudora. Do not think houses in either place badly damaged, if at all.

Preachers have kept well and are in good spirits. All on their job except Bros. Ridling and Pickering, who with their families were advised to leave. Their houses were almost entirely under water and are at this time with their household effects including library completely lost. Something must be done for these two men. The damage to the towns in all these places above mentioned can hardly be overstated. Farm lands with tenant houses are damaged beyond compare. City property quite as bad. The largest centers in my District outside the overflow were Hamburg, Crossett, Warren and Monticello. Some of these towns had their population doubled and thrived in these last three weeks. The refugees were quiet and teachable and so far as I know very agreeable people to deal with in all these centers. They are returning by the hundreds each day. Our camps are almost devoid of men. Few women yet remain in camps where water has not permitted their return. If you hear any talk about the heroic having departed from the ministry I would like to say that my preachers can all swim. The slight covering of silt that has been left to enrich some acres here and there is not to be mentioned on the same day with the feet of gravel and sand and gulleys and lakes that have been formed with the destruction of tenant houses on the plantations of this section.

But the spirit of the people to come back is wonderful and beautiful. They follow the floods as they recede and are planting in the mud. By the time the ground is dry enough to plow they

will be cultivating their crops. Watch the invincible Delta. She is coming back again.—E. R. Steel, P. E.

RICHMOND

We have just closed one of the best and most successful meetings ever held in our town. Bro. R. F. Shinn, North Texas Conference evangelist of Grand Prairie, Texas, did the preaching. Bro. Shinn is a very consecrated man of God. His language is very forceful and his explanation of God's book is so simple that any little child can readily understand.

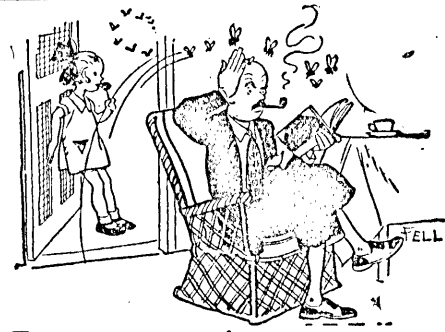
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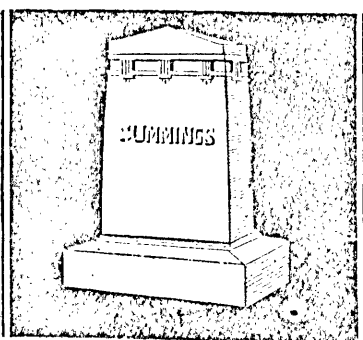
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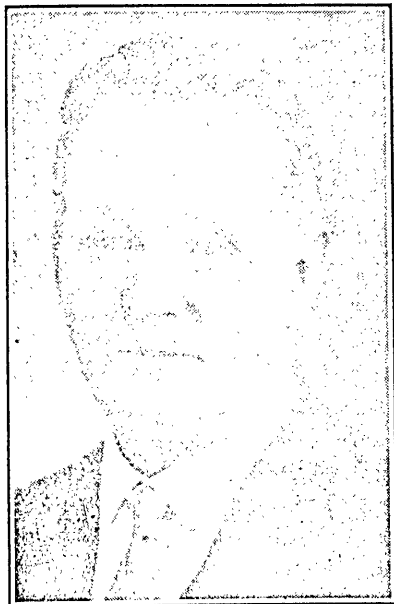


