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BISHOP H. A. BOAZ, D. D.
President N. Arkansas Conference

THEN SAID I, WOE IS ME! FOR I AM UNDONE; BECAUSE I AM A MAN OF UNCLEAN LIPS, AND I DWELL IN THE MIDST OF A PEOPLE OF UNCLEAN LIPS; FOR MINE EYES HAVE SEEN THE KING, THE LORD OF HOSTS.—Isaiah 6:5.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE HELD AT SEARCY, NOV. 23-27.

Tuesday night before the convening of Conference, services were held at the Methodist Church in Searcy. Mr. J. D. Pope, chairman of the Official Board, in behalf of Searcy and the Methodist Church, welcomed the Conference. Rev. E. W. Faulkner responded for the Conference. Rev. A. W. Martin, a member of the Conference, now a member of the staff of the General Sunday School Board, preached from the text (a part of 2 Tim. 1:10) "But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Savior Jesus Christ, who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel."

First Day, Wednesday, Nov. 23.

Taking the chair at 9 a. m. Bishop H. A. Boaz announced Hymn No. 1, "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing," and after the singing, led in the recitation of the Apostles' Creed and then offered fervent prayer. He read John 15:1-16, and commented briefly on verse 16, "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and your fruit should remain; that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you." Methodism, interpreting such Scripture, believes in a called ministry. We should not dare to preach unless called. We should not enter the ministry for honor, for ease, for salary. Some men, without

the call, do become preachers and miserably fail. Unfortunately there is a sentiment among some that justifies the minister in seeking place and conspicuity, rather than a field of service. The Master expects fruit, and promises that, if we abide in him, we shall bear much fruit. It is our business to win men and feed the flock. We are not under obligation to make a living, but help our people to live.

After singing "Faith of Our Fathers," the secretary of the last Conference, Dr. F. M. Tolleson, called the roll. After the names of deceased members had been called, according to Conference custom, Rev. R. C. Morehead led in prayer. Substitutions were made for absent delegates. Dr. Tolleson was elected secretary and on his nomination E. T. Wayland, B. C. Few, and R. M. Black were elected assistants, A. D. Stewart statistical secretary, and O. H. Tucker Honor Roll secretary. On request of the treasurer, Dr. Geo. McGlumphy, the Bank of Searcy was made the depository for Conference funds and First National Bank, Ft. Smith, was made the depository during the year.

The Committee on Nominations, consisting of the Presiding Elders, nominated the following committees and they were elected: Public Worship.—W. P. Whaley, J. E. Cooper, and J. D. Pope.

Conference Relations.—A. L. Cline, J. R. Nelson, C. F. Hively, J. B. Stevenson, J. E. Snell.

District Conference Journals.—F. M. Daniel, R. T. Cribb, Edward Forrest. Sabbath Observance.—R. A. Teeter, L. E. Conkin, J. G. Ditterline, H. A. Stroup, C. L. Franks.

Spiritual State of the Church.—G. C. Johnson, R. A. Dowdy, S. A. Johnson, Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Dr. F. M. Scott, A. B. Priddy, Mrs. James Mitchell, W. E. Jelks, J. M. Workman.

Western Methodist Assembly.—W. R. Stuck, J. H. Zellner, V. D. Hill, W. V. Womack, E. C. Parsons, P. Q. Rorie.

Prof. C. J. Rutledge was named in place of T. B. Manny on the Sunday School Board.

The report of the committee was adopted.

On motion of J. E. Cooper the Conference voted to meet at 8:30 A. M. and to adjourn at 12:00 M.

Dr. F. W. Brandon, representing the General Hospital Board; Dr. C. W. Webdell of the St. Louis Conference, representing the General Board of Finance; Dr. F. S. Parker, general secretary of the Epworth League Board; Dr. Stonewall Anderson, secretary of the Board of Education, Dr. J. W. Perry, Home Missionary secretary of the General Board of Missions, Dr. A. C. Millar, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, Dr. S. M. Robinson of the St. Louis Conference, Rev. John Durrell, representative of the Publishing House of Nashville, and Rev. O. E. Fortune, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Bentonville, Arkansas, were introduced to the Conference.

Dr. F. M. Brandon and Dr. C. W. Webdell spoke in behalf of the interests which they represent.

Rev. C. W. Johnston spoke in behalf

of the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University.

Rev. J. J. Galloway mentioned the fact that Bro. Johnston had won a scholarship and stood very high in the student body.

Dr. J. W. Perry, Home Missionary secretary, addressed the Conference.

Rev. J. F. Simmons, missionary secretary of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, read the report of his work.

Dr. F. M. Tolleson read the report of the Educational Commission. The report was amended to correspond with amendments made by the Little Rock Conference, and it was then referred to the Board of Education with instruction to report to the Conference as the order of the day immediately after the reading of the minutes Friday morning.

Question 21 was called, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?"

The character of F. M. Tolleson was passed.

The name of Geo. W. Davis was called. His presiding elder, F. M. Tolleson, moved that he be located on the ground of unacceptability.

On motion of Dr. J. A. Anderson the Conference ordered reference of the motion to locate, to a committee of seven elders, whom the Bishop named as follows: J. W. Crichlow, R. E. L. Bearden, A. E. Holloway, W. L. Oliver, Guy Murphy, E. W. Faulkner and W. V. Womack.

Various communications were referred to their respective boards and committees.

After announcements the Conference adjourned with the doxology and the Benediction by Dr. F. W. Brandon.

At 3 p. m. a large congregation assembled for preaching. Rev. A. E. Holloway, chairman of the Committee on Evangelism presided, and, after prayer by Rev. W. H. Neal, announced that the Committee had selected Rev. C. N. Guice as the Conference preacher. Thereupon Bro. Guice read a part of Isaiah 53, and announced as his text Is. 53:11, "He shall see of the travail of his soul and be satisfied." This refers to the suffering and death of Christ, our Savior. What did it cost Him to become our Savior? It cost Him an absence of thirty-three years from heaven, his home, his good name while on earth, and a life of hardship and pain. If it cost Christ so much, it will also cost us much to co-operate with him in saving a lost world. We must have a definite purpose, a real passion for saving souls, and the spirit and habit of earnest prayer. Without these things we cannot expect to win souls for our Christ.

At 7:30 p. m. was held the anniversary of the Sunday School and Epworth Boards, Rev. W. A. Lindsey presiding. After prayer by Rev. J. Q. Schisler and the responsive reading of Psalm 19, Rev. G. G. Davidson, Conference superintendent of Sunday School Work, made a brief statement of the work of the Sunday School Board. He was followed by Rev. J. Q. Schisler, directory of Religious Edu-



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Secretary N. Arkansas Conference

cation, who indicated the principal aims of the Board. Rev. B. C. Few introduced Dr. F. S. Parker, secretary of the General Epworth League Board, who made a beautiful and illuminating address on the "Emmaus Way," or period of communion, fellowship and prayer to be observed by the Epworth Leagues of the two Methodisms, and also on the "Youth's Revival." The young people have problems which they are honestly attempting to solve and they need our sympathetic co-operation. The congregation was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. J. Q. Schisler.