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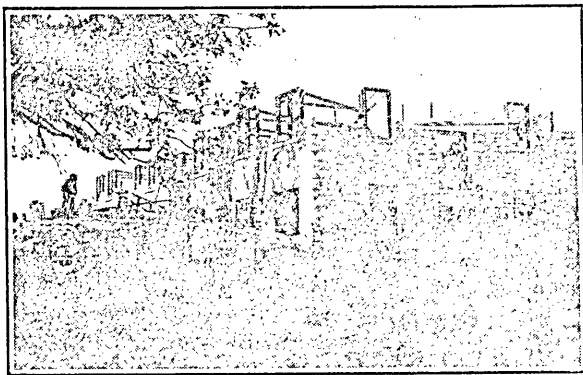
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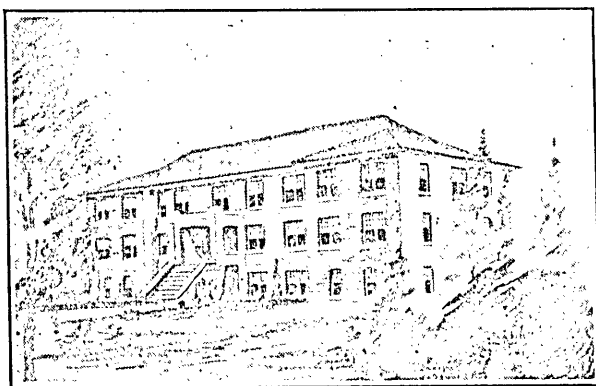
Slogan: Over the Top for Valley Springs School



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APPEAL FOR VALLEY SPRINGS TRAINING SCHOOL Ft. Smith District

At your set-up meeting early in the year you permitted the Valley Springs School to come into your District with an asking of one thousand dollars. This amount was distributed by Dr. Tolleson, the presiding elder. Each pastor will receive his quota through a personal letter from me soon. Since we must depend on the preachers to finish this building begun some 18 months ago, we are coming to you asking that on the Fourth Sunday in this month, which is the 22nd, you present the school and take the offering for your quota. Wire or tell me by phone at Batesville (Phone Number 641) the amount you have raised for the School, as the Board meets on the 25th and we must know what we have to start work on the building with.

Since we have to give up the public school building which we have been using for four years, if you fail us in this final effort to finish the building it means that you are satisfied for the wonderful work that has been and is being done at your school to stop, and to do so would cause Methodism to hang her head in shame. You will not fail us. It is not like Methodist preachers to fail in a program that they themselves launched. What I am saying to the Ft. Smith District I am saying to the following Districts.

Booneville District

At your District meeting early in the year you voted to pay to the school this year one-thousand dollars. For lack of space to say over again what I have said to the above District we are asking you to please come to the rescue of your School on the Fourth Sunday in this month, and make the offering for the school. Call me at the above phone number or wire me at my expense the amount you have raised for the school. If you fail, then we will fail.

Searcy District

At your meeting early in the year you voted to give to the Valley Springs School this year \$1,250. The distribution has been made to the different Churches and charges of the District and your quota will be in your hand soon through a personal letter from me.

Many of you preachers have seen

and know about the type of work Russell is doing with practically nothing by way of equipment. We wonder just what he might have done had he had equipment with which to work. Let not a single pastor fail so worthy a cause, as this on the Fourth Sunday in May. Have as your Slogan "OVER THE TOP FOR THE VALLEY SPRINGS SCHOOL." Call me or wire me at my expense the results of the day.

Batesville District

We feel that to say many things to you preachers in this District would be telling you something that you already know. Many of you have been there to see and know what is being done. Thank God that Batesville District has done many things that are worthy of note. They have furnished two wonderful young women to help in the training of hundreds of boys and girls who have come to our school, and have contributed their part of the sacrifice that has been needed in order that the School might continue, both of their time and talent. The school has given you back in return for your loyalty some well trained boys and girls who have gone to colleges and universities, some making the highest marks of any who ever entered these great institutions. Your quota will be in your hands through a personal letter. Take the offering on the fourth Sunday. Call me or wire me the results. Do not fail us. If you fail in this time of crisis then we will fail, and that would cause all of us to hang our heads in shame. You will not fail us. If you need some one to help you in the offering at some place that you cannot get call me and I will get you some one that will be a blessing to your people.