Second Day, Thursday, Nov. 24

After singing Hymn No. 2, Bishop Boaz called on Dr. J. M. Workman to lead in prayer, who also read Psalm 1. The Minutes were read and approved. The roll of absentees was called and substitution of alternates made for absent lay delegates. Further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

Bishop Boaz began calling Question 21, "Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?" This call was continued through several sessions, with occasional change for other business, and, as the answer and reports of presiding elders and pastors appear elsewhere in various forms, no attempt is made to reproduce them in this running account of this question. The presiding elders usually made a pretty full report for their Districts, and then all pastors who desired were permitted to add details. Thus much information was elicited without consumption of much time. The most striking fact revealed was the uniformly courageous conduct of our pastors and people in the flood stricken areas and the more liberal giving in those regions affected. There seemed to be no white feather nor yellow streak found among them, and most of them were spiritually blessed.

Rev. E. H. Hook read Report No. 1 of the Board of Finance, pertaining to Group Insurance, and it was adopted. (Continued on Page 2.)

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THE CONFERENCE AT SEARCY

The session of the North Arkansas Conference held last week at Searcy was one of the most pleasant and successful in its history. The weather was warm, but it did not rain; hence everybody was comfortable. When the auditorium of the church was crowded on several occasions the electric fans were used, a thing that perhaps never occurred before in the history of the Conference. Rev. J. E. Cooper, the pastor-host, had everything carefully arranged and the citizens co-operated so that the entertainment was perfect and all seemed to enjoy every feature of the occasion. Friday afternoon Galloway College gave a reception which was largely attended and greatly enjoyed. The visitors were given ample opportunity to see the college and meet faculty and students. All seemed to be well pleased.

The preaching at 3:00 p. m. daily by Rev. C. N. Guice and the Board anniversaries at night were attended by large and appreciative crowds. Dr. Stonewall Anderson's suggestive and thoughtful sermon on Thanksgiving Day and the inspiring and spiritual sermon by Bishop Boaz on Sunday were heard by immense congregations with delight.

The brotherly and uniformly fair and helpful presidency of Bishop Boaz was highly appreciated. If the appointments were not satisfactory, information of dissatisfaction did not reach this scribe. Ample opportunity was given for pastors to report the unusual things in their charges. The reports of the pastors in the flooded sections were unusually interesting and revealed a heroism on the part of both pastors and people well worthy of admiration.

While collections were not all that had been hoped, still they were considerably in advance of those of former years, the percentage being 51. About 8,000 additions to the Church were reported, but on account of removals and errors, the net gain as reported was only about 250. There is evidently something wrong when such large numbers are received and the net gain is so small. The system should be improved. While revivals had not swept

over the whole Conference, there were notable meetings and ingatherings in many charges. There is a disposition to make next year a year of widespread evangelistic effort, and it is hoped with large results. It is probable that the Conference was never in better condition to advance.

PRIZES OFFERED

At the anniversary of the Board of Finance of the North Arkansas Conference at Searcy it was decided that several prizes would be offered for essays that might stimulate greater interest in the cause of the old preachers. One prize will be offered for the best essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, on the subject, "The Most Difficult Charge I Ever Had," and a prize for the widow of a superannuate will be offered for the best essay, not to exceed 1,000 words, on the subject, "My Most Trying Experience as the Wife of a Methodist Preacher." It is probable that there will be second and third prizes. Fuller details will be announced soon by Rev. H. Lynn Wade, president of the Board of Finance.

The North Arkansas Conference was in full sympathy with the secretary, Dr. F. M. Tolleson, on account of the loss of his father, Mr. Jas. T. Tolleson, who, at the ripe age of 79, passed away on Nov. 19, at his home in Charleston, Ark. A member of the Baptist Church, a true Christian gentleman, he had served his county as sheriff and member of the Legislature and was honored and loved by all. His widow, Dr. Tolleson's beloved mother, will continue to live in Charleston.

On the program of the meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English, which is meeting in Chicago this week, is found the subject, "Language and Thinking," to be discussed by Prof. W. W. Parker, dean of the Central Missouri State Teachers College, at Warrensburg. Son of Rev. J. A. Parker of Little Rock Conference and a graduate of Hendrix College, Prof. Parker has a host of Arkansas friends who are always interested in his career.

Resolutions.

Whereas, God in His wise providence has permitted us to meet and enjoy this good fellowship and transact business for Him in this Annual Conference in session at First Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Searcy, Arkansas;

Whereas, this has been an unusual year in point of distress and misfortunes befalling our people in the bounds of this Conference, and especially in the overflowed sections, which out-rank all records in history; and,

Whereas, ample credit and praise has not been given to the following Railroads, their presidents and their employees: The Missouri Pacific, the Missouri North Arkansas, the Frisco, the Rock Island, the Cotton Belt, the West Helena and Southwestern; and,

Whereas these Systems have provided great servants not in words, but in deeds, not in theory, but in practice, bringing hundreds of people, their furniture, and stock out of the flooded districts, furnishing box cars to house many of the refugees, and carrying public donations and supplies to the people, and when the water had subsided, they (the railroads) carried many of them back, all without money or cost; and,

Whereas, they themselves were heavy losers in destruction of bridges, trestles and trackage, all amounting into the millions of dollars; and,

Whereas, the American Red Cross rendered a great service;

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That the North Arkansas Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session at Searcy, will not let such acts of benevolent deeds of charity pass unrecognized and unpraised.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the presidents of the above Railroads and the president of the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C., and that a copy of these resolu-

tions be spread on the Minutes of our Conference.—J. W. Moore, J. A. Anderson, P. Q. Rorie, C. H. Bumpers, F. M. Tolleson, F. R. Hamilton, W. A. Lindsey.

Question 23 was called. "Who are superannuated?"

The names of W. W. Anderson, Hugh A. Armstrong, Zachary T. Bennett, Eli N. Bickley, S. H. Blackwell, L. A. Blevins, A. M. R. Branson, Jas. H. Cummins, Charles Edwards, W. Fletcher Evans, J. Kelly Farris, John W. Griffin, J. S. Hackler, J. F. Jernigan, Sidney S. Key, Thomas A. Martin, Bascom Monk, Jesse M. McAnally, Geo. McGlumphy, C. H. Nelson, Cadesman Pope, Matthew M. Smith and Winfield S. Southworth were referred to the Committee on Conference Relations for the superannuate relation. When the name of W. W. Anderson was called he gave a cheerful testimony and stated that he would be 90 years on Dec. 12. Bro. S. S. Key had been licensed to preach at Searcy 62 years ago.

It was announced that Dr. Stonewall Anderson would preach at eleven o'clock, and the Conference adjourned for the Thanksgiving service.

A vast congregation immediately assembled, and, after joining Bishop Boaz in reciting the Apostles' Creed, was led in prayer by Rev. Wm. Sherman. The choir rendered special music and Psalm 103 was read responsively.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson, who had been selected to preach, read as his text Acts 17:2. He said that in observing Thanksgiving our nation testified its belief in God. There are two interpretations of the Universe, a spiritual and a material or mechanistic. If the latter is correct there is no God and no freedom, and consequently no occasion or reason for thanksgiving, because everything is under merely mechanical law. We believe that there is a God and that

the Universe must be interpreted in terms of spirit and life.