Fayetteville District

At your set-up meeting early in the year you voted to take as your quota

for the Valley Springs School this year one-thousand dollars. This amount has been distributed to the different churches and charges of the District. We are asking you to take the offering for the school on the Fourth Sunday of May the date that was suggested and set at your District Conference. That day might mean the life or death of the school. If you as preachers fail us in this time of crisis, then we will fail. We do not believe that you will fail us, since it is your program and we are set to the task to carry it out. Call me or wire at my expense the results of the offering.

Conway District

Since we have no stated amount of asking from your District, we are appealing to your loyalty. This is a School that you helped to open as a member of the Conference, and it is giving to your college boys and girls of which you are proud. Therefore we are coming to you asking that you on the fourth Sunday in this month present the School and take an offering for the building fund. Call me at Batesville and report the results of the offering. Please, do not fail us in this time of crisis. We believe in the preachers of the Conway District and must depend on you to help in the finishing of this building.

Jonesboro District

To every preacher and member of the Methodist Church in the Jonesboro District, we are asking that you look upon this building, pray over it, and then on the Fourth Sunday in this month make a freewill offering for the building fund. We must finish the building or the training of the hundreds of boys and girls will have to stop, and for that to happen would cause us to hang our heads in shame. That we will not do, for you are going to make an offering that will mean something. Wire or call me Sunday night or Monday morning at

my expense the results of the offering.

Helena District

For the sake of the program that you launched five years ago will you not on the Fourth Sunday in this month take a freewill offering for the Valley Springs Training School building fund. Look on the building and act. We are depending on you not to fail us in this time of crisis. We have no others to which we can go, so we are coming to you. If you fail us then we will have to stop. We feel that you are too true and loyal to the program that you helped to launch to fail us now.

Paragould District.

To every member and preacher of the Paragould District. Will you not on the fourth Sunday in this month take a freewill offering for the Valley Springs School Building Fund? Look on this unfinished building and think that you are a part of the great body that started it, and you want some part in the finishing of this wonderful building. Just a Freewill Offering to the educational program of your Church. Wire the results Sunday night or Monday, since we will leave Tuesday to be present at the Board meeting on the 25th.

I am sealing this appeal with my heart, praying that God will bless it with wonderfully results. Brethren, we believe in you, and are praying that God will give you wonderful success in all your efforts this year, and that you will take this appeal to heart and send large money for the building fund of the Valley Springs School. Make all checks payable to the Valley Springs School; send same to W. M. Edwards, Secretary for the School, Batesville, Ark.

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QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT
(Third Round.)

Arkadelphia, May 15.
Central Ave. May 22.
Malvern May 29.
Pearcy Ct., Pine Grove, June 4-5.
Sparkman & Sardis, Sardis June 12.
Arkadelphia Ct., Hart's Chapel, June 19.
Carthage, Mt. Zion, July 3.
Leola, Poyen, July 9-10.
Holly Springs, Mt. Carmel, July 16-17.
Third St. July 31.
Park Ave. July 31, 8 p. m.
Friendship, Magnet Cove, Aug. 6-9.
Oaklawn & L., Lonsdale Aug. 7, 3 p. m.
Traskwood, Ebenezer, Aug. 13-14.
Benton, Aug. 14, 8 p. m.
Buckville, Cedar Glades, Aug. 20.
Hot Springs Ct., Bethlehem, Aug. 21.
Princeton, Macedonia, Aug. 27-28.
Dalark, Rock Springs, Aug. 28, 3 p. m.
—J. J. Stowe, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT
(Third Round.)

Bearden, May 29, 7:30 p. m.
Camden, June 5, 11 a. m.
Smackover, June 5, 7:30 p. m.
Emerson, McNeil, at Atlanta, June 11.
Magnolia June 12, 11 a. m.
Emerson June 12, 7:30 p. m.
Wesson Ct., at Wesson, June 19, 11 a. m.
Junction City June 19, 7:30 p. m.
Taylor Ct., at Sharman, June 25, 11 a. m.
Waldo June 25, 7:30 p. m.
Kingsland Ct., at Stony Point, July 3, 11 a. m.
Fordyce July 3, 7:30 p. m.
Buckner Ct., at Sardis July 9-10.
Stephens July 10, 11 a. m.
Buena Vista, at Silver Spring, July 16-17.
Louann July 17, 7:30 p. m.
W. El Dorado at Olive Branch, July 23-24.
El Dorado July 24, 7:30 p. m.
Strong Ct., at Strong, July 31, 11 a. m.
Huttig July 31, 7:30 p. m.
Hampton Ct., at Hampton, Aug. 7, 11 a. m.
Thornton & H. G., at H. G., Aug. 7, 7:30 p. m.
Chidester Ct., at Chidester, Aug. 14, 11 a. m.
Norphlet, Aug. 14, 7:30 p. m.
J. W. Harrell, P. E.

FT. SMITH DISTRICT
(Third Round.)

First Church, Van Buren, May 22, 11 a. m.
First Church, Ft. Smith, May 22, 7:30 p. m.
S. Ft. Smith, May 29, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2:30.
East Van Buren, May 29, 7:30, Q. C. after service.
Hackett, June 5, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2:30.
Greenwood, June 5, 7:30, Q. C. after service.
Kibler, June 12, 11 a. m., Mt. View, Q. C. 2:00.
Van Buren Ct., June 12, 7:30, Fig. 5, Q. C. after service.
Alma-Dyer, June 26, 11 a. m., Alma, Q. C. 2:30.
Mulberry, June 26, 7:30, Q. C. after service.
Charleston, July 3, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2:30.
Lavaca, July 3, 7:30, Q. C. after service.
Clarksville Ct., July 9-10, Ludwig, Q. C. Sat. 2:30.
Clarksville, July 10, 7:30, Q. C. after service.
Cecil, July 17, 11 a. m., Cecil Q. C. 2:30.
Ozark, July 17, 7:30, Q. C. after service.
Hartman-Altus, July 24, 11 a. m., Hartman Q. C. 2:30.
Ozark Ct., July 24, 7:30, Pleasant Grove, Q. C. after service.
Second Church, Ft. Smith, July 31, Q. C. after service.
—F. M. Tolleson, P. E.

HELENA DISTRICT
(Third Round.)

Vanndale-Cherry V., May 22, a. m.
Harrisburg, May 22, p. m.
Colt, May 29, a. m.
Wynne, May 29, p. m.
Helena, June 5, a. m.
Haynes-Lexa, June 5, p. m.
Marianna, June 12, a. m.
Hughes, June 12, p. m.
Crawfordsville, June 19, a. m.
Hulbert-W. Mfs., June 19, p. m.
Turner, June 26, a. m.
Holly G.-Marvell, June 26, p. m.
Clarendon, July 3, a. m.
Hunter, July 3, p. m.
Wheatley, July 10, a. m.
Round Pond-Heth, July 10, p. m.
Parkin, July 17, a. m.
Earle, July 17, p. m.
Elaine, July 24, a. m.
West Helena, July 24, p. m.
Aubrey, July 31, a. m.
Brinkley, July 31, p. m.
—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT
(Second Round—Last Half—Re-adjust.)

Ravenden Springs Ct., at Friendship, May 21-22.
Mammoth Springs, 7:30 p. m., May 22.
Salem, at Camp, May 23.
St. Francis Ct., at Cummings Chapel, May 28-29.

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Piggott, 3 p. m., May 29.
Imboden, 3 p. m., June 5.
District Conference at Imboden, June 6-8.
—William Sherman, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT
(Third Round.)

1st Church, Pine Bluff, 11 a. m., May 29.
Rowell Ct., 2:30 p. m., May 29.
Swan Lake, at Brewer, 11 a. m., June 12.
Carr Memorial, 7:30 p. m., June 12.
Humphrey-Sunshine, 11 a. m., June 19.
Hawley Mem., 7:30 p. m., June 19.
Pine Bluff Ct., at Carmel, 11 a. m., June 26.
Lake Side, 7:30 p. m., June 26.
Sheridan Ct., at Oak Grove, 11 a. m., July 2.
Sheridan-New Hope, 11 a. m., July 3.
Star City, 11 a. m., July 10.
Grady-Gould, 7:30 p. m., July 10.
Sherrill-Tucker, 11 a. m., July 17.
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka, 7:30 p. m., July 17.
St. Charles, 11 a. m., July 24.
DeWitt, 7:30 p. m., July 24.