We should be grateful because of the abundance of the material things which supply our needs. Ours is easily the most prosperous nation in the world, and our very prosperity is a moral menace unless we use it as God would have it used. We are thankful because we are at peace with all the world and because our people generally desire peace. We have ground for gratitude that as a people we believe in civic righteousness, and, for the most part, our civil rulers are well disposed toward righteousness. Our Supreme Court in recent decisions has rebuked corruption in public servants who betray their trust. We must keep the spiritual life strong, because it is the inner rather than the outer forces which keep a nation true to God. We should profoundly rejoice because we live in a land that educationally seeks to give every youth a chance to make the utmost of himself. Education has almost become a religion, and we are spending vast sums to take care of the rising generation. We should praise God for the position we occupy among the nations of the world. With little direct effort on our part, we have become the leading nation of the world, and we should use that leadership under divine guidance only to promote righteousness and peace. Our freedom of speech and religion are priceless heritages which we must preserve and use for the uplift of humanity, or our privileges may be taken away. May we as a nation honor God and seek to know and do his will.

The congregation sang and then was dismissed with the benediction by Bishop Boaz.

At 3 p. m. a goodly company came together to hear Evangelist Guice. After prayer by Rev. J. C. Glenn and a solo by Rev. J. T. Randle, Bro.

Guice read I Cor. 9:16-23, and announced as his text a part of verse 22, in which St. Paul declares that he is made all things to all men. Paul lived a singular life. After his experience on the Damascus road he was a changed man, and ever after the love of Jesus and the souls of men was his passion. The key to his life was his willingness to be and do all things in order to save men. He wanted to save souls because he himself was a sinner saved by grace; because he knew the worth of human souls; because he appreciated the value of a single soul, because he believed that the Christian life was the best in this world; and because he wanted to honor Jesus. To do these things he was willing to suffer and to adapt himself to all kinds of conditions. We should be willing to follow his holy example and must if we are to have the gracious revival for which we are praying. Dismissal was by prayer of Rev. J. F. Jernigan.

At 7:30 p. m., a packed house greeted the representatives of the Board of Education and the Board of Christian Literature at their joint anniversary. After prayer by Rev. Charles Franklin, who presided for the latter Board, he introduced Rev. A. C. Millar who discussed the hurtful influence of much of the secular literature upon which our people feed, and urged that strong and definite efforts be put forth to introduce the best reading matter, particularly the literature of the Church.

A Quintette from Arkansas-Haygood Institute sang several fine negro Spirituals which were greatly appreciated by the congregation.

Rev. W. V. Womack, presiding for the Board of Education, introduced Dr. Stonewall Anderson, secretary of our General Board of Education, who announced as his subject "The College Man in the Leadership of the M. E. Church, South, as that Leadership

Relates to the Ministry." With an abundance of carefully collected statistics he showed that a large percent of our Bishops, Connectionals, members of General Conference, editors, prominent pastors, missionaries, and instructors in Sunday School Training Schools, have been trained in our colleges, and argued that they were carrying forward the Educational Program of our Church. He concluded with the assertion that the Church, in view of the facts cited, is just as strong as its colleges, and therefore is under obligation to strengthen and support its colleges and universities.

The interesting facts in Dr. Anderson's address may be had in a bulletin published by his Board. They may later be reproduced in the pages of this paper.

At the close of Dr. Anderson's illuminating address, the first speaker spoke briefly of the magnificent service rendered by Dr. Anderson in creating a system of education in our Church. The benediction was pronounced by Dr. Stonewall Anderson.

Third Day, Friday, Nov. 25

The Conference met at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Boaz presiding. Hymn No. 332 was sung. Rev. A. W. Martin led the Conference in reading Psalm 121. Rev. J. S. Hackler led in prayer.

The minutes of the preceding day's session were read and approved.

The order of the day for consideration of the report of the educational Commission having arrived report No. 1 of the Board of Education, embodying the report of the Educational Commission, was read and after a brief statement by Prof. Harry King in which he expressed a desire that it be unanimously approved, it was adopted.

Dr. James Thomas, Rev. J. H. Cummins, Rev. C. N. Baker and Rev. F. A. Buddin of the Little Rock Conference, Mrs. James Thomas, Mrs. C. N. Baker, and Mrs. H. A. Boaz were introduced to the Conference.

Question 21 was resumed.

Rev. W. A. Lindsey was called to the chancel and Rev. F. A. Lark on behalf of the pastors of the Batesville District presented a Bible and some money in appreciation of his four years' service as presiding elder. Rev. W. A. Lindsey made a fitting response.

The report of the Orphanage Board was read, Rev. James Thomas, superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, J. A. Anderson, J. G. Ditterline, A. C. Millar, J. B. Stevenson, and W. W. Anderson spoke on the report. The report was adopted.

Rev. C. C. Neal, President of Haygood College, was introduced and addressed the Conference on behalf of the institution at Pine Bluff and the colored people. A quintette of students of the college sang several spirituals to the delight of the Conference. A collection was taken for Haygood College, amounting to \$121. Dr. J. A. Anderson spoke on the negro's gift of song and Dr. W. P. Whaley testified concerning the value of the Arkansas-Haygood School.

Rev. J. A. Womack was called to the chancel and on behalf of the pastors of the Fayetteville District was presented a traveling bag by Rev. W. T. Thompson as a memento of the four years' work as presiding elder. Rev. J. A. Womack made an appropriate response.

The name of Rev. Marion Francis, an elder in the Free Will Methodist Church, was referred to the Committee on Admissions.

Report No. 1 of the Commission on Budget was read and adopted.

The Bishop read a message of greeting from Dr. O. E. Goddard from Kobe,

Japan, and on motion of Rev. William Sherman, the secretary was instructed to respond to the message, wiring greetings of the Conference.

The Committee, to which was referred the motion to locate Rev. Geo. W. Davis, made its report and the report was adopted.

Question 10 was called. Who are received from other churches? Rev. Marion Francis, an elder in the Free Will Methodist Church, being recommended by the Committee on Admissions, was received into the Traveling Connection as an elder, and according to law will take his place in the class of the first year in the Course of Study.

Question 14 was called. What preachers have died during the year?

It was announced that W. F. Walker, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston and W. B. Hays have died during the year and their names were referred to the Committee on Memoirs.

On motion of Rev. William Sherman the Conference voted that when it adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 2:00 p. m. The report of the Committee on District Conference Journals was read and adopted.

Resolutions of thanks were read by F. M. Daniel and adopted.

F. M. Daniel presented to the Conference a bound copy of the Minutes of the White River Conference from 1883 to 1901. On motion of Rev. William Sherman the Conference voted its appreciation of the gift and the volume was turned over to Dr. J. M. Williams to be kept in the vault of Galloway College. Mr. Daniel also called attention to the fact that at the Conference of 1870 a negro had been ordained deacon.

The Conference took a collection for Rev. W. E. Bishop and Rev. J. H. Barrentine, who were superannuated at today's session. The collection amounted to \$152.71.

Dr. C. C. Sealeman, President of Southern Methodist University, was introduced and addressed the Conference reporting our work in that institution.

As a matter of personal privilege Rev. R. C. Morehead made a statement regarding the personnel of the Board of Education, and Dr. J. A. Anderson made response.

Question 21 was resumed, and the character of Rev. Geo. W. Davis was passed.

Question 12 was called. Who are transferred to other Conferences? The Bishop announced that Rev. G. W. Davis transferred to the North Texas Conference.

On nomination of the presiding elders, a quadrennial board, known as the Prison and Hospital Mission Board, was created and the following were elected as members of the Board: F. M. Tolleson, J. E. Cooper, G. G. Davidson, H. K. King, William Sherman, S. B. Wiggins, Mrs. S. G. Smith, and W. R. Stuck.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned with singing the doxology and the benediction pronounced by Dr. James Thomas.

The Conference met at 2:00 p. m., Bishop Boaz presiding. Hymn No. 334 was sung. Rev. C. W. Lester led in prayer. Bishop Boaz read Psalm 37.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The report of the committee on the Western Methodist Assembly was read. Rev. S. M. Yancey and Rev. A. C. Millar spoke to the report and it was adopted.

The report of the Board of Lay Activities was read, recommending that Judge A. L. Hutchins be elected Conference Lay Leader. Judge A. L. Hutchins spoke to the report. The

report was adopted.

Report No. 2 of the Board of Finance was read. Bishop Boaz spoke to the report. The report was adopted.

The report of the Board of Christian Literature was read by Rev. Charles Franklin.

A. C. Millar spoke to the report and it was adopted.

Dr. J. A. Anderson presented the following resolution:

Resolved, That we request our Conference Treasurer to print placards of proper size to hang upon the walls of our churches, exhibiting the items that enter into Conference Benevolences and showing the per cent which goes to each cause; that he also print a sufficient number of cards of about post card size to supply all pastors for use in raising the benevolences, these cards carrying the same exhibit as the larger placards.—Jas. A. Anderson, F. R. Hamilton, W. L. Oliver.

The resolution was adopted.

G. L. Morelock, secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, was introduced to the Conference.

On motion of Dr. J. A. Anderson the Conference voted that when it adjourns, it adjourn to meet at 7:30 p. m.

After various announcements the Conference adjourned for preaching by Rev. C. N. Guice.

At 3:00 p. m., after singing, and prayer by Rev. A. E. Holloway, Rev. C. N. Guice announced as his text a part of I Peter 3:15, "And be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear." Almost any of us could give a reason for being a Presbyterian, a Baptist, or a Methodist; but we might not be so ready to give a reason for being a Christian. Let us see why we are Christians. Some of the reasons are that Christianity is a world faith and is for all men; it is the only religion which has kept pace with advancing civilization; its book, the Bible, is the only one that can be adequately translated into all languages; it gives a revelation of God that satisfies the heart; in it a Father speaks to his children; its doctrines show the way to a real salvation from sin, and make it possible for men cheerfully and patiently to bear the burdens of life. For the Christian death is a great hour, because it is release from further trials and sorrows.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Norris Greer. A collection was taken to meet the expenses of the Committee on Evangelism. The congregation was dismissed with the benediction by Rev. C. N. Guice.

At 7:30 p. m. the Conference convened with Rev. H. L. Wade presiding by appointment of the Bishop. After prayer by Rev. J. F. Jernigan and special music by the Galloway College orchestra, Rev. H. L. Wade read Acts 6:1-4, and introduced his old college-mate, Judge A. L. Hutchins, the Conference lay-leader, who, after a few brief remarks about the purposes of the laymen's organization, introduced Dr. J. M. Williams, president of Galloway, who, in turn, with felicitous remarks, introduced as the principal speaker, Mr. G. L. Morelock, secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities, who explained the objectives of the Laymen's Movement. His special subject was "The Joy of Christian Living." Christians ought to be happy, but some are not, because they have been stunted in spiritual growth and are not bringing forth fruit. Mr. Morelock explained the significance of Christian stewardship, showing that it involved the proper use of time, leisure, worship, talents, influence, social relations, and possessions, and the latter includes honest acqui-

sition, investment, employment, labor, and distribution. Protestant Christianity fails to realize its responsibility for the use of money, and is in great danger at this point. We spend billions for luxury and only millions for the Master's work. Not until we appreciate our stewardship for the spread of the Gospel, will we enjoy our religion.

The Conference adjourned with prayer by Hon. R. A. Dowdy.

Fourth Day, Saturday, Nov. 26.

The Conference met at 8:30 a. m., Bishop Boaz presiding. Hymn No. 463 was sung. Dr. F. H. Cummings led in prayer. The Bishop read a Scripture lesson from the twentieth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, making helpful comment on the lesson.

The minutes of the preceding day's sessions were read and approved.

On motion of Rev. J. T. Wilcoxon the Conference voted to withdraw the report of the Board of Christian Literature, which had been made the preceding day, until the report of the Commission on Budget should be adopted.

Reports of pastors were made until all had been called.

The following resolution was introduced by Rev. J. W. Moore:

Inasmuch as Brother F. M. Tolleson has suffered great loss on Saturday, November 19, 1927, in the death of his father;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That the Conference express to him and his mother its sympathy and offer at this time a prayer for him and his saintly mother and other members of the family.—J. W. Moore, R. E. L. Bearden, Jas. A. Anderson, A. L. Platt, W. L. Oliver.

The resolution was adopted, and Dr. J. A. Anderson led in prayer. Rev. J. B. Stevenson spoke of the good work of Dr. Tolleson and presented a brief case. The latter responded.

The Secretary read a letter to the Conference from the church at Heber Springs expressing their appreciation of the aid given them by the Conference following the storm which befell the town and church a year ago.

On motion by Dr. J. A. Anderson the Conference voted to provide placards for next year which will exhibit the work done in each church in a charge instead of the figures of the charge.

Bishop Boaz made suggestions about revivals and collections.

Mrs. R. A. Dowdy of Batesville, representing the Woman's Missionary Society, was introduced and addressed the Conference in the interest of our women's work.

Horace M. Lewis, J. Wesley Harger, Roy Millar Black, George A. Burr, Samuel Oscar Patty, Garland Cicero Taylor, Ernest Edward Stevenson, Asa Wilson Russell, and William Monroe Adcock were called to the chancel, and having answered the disciplinary questions were ordained elders. Dr. J. M. Workman read the Epistle, Rev. J. M. Hughey read the Gospel and they and Rev. O. H. Tucker assisted in the laying on of hands.

On motion of Wm. Sherman the Conference voted that when it adjourns it would adjourn to meet at 2 p. m.

Report No. 3 of the Board of Finance was read and adopted.

The Bishop announced that the class for admission into full connection would be received at the afternoon session immediately after the reading of the minutes.