Roe Ct., 11 a. m., July 31.
Stuttgart, 7:30 p. m., July 31.
Gillett-Little Prairie, 11 a. m., Aug. 7.
—J. A. Henderson, P. E.

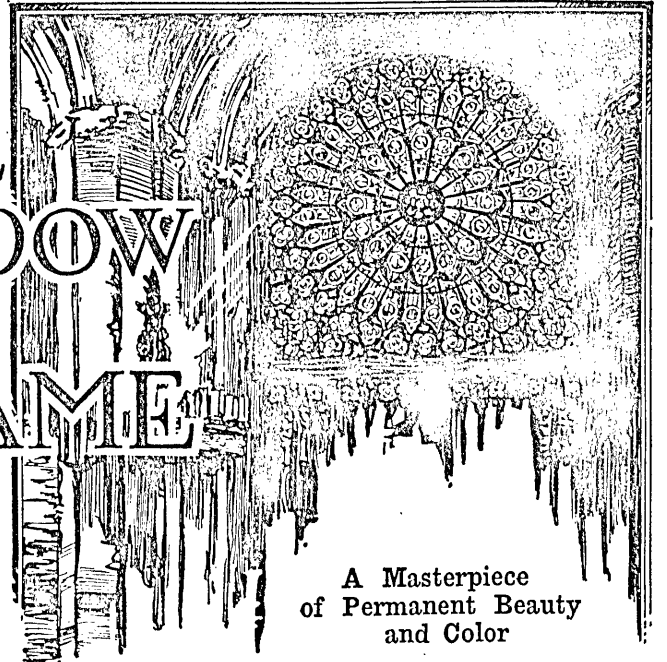
PRESCOTT DISTRICT
(Third Round.)

Prescott Ct., Holly Spgs., May 21, 8 p. m.
Emmet, Holly Grove, May 22, 2 p. m.
Blevins, Friendship, June 5, 1:30 p. m.
Bingen, McCaskill, June 5, 3:30 p. m.
Murfreesboro, Saline, June 12, 2 p. m.
Oden-Mauldin, Mauldin, June 19, 1:30 p. m.
Mt. Ida-Norman, Caddo Gap, June 19, 3:30 p. m.
Center Point, Bluff Springs, June 26, 2 p. m.
Nashville, June 26, 7:30 p. m.
Spring Hill, Hopewell, July 3, 2:30 p. m.
Hope, July 3, 7:30 p. m.
Okolona, July 10, 2 p. m.
Gurdon, July 10, 7:30 p. m.
Amity, July 17, 2 p. m.
Glenwood, July 17, 7:30 p. m.
Washington-Ozan, July 24, 1:30 p. m.
Mineral Springs, July 24, 3:30 p. m.
Prescott, July 31, 11 a. m.
—J. L. Dedman, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT
(Third Round.)

Mena, May 22, at 8 p. m.
Lewisville at Bradley, May 29, at 11 a. m.
Stamps, May 29, at 8 p. m.
Fouke Ct. at Harmony, June 5, at 11 a. m.
Doddridge Ct. at Concord, June 12, at 11 a. m.
Foreman, June 26, at 11 a. m.
Ashdown, June 26, at 8 p. m.
Texarkana, First Church, July 3, at 11 a. m.
Texarkana, Fairview Ch., July 3, at 3 p. m.
Texarkana, College Hill, July 3, at 8 p. m.
DeQueen at Wofford's, July 10, at 11 a. m.
Horatio, July 10, at 8 p. m.
Dierks at Green's Chapel, July 17, at 11 a. m.
Lockesburg at Rock Hill, July 17, at 3 p. m.
Paraloma Ct. at Ben Lomond, July 24, at 11 a. m.
Richmond at Wilton, July 24, at 3 p. m.
Ashdown Ct. at Hicks, July 24, at 8 p. m.
—Francis N. Brewer, P. E.