The Conference adjourned with the singing of the doxology and the benediction pronounced by Rev. William Sherman.

The Conference convened at 2:00 p. m. Rev. J. J. Galloway led in pray-

er, and the Minutes were read and approved.

Bishop Boaz called to the front R. S. Hayden, G. F. Sanford, E. R. Shuller, J. T. Byrd, S. B. Wilford, H. O. Bolin, and J. L. Rowland, and propounded the disciplinary questions with helpful comment, and then they were received into full connection, after which the members of the Conference and other friends greeted the young brethren with hearty handshaking.

When the case of an applicant for admission on trial was under consideration, Dr. J. A. Anderson, referring to the lack of college education and his success as a supply, said that he appreciated all degrees, but had a high regard for the degree of J-O-B.

When the question, "Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?" was called, there being no nominations, it was left to the Bishop and Cabinet to select a place. It had generally been conceded that the Conference would be invited to meet at a certain place, and when it was not nominated, representatives of other places were taken by surprise and were not ready to nominate.

Report No. 2 of the Commission on Budget was read by Rev. J. W. Crichtlow, and adopted.

Rev. W. V. Womack read the Report of the Board of Education.

Rev. W. F. Blevins read the Report of the Church Extension Board.

Rev. R. M. Black read the Report of the Epworth League Board.

Rev. A. DuLaney read the Report of the Board of Temperance and Social Service.

After brief addresses by Rev. H. M. Lewis, Rev. S. M. Yancey, and Rev. A. C. Millar, with slight amendment, the report was adopted.

Dr. J. M. Workman read the Report of the Committee on the Spiritual State of the Church, and commented briefly before it was adopted.

Rev. J. T. Willcoxon read the report of the Hospital Board.

Without reimposition of hands the ordination vows of an elder were administered to Rev. Marion Francis who came as an elder from the Free Will Methodist Church.

Rev. Jefferson Sherman read Reports of the Board of Missions.

Rev. R. A. Teeter read the Report of the Committee on Sabbath Observance. Rev. A. C. Millar warned the Conference that unless the right kind of men were sent to the Legislature Sunday Base-Ball and Race-Track Gambling laws would be enacted.

Rev. C. C. Burton read the Report of the Sunday School Board.

Rev. C. F. Hively read the Report of the Committee on Conference Relations.

Rev. A. E. Holloway read the Report of the Committee on Evangelism.

The statistical secretary, Rev. A. D. Stewart, reported answers to certain disciplinary questions. There are 166 local preachers and 66,236 members, a gain of 254.

Rev. W. V. Womack and Rev. Jefferson Sherman were appointed as a Commission to provide for religious education of Methodist students in the schools maintained by the State, as provided in Paragraph 461 of the Discipline.

After the pulpit assignments had been read by Rev. J. E. Cooper, the Conference adjourned to meet in Memorial Session at 3:00 p. m. Sunday. Bishop Boaz pronounced the benediction.

At 7:30 p. m. the anniversary of the Board of Finance was held. Rev. H. L. Wade presided. Twelve superannuates, by invitation, occupied seats on the platform. Prayer was offered

by Rev. M. M. Smith. Rev. O. H. Tucker read a Psalm, and commented on its comforting promises.

Rev. H. L. Wade, as president, announced the purpose of the meeting and threw it open for suggestions. He declared that, if the Superannuate Endowment Fund was ever raised, the pastors will be compelled to get under it.

Rev. W. F. Evans delivered a strong address on the labors of the superannuates and their condition, and urged the pastors to finish up the work of collecting on pledges. Rev. W. F. Blevins, who had served one half year as commissioner for superannuate Endowment, spoke, telling some of his experiences. Several others spoke, and it was suggested that prizes be

offered for the best experiences of superannuates and widows published in the Arkansas Methodist, and several prizes were offered. S. M. Yancey, J. T. Wilcoxon, and J. W. Johnson made short, helpful suggestions, and all seemed ready to finish the campaign successfully. The audience was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. T. A. Bowen.

Fifth Day, Sunday, Nov. 27.

Sunday morning it was bright and warm. At nine o'clock a goodly gathering met in Love Feast, Rev. J. F. Jernigan in charge. After singing and prayer by Rev. W. W. Anderson, a veteran of 90 years, the bread and water were distributed by some of the younger brethren. Then Bro. Jernigan read a beautiful Psalm and gave

his own testimony. The following gave their testimonies: W. W. Anderson, W. F. Evans, M. B. Umsted, J. B. Stevenson, I. D. McClure, O. H. Tucker, E. K. Sewell, — Russell, T. A. Bowen, F. M. Daniel, B. L. Harris, Charles Franklin, J. J. Decker, J. A. Sanford, Mrs. E. M. Baker, — Russell, W. T. Thompson, Mrs. J. R. Bell, W. H. Neal, E. W. Faulkner, A. H. DuLaney, G. R. Ditterline, P. W. Emrah, M. F. Johnson, J. G. Ditterline, A. C. Millar, and Tol Tatum. Bro. Tatum closed the service with a beautiful solo.

At eleven an eager throng crowded into the spacious auditorium. During the singing of the opening hymn parents were requested to present children for baptism, and Bishop Boaz



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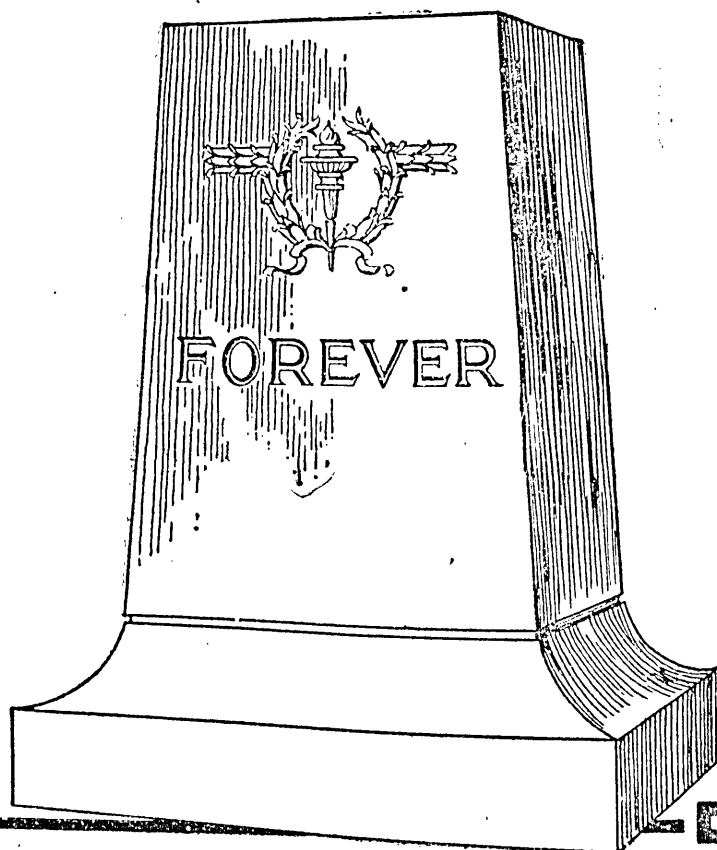
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then administered that sacrament to three children, commenting on its significance. The Creed was recited and Bishop Boaz led in prayer, followed by responsive reading of Psalm I led by Rev. J. E. Cooper, the pastor-host. The Bishop read Romans 12, and announced as his text Isaiah 6:8, "Whom shall I send, etc." Isaiah, a priest serving in the temple had as an intimate friend King Uzziah, who had just died, and the loss of his royal friend seemed to have driven Isaiah to depend more fully upon God. In a vision, with spiritual faculties, he saw and heard God, and his whole life was transformed. We, like the prophet of old, need a new and larger vision. Through the revelation in Jesus Christ we are able to know God. We need a vision of his holiness, of his abhorrence of sin, a vision of his sustaining and directing care, a vision of the beauty and wonders of his world, a vision of God in Christ as Redeemer. In a mother's love we may understand in some small measure the heart of God. We need to know Christ, not as a man, however perfect, but as the divine Son of the living God. With Peter may we recognize Christ as the Son of God; with Thomas may we know him as our Lord. That is the vision which we need. Today we need especially to appreciate God's holiness and his desire that we should be holy. Then as sinners saved and cleansed, we are ready to make absolute surrender of our lives for unselfish service. Our material prosperity threatens to subvert our spirit of dependence and willingness to serve. We should be givers rather than mere recipients of God's bounty. Let us cultivate the prophet's humility and readiness to honor God by serving humanity. It is our business to help bring in the Kingdom of God. Let us get ready for the great task. In Jesus as serving let us find our example. Let us be not like the Gentiles who seek the places of honor and power, but like our Master who became the servant of all. Christianity says to us to be Christ-like. The essentials for this are clean hands and a pure heart and absolute surrender to the will of God. Ready for sacrifice or service, let us say, "Here am I; send me." The Bishop stated that, without exception, the preachers of North Arkansas Conference had shown the right spirit. He also gave

an intimate glimpse into his own life and spirit.

At the conclusion of the sermon five preachers were ordained deacons. Rev. Charles Franklin read the Epistle, and Rev. H. O. Bolin read the Gospel. Bishop Boaz pronounced the benediction.

At 3:00 p. m. the Conference met in memorial session with Rev. O. H. Tucker presiding by appointment of the Bishop. Rev. W. F. Evans led in prayer and Rev. L. E. Mann read 2 Timothy 4:5-8.

Rev. E. K. Sewell of the Committee read memoirs of Rev. W. F. Walker, Mrs. E. B. Hopkins, Mrs. Laura A. Lindzey, Mrs. M. J. McAnally, Mrs. Emma Y. Hood, Mrs. Gertrude L. Forrest, Rev. W. B. Hays, and Dr. F. S. H. Johnston. The following paid brief oral tributes: Rev. W. F. Evans, Rev. B. C. Few, Dr. J. A. Anderson, Rev. A. C. Millar, Rev. J. M. Hughey, Rev. F. E. Dodson, Dr. J. M. Workman, Rev. P. Q. Rorie, Rev. J. A. Reynolds, Rev. T. E. Bowen, Rev. W. A. Patty, and Rev. L. E. Mann.

With the benediction by Rev. L. E. Mann, the Conference adjourned to meet after the night sermon.

At 6:30 p. m. the house was almost filled. After singing, and prayer by Rev. E. H. Hook, Rev. H. K. King made a brief address showing how Jesus needs youth and how by complete surrender they can serve him and their fellows. There is nothing comparable with a completely surrendered life.

Then Rev. V. E. Chalfant, president of the Conference Epworth League Assembly, spoke of the significance of the League motto, "All for Christ," and the Epworth League as a channel for the service of our youth. The League is not kept going by mere mechanism, but by the power of Christ working in the Leaguers.

The League service closed at 7:00 p. m., and after singing, collection, and prayers by Dr. J. M. Workman and Rev. S. B. Wiggins, the preacher of the evening, Rev. S. K. Morehead, announced as his text Romans I: 14, "I am debtor both to the Greeks, and to the Barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise." Paul meant that he was under great obligation to all who had gone before for the things which he enjoyed. We, like Paul, are under obligation to the pioneers and heroes of our Methodism, for the influences of home, for the Church of Christ and a place to serve, and particularly to Jesus Christ. Paul was under obligation because of his relation to Christ and so are we. We should be interested in education, but we want Christ in it. Let us go out and carry Christ to the people.

At the conclusion of the sermon Bishop Boaz took the chair and the minutes of Saturday afternoon and Sunday afternoon sessions were read, corrected and approved. Certain minute business was transacted. Dr. Geo. McGlumphy, the Conference treasurer, made his report and commented on it. The collections were nearly \$6,000 more than on any previous year. The total for all claims was \$76,698.74. The per cent collected was 51, which was a considerable gain over last year. The percentages for the Districts were: Batesville 35, Booneville 51, Conway 53, Fayetteville 50, Ft. Smith 60, Helena 64, Jonesboro 52, Paragould 46, Searcy 45. The record authorizing the presiding elders to select the place for the next session was by consent expunged, and Jonesboro and Helena were nominated and Jonesboro was chosen.

After brief comment and exhortation Bishop Boaz read the appointments and adjourned the Conference with benediction.

CONDENSED MINUTES

of the Fourteenth Session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, held at Searcy, Arkansas, beginning November 23, 1927, ending November 27, 1927. Bishop H. A. Boaz President; F. M. Tolleson Secretary. Post Office of Secretary, Fayetteville, Ark.

I. Probationers

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial? Answer. Henry William Jett, Robert Buchanan Howerton, Jesse M. Barnett, Charles Moses Hughes, Phineas William Emrah.

Ques. 2. Who else is in the class of the first year? James Thomas Randle, Vernon Elmer Chalfant, Paul Galloway, William Jesse Martin, R. C. Boone.

Ques. 3. Who remain on trial? Jas. Washington Brewster, Henry Merriwether Lewis, Marvin Andrew Graves, Jesse Jacob Decker, Howard Nance, Earle Cravens, Claud Houston Harvison, James Albert Gatlin, Robert Elmon Wilson, Fred M. Glover.

Ques. 4. Who else is in the class of the second year? Harvey Anglin and G. R. Ditterline.

Ques. 5. Who are discontinued? Jesse Anson Logsdon, William Francis Shell, Manford Lee Edgington.

II. Conference Membership

Ques. 6. Who are admitted into full connection? Ransom Stanford Hayden, Edgar Ralph Shuller, Jas. Thomas Byrd, Sewell Brince Wilford, John Lester Rowland, Henry Oliver Bolin.

Ques. 7. Who else is in the class of the third year? C. L. Castleberry and D. T. Rowe.

Ques. 8. Who are readmitted? No one.

Ques. 9. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? A. L. Alkire, Fred M. Glover, D. A. Dawson.

Question 10. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? Marion Francis.

Question 11. Who are located this year? No one.

Question 12. Who have withdrawn or been expelled? Withdrawn, no one. Expelled, no one.