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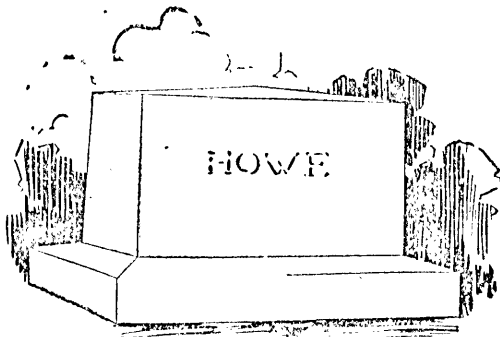
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LYDIA OF THE PINES
By Honore Willsie
(Continued from last week)

"That fool hen isn't fully convinced she wants a family," he said. The bedroom door closed after Lydia.

"Amos," said John, "that child's nerves are all shot to pieces." He related his conversation with Lydia.

"What can I do?" asked Amos, with a worried air. "Seems to me she's just got to wear it out."

Levine grunted and put on his hat. "I wish she was my daughter," he said. "If you'll ask Brown to come around to the Elks' club tomorrow, I'll talk to him."

On the Friday afternoon following when Lydia got home from school, she found the house apparently deserted. But there issued from the neighborhood of the kitchen a yipping and ki-yi-ing that would have moved a heart of stone. Lydia ran into the kitchen. The puppy wails came from behind the door of the old bedroom.

"Who's in there!" she called.

The yipping changed to deep barks of joy. Lydia tried the door. It opened easily and a great, blundering puppy hurled himself at her. Lydia was a dog lover.

"You love! You lamb!" she cried. She squatted on the floor and the pup crowded his great hulk into her lap, licking her face and wagging his whole body.

There was a note tied to his collar. Lydia untied it: "Dearest Young Lydia: Here is a friend who wants to share your bedroom with you. You must bring him up to be a polite, obedient dog, and a credit to your other friend, John Levine."

"Oh!" squealed Lydia. "Oh! but why did they tie you in here!" She looked about the room. The old bed had been moved out and the dining-room couch moved in. The bureau had been shifted to another corner. There was nothing to be seen of all little Patience's belongings. It did not look like the same room.

As she clung to the squirming puppy and stared, Lizzie came in.

"Ain't it nice?" she asked. "Mr. Levine came out with the dog this afternoon and suggested the change. He helped me. See the old quilt in the corner? That's for the dog to sleep on. Ain't he as big as an elephant? I'm afraid he'll eat as much as a man."

"He can have half of my food," cried Lydia. "Oh, Lizzie, isn't he beautiful!"

"Well, no," replied Lizzie, truthfully. "He looks to me as if some one had stepped on his face. You'd better take him out for a run."

John Levine never did a wiser or a kinder thing than to give the brindle English bulldog to Lydia. He was a puppy of nine months, well bred and strong. Lydia took him into her empty little heart with a completeness that belongs to the natural dog lover and that was enhanced by her bereavement. She and Kent cast about some time before deciding on a name. At first they thought seriously of naming him John, after the donor, but decided that this might lead to confusion. Then they discovered that Levine's middle name was Adam, and Adam the brindle bull became, forthwith.

Lydia made no objection to returning to the old room. It had lost its familiar outlines.

In May the garden was planted and in June, Lydia graduated from the eighth grade, and the long summer vacation had begun. After the episode of the note, Lydia made a conscientious effort to play with Margery at

recess, and when vacation began she called for the banker's daughter regularly every week to go swimming.