Ques. 13. Who are transferred to other Conferences? James W. Workman, Geo. W. Davis, M. R. Lark, George Reutz, G. R. Ellis, William B. Hollingsworth.

Ques. 14. What preachers have died during the year? W. P. Walker, W. B. Hays and F. S. H. Johnston.

III. Orders

Ques. 15. Who are the deacons of one year? Willie Thomas Bone, Edward Van, Claud Oswald Hall, William Henry Goodloe, Willie Edward Cooper, Ernest Burdett Williams, John Wesley Glover, Alvin Travis Mays, Thomas Cleveland Chambliss, W. T. M. Jones, S. B. Wilford.

Ques. 16. Who else is in the class of the fourth year? No one.

Ques. 17. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected deacons? Traveling preachers, Glenn F. Sanford, Edgar Ralph Shuller, James Thomas Byrd, Sewell Brice Wilford, Henry Oliver Bolin. Local preachers, No one.

Ques. 18. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been or-

dained deacons? Traveling preachers, Glenn F. Sanford, Edgar Ralph Shuller, James Thomas Byrd, Sewell Brince Wilford, Henry Oliver Bolin. Local preachers, None.

Ques. 19. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders? Traveling preachers, Horace M. Lewis, J. Wesley Harger, Roy Millar Black, Geo. A. Burr, Samuel Oscar Patty, Garland Cicero Taylor, Ernest Edward Stevenson, Asa Wilson Russell, William Monroe Adcock, C. Warren Johnson, Local preachers, None.

Ques. 20. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained elders? Traveling preachers, Horace M. Lewis, J. Wesley Harger, Roy Millar Black, Geo. A. Burr, Samuel Oscar Patty, Garland Cicero Taylor, Ernest Edward Stevenson, Asa Wilson Russell, William Monroe Adcock. Local preachers, None.

IV. Conference Relations

Question 21. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? All were called, one by one and characters passed.

Ques. 22. Who are supernumerary? None.

Ques. 23. Who are superannuated? William W. Anderson, H. A. Armstrong, Z. T. Bennett, E. N. Bickley, S. H. Blackwell, L. A. Blevins, A. M. R. Branson, J. H. Cummins, Chas. Edwards, W. F. Evans, J. K. Farris, J. W. Griffin, J. S. Hackler, J. F. Jernigan, S. S. Key, T. A. Martin, Bascom Monk, J. M. McAnally, Geo. McGlumphy, C. H. Nelson, Cadesman Pope, M. M. Smith, W. S. Southworth, J. M. Thrasher, O. H. Tucker, M. B. Umsted, D. N. Weaver, J. P. Wheeler, J. H. Dye, J. W. Campbell, W. T. Martin, T. A. Bowen, H. Hanesworth, A. F. Skinner, G. M. Barton, J. M. Williams, J. C. Weaver, D. L. Yates, J. H. Barrentine, W. E. Bishop.

V. Statistics

Ques. 24. What is the number of districts, of pastoral charges, and of societies in this Conference? Districts, 9; pastoral charges, 217; societies, 570.

Ques. 25. How many have been licensed to preach, and what is the number of local preachers and of members? Licensed, 6; local preachers, 166; members, 66,236.

Ques. 26. How many adults and how many infants have been baptized during the year? Adults, 3,362; infants 789.

Ques. 27. What is the number of Epworth Leagues and of Epworth League members? Epworth Leagues, 347; Epworth League members, 9,713.

Ques. 28. What is the number of Sunday Schools, of Sunday School officers and teachers, and of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the year. Sunday Schools, 468; officers and teachers, 5,477; scholars enrolled, 52,547.

Ques. 29. What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same? Societies, 197; members, 5,775.

Question 30. What is the number of Wesley Brotherhoods, and of Wesley Brotherhood members? Brotherhoods,

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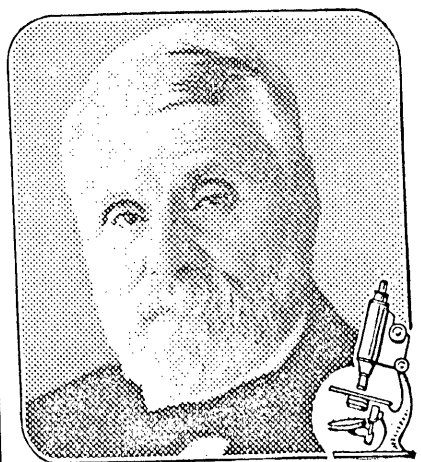
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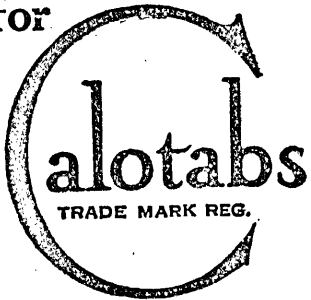


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4; members, 178.

Ques. 31. What is the number of members enrolled in the Fellowship of Stewardship? 18 reported.

Ques. 32. What are the educational statistics? Institutions, 5; teachers, 78; students, 800; value of property, \$1,544,000; endowment, \$1,204,589; indebtedness, \$183,344.

Question 33. What are the orphanage statistics? Orphanages, 1; officers and teachers, 4; children in orphanage, 33; money expended, \$14,570; value of property, \$100,000; indebtedness, \$—.

Ques. 34. What are the hospital statistics? Hospitals, 1; officers and nurses, 83; beds, 200; patients, 4,686; money expended, \$240,000; value of property, \$840,000; endowment, \$—; indebtedness, \$410,000.

VI. Finances

Ques. 35. What has been contributed for the following causes? Missions, \$11,021; Church Extension, \$2,521; Education, \$11,378; American Bible Society, \$688; General Conference expense, \$551; by the Woman's Missionary Society, \$89,067; from the Golden Cross Enrollment, \$323.

Ques. 36. What has been contributed for the support of the ministry? Bishops, \$3,099; presiding elders, \$41,327; preachers in charge, \$281,307; Conference claimants, \$12,643; Superannuate Endowment Fund, \$20,283.

Question 37. What is the grand total contributed for all purposes from all sources in this Conference this year? \$941,430.

VII. Church Property

Ques. 38. What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Houses of worship, 485; value, \$3,436,420; indebtedness, \$352,537.

Question 39. What is the number of parsonages, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? District parsonages, 9; value, \$64,300; indebtedness, \$11,800; Parsonages belonging to pastoral charges, 215; value, \$336,575; indebtedness, \$69,921.

Ques. 40. What amount of insurance is carried on Church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums? Insurance carried, \$213,456; premiums paid, \$17,963.

Ques. 41. How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year, what is the amount of damage, and what has been collected thereon? Churches damaged, 10; parsonages damaged, 6; amount of damage, \$20,838; collected, \$6,630.

Ques. 42. What is the number of superannuate homes, and what is their value? Homes, 1; value, \$1,500.

VIII. Miscellaneous

Ques. 43. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? A. L. Hutchins, Forrest City.

Ques. 44. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Jonesboro.

Ques. 45. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS

Batesville District

H. K. King, Presiding Elder.

Batesville: First Church, W. C. Davidson.

Central Ave., J. E. Snell.

Rekar, J. T. Heath.

Calico Rock, A. T. Mays.

Calico Rock Circuit, L. R. Ruble.

Charlotte, To be supplied.

Cotter, T. H. Wright.

Elmo-Oiltrough, A. L. Alkire.

Evening Shade, H. W. Jett.

Melbourne, J. W. Johnston.

Mountain Home, Lester B. Davis.

Mountain View, J. T. Byrd, W. A. McCook, Junior Preacher.

Newark, Hazel Edwards Mem., Elisha Dyer.

Newport, B. C. Few.

Pleasant Plains, J. H. McKelvy.

Stranger's Home, Luther Love.

Sulphur Rock-Moorefield, Geo. L. McGhehey.

Swift-Alicia, I. L. Claud.

Tuckerman, Lester Weaver.

Tuckerman Ct., Eli Craig.

Wiseman, L. L. Langston.

Yellville, F. G. Villines.

Booneville District

F. E. Dodson, Presiding Elder.

Adona, R. B. Howerton.

Belleville-Ola, C. L. Franks.

Booneville, F. A. Lark.

Branch, R. A. Bevis.

Danville, J. L. Pruitt.

Dardanelle, Sam B. Wiggins.

Dardanelle Circuit, J. W. Brewster.

Gravelly, J. C. Cofer.

Hartford, J. W. Glover.

Huntington, J. D. Roberts.

Magazine, W. A. Patty.

Mansfield, Allen D. Stewart.

Oppelo, Marion Francis.

Paris, E. W. Faulkner.

Paris Circuit, J. H. Mathis.

Perry-Houston, S. O. Patty.

Plainview, H. H. Blevins.

Prairie View, J. R. Ashmore.

Rover, L. W. Fair.

Seranton, C. J. Wade.

Waldron, E. E. Stevenson.

Waldron Circuit, V. F. Harris.

Waltreak, M. B. Nichols.

Conference Sunday School Extension Secretary, Glenn L. Sanford.

Conway District

J. M. Hughey, Presiding Elder.

Atkins, J. B. Stevenson.

Cabot, R. A. Teeter.

Cato, J. D. Johnson.

Conway, J. M. Workman.

Dover, J. M. Barnett.

Greenbrier, H. R. Nabors.

Holland-Naylor, A. Walls.

Jacksonville, J. H. Hoggard.

Lamar, W. J. Spicer.

Levy, R. P. Bates.

Morrilton, C. W. Lester.

North Little Rock:

First Church, A. E. Holloway.

Gardner, I. A. Brumley.

Washington Ave., W. B. Eddington.

Plumerville, J. L. Rowland.

Pottsville, Clarence Crow.

Quitman, H. H. Hunt.

Rosebud, R. A. Robertson.

Russellville, J. B. Evans.

Salem, S. B. Wilford.

Scotland-Morganton, H. V. Rankin.

Springfield, Bates Sturdy.

Vilonia, E. B. Williams.

General Evangelist, C. Norman Guice.

Conf. Evangelist, A. E. Goode.

Executive Sec. Henderson-Brown College, J. J. Galloway.

Conf. S. S. Supt., G. G. Davidson.

S. S. Extension Sec., A. W. Martin.

Missionary Sec. Foreign Dept., O. E. Goddard.

Conf. Sec. of Education and Endowment Sec. Galloway College, R. C. Morehead.

Fayetteville District

F. M. Tolleson, Presiding Elder.

Bentonville, W. T. Thompson.

Bentonville Ct., W. T. Bone.

Berryville, E. L. Boyles.

Berryville Mission, M. F. Johnson.

Berryville Ct., J. B. Presley.

Cincinnati, Oscar Anglin.

Decatur-Springtown, Leon Henderson.

Elkins Community, To be supplied.

Elm Springs, W. A. Downum.

Eureka Springs, R. S. Hayden.

Farmington-Parksdale, Ira H. Russell.

Fayetteville, H. K. Morehead.

Student Pastor, Horace M. Lewis.

Gentry, V. E. Chalfant.

Green Forest, C. O. Hall.

Gravette-Centerton, T. J. Justice.

Huntsville, C. M. Hughes.

Lincoln, O. M. Campbell.

Pea Ridge-Brightwater, W. C. Hutton.

Prairie Grove, Edward Forest.

Rogers, J. A. Womack.

Siloam Springs, Guy Murphy.

Springdale, C. H. Sherman.

Viney Grove, J. H. Ruble.

Winslow, H. K. Steward.

General Evangelist, John B. Andrews.

General Evangelist, W. H. Neal.

Student Duke University, D. T. Rowe.

Superintendent Western Methodist Assembly, Sam M. Yancey.

Fort Smith District

H. L. Wade, Presiding Elder.

Alma-Dyer, D. N. Weaver.

Cecil, J. M. McAnally.

Clarksville, W. V. Womack.

Clarksville Circuit, W. M. Adcock.

Fort Smith:

First Church, D. A. Dawson.

Dodson Ave., E. H. Hook.

Midland Heights, H. O. Bolin.

Second Church, A. L. Platt.

Greenwood, C. C. Burton.

Hackett, R. E. Wilson.

Hartman-Altus, W. E. Benbrook.

Kibler, G. R. Ditterline.

Lavaca, Hoy M. Lewis.

Mulberry, J. B. Stewart.

Ozark, G. C. Johnson.

Ozark Circuit, J. P. Owen.

South Fort Smith, Edward Van.

Van Buren:

First Church, A. L. Cline.

East End, Earle Cravens.

Prof. Religious Education S. M. U., J. S. Seneker.

Student Yale University, Paul Galloway.

Conf. Director Superannuate Endowment Fund, H. L. Wade.

Helena District

J. A. Anderson, Presiding Elder.

Aubrey, J. G. Ditterline.

Brinkley, Geo. E. Patchell.

Clarendon, G. W. Pyles.

Colt, B. E. Robertson.

Crawfordsville, J. R. Nelson.

Earle, J. A. Reynolds.

Elaine, C. H. Bumpers.

Forrest City, Eli Meyers.

Harrisburg, M. N. Johnson.

Haynes-Lexa, J. T. Hood.

Helena, P. Q. Rorie.

Holly Grove-Marvell, C. E. Gray.

Hughes, F. H. Cummings.

Hunter-Hickory Ridge, John A. Gowen.

Hulbert-W. Memphis, F. M. Sweet.

Marianna, W. L. Oliver.

Parkin, Chas. Franklin.

Round Pond-Heth, Jas. T. Randle.

Turner, M. B. Williams.

Vannale-Cherry Valley, J. W. Harger.

West Helena, J. W. Moore.

Wheatley, I. D. McClure.

Widener-Madison, Grover Sutherland.

Wyane, E. T. Wayland.

Student S. M. U., C. Warren Johnston.

Student S. M. U., W. H. Goodloe.

Jonesboro District

F. R. Hamilton, Presiding Elder.

Blytheville:

First Church, Jefferson Sherman.

Lake Street, E. M. Peters.

Blytheville