Outwardly this summer was much like the previous one, except that there was a quiet contentment about Amos in spite of his real mourning for his baby daughter, that had been foreign to him for years. It was the garden that did this. Not only was it a wonderful garden to look on and to eat from, but with it Amos paid for milk and butter from the Nortons and for a part of his groceries. This made possible the year's interest and payment on the note.

Lydia sewed for Florence Dombey, climbed trees, swam and played pirates with Kent. But as a matter of fact, the old childish zest for these things had gone. For Lydia's real childhood had left her that December night she had spent under the far corner of her father's bed. She had not prayed since then. Her young faith in the kindness and sweetness of life, badly shaken by her mother's death, had been utterly destroyed when little Patience had been taken from her.

Lydia was very nervous about her first day at high school. Kent was entering at the same time and she would have liked to have asked to go with him but she knew he would resent violently being associated with a girl on so important an occasion.

So it was that one of the teachers observed a child in a faded but clean galatea sailor suit, with curly blond hair barely long enough to tie at her neck, standing in one of the lower halls after the mob of seven or eight hundred boys and girls had been successfully herded into the great assembly room.

"What is your name, my dear?" asked the teacher.

Lydia silently presented her promotion card. The teacher nodded.

"Come along, Miss Dudley, or you'll miss the principal's speech."

She seated Lydia near her in the assembly room, then looked her over curiously. The child's face was remarkably intelligent, a high-bred little face under a finely domed head. The back of her ears and the back of her neck were dirty, and her thin hands were rough as if with housework. The galatea sailor suit was cheap and coarse.

"A sick mother or no mother," was the teacher's mental tone. "I must inquire about her."

Miss Towne had the reputation of an unfeeling disciplinarian among the pupils, but Lydia did not know this. She only knew that by some miracle of kindness she came to understand the classroom system of recitations, that she was introduced to different teachers, that she learned how to decipher the hours of her recitations from the complicated chart on the assembly room blackboard, and that at noon she started for home with a list of textbooks to be purchased, and a perfectly clear idea of what to do when she returned on the morrow.

Lydia walked along slowly, thinking deeply. She knew that her list of books came to something over five dollars. She knew that this sum of money would floor her father and she knew that she would rather beg on the streets than start Amos on one of his tirades on his poverty.

When she turned into the dirt road, Billy Norton overtook her. He was wearing a very high starched collar and a new suit of clothes. Billy was a senior and felt his superiority. Nevertheless, he wanted to tell his troubles—even to a first-year pupil.

"Gee, don't I have the luck?" he groaned. "I could get on the school football team. I know it, if I didn't have to come home right after school to deliver milk. Hang it!"

Lydia looked at him quickly. "How much milk do you have to deliver?"

(Continued next week)

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson for May 22

PETER HEALS THE LAME MAN

LESSON TEXT—Acts 3:1-4:31.
GOLDEN TEXT—Neither is there salvation in any other for there is none other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.—Acts 4:12.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Peter Heals a Lame Man.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Gifts That Money Cannot Buy.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Giving Our Best for Others.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Gifts That Are Better Than Money.

I. Peter Healing the Lame Man (Acts 3:1-10).

1. The place (vv. 1, 2).
Peter and John were on their way to the house of worship. This man had been placed at the entrance of the place of worship where he might receive the sympathetic attention of worshippers.

2. The man (v. 2).
This beggar was infirm from his birth. He was now more than forty years old (4:22) and had brought his ailment with him into the world. When he saw Peter and John he asked alms.

3. The method (vv. 3-8).
(1) The man's attention gained (v. 4).
Peter and John commanded him to look on them.

(2) Peter commanded him in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth to rise and walk (v. 6).

(3) Peter took him by the right hand (v. 7).
This was meant to give impetus to his faith—not strength to his ankles.

4. The man's response (v. 8).
Strength came to his feet and ankle-bones at once. He stood, he walked, he leaped and shouted praises to God.

5. The effect (vv. 9-11).
The people were so filled with wonder and amazement that they ran together to behold this wonderful thing.

Note:
(1) This helpless beggar had to be carried to the temple gate. Men and women out of Christ are so helpless that they need to be brought where the light of God can be applied to them.

(2) Peter taking the man by the hand shows the manner of helping the lost.

II. Peter Witnessing Before the Multitude (2:12-26).

Though this miracle directed the attention of the people to Peter and John, Peter immediately turned their attention from himself to Christ. He told them that it was faith in Jesus Christ whom God had glorified and whom they had deliberately betrayed and crucified that had healed this man.

III. Peter in Prison for Christ's Sake (4:1-4).

It was his fidelity to Christ that brought him this persecution. Observe:
1. The leaders—priests and Sadducees—in this persecution (vv. 1, 2).
The priests were intolerant because these new teachers were encroaching upon their functions.

2. The result (vv. 3, 4).
Though they were held in bondage by chains, Christ continued to work. The number of believers had greatly increased.

IV. Peter Witnessing Before the Sanhedrin (4:5-21).

1. The inquiry (vv. 5-7).
This inquiry admitted the reality of the miracle. They wanted to know what it signified.

2. Peter's answer (vv. 8-12).
Being filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter calmly and graciously answered. He showed them that they were not on trial as evildoers but for doing good to the helpless and needy man.

Since they could not deny the miracle he boldly declared that it had been done in the name of Jesus Christ whom they had crucified and God had raised from the dead.

3. The impression upon the Sanhedrin (vv. 13-22).
(1) They marveled (vv. 1-13).
They saw that Peter's behavior and words were as unusual as the miracle.

(2) They took knowledge that Peter and John had been with Jesus (v. 13).
(3) They forbade them to speak in Christ's name (v. 13).
(4) Peter and John's reply (vv. 19, 20).

They expressed their determination to obey God rather than men.
(5) Their release (v. 21).

Seeing the people were on their side, there was no way to punish them.

V. The Church at Prayer (vv. 23-31).

As soon as Peter and John were set free, they hastened away to their fellow disciples and told them their experience. They praised God for deliverance and prayed for boldness to speak the Word of God.

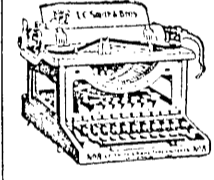
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An Open Letter to Charges of Southern Methodism That Have Not Yet Raised their Quotas for Superannuate Endowment.

By Luther E. Todd, Sec'y of the Board of Finance

Dear Brethren:

For thirteen weeks I have been pleading for the cause of Superannuate Endowment on this page. With this issue of the *Methodist* I shall leave the matter with you until the next meeting of your Annual Conference. If you are not now persuaded to raise your Special Effort quotas and pay them before the end of the Conference year, you probably would not be moved even if you were entreated all summer.

Please remember that over 2,500 of the Church's aged and used-up servants are looking to you for sustenance. They seek not your charity but what you have agreed to pay them for faithful service rendered. Your debt to them is just as binding as any other promise you have made to pay. In deed, their helpless and dependent state should establish their call upon you as a preferred claim.

Throughout our Church's history we have temporized with this obligation, until it has become a habit with us to deal lightly with any movement projected in its behalf. We began twenty-five years ago to raise this Endowment Fund, and the \$4,000,000 we have actually paid since we started has probably required forty million urgings to pay. What cause of such merit has had to humble itself at the Church's feet begging the crumbs from her table?

We should face this obligation in good conscience and pay the debt we owe in full measure, or else honestly tell our claimants that we have no serious intention to pay. If we desire to draw our success in other things from unkept promises to our superannuates, we can. But, may the Lord have pity on the Church that waves her flag of conquest unmindful of the prostrate forms of her veteran soldiers that lie upon the field of struggle begging "a cup of cold water."

Faithfully yours,

LUTHER E. TODD,

Secretary Board of Finance.

If I had 1,000 Lives to Live, I Would Gladly Give All of Them in Persuading My Church to Pay Her Long Standing Debt to Her Superannuate Preachers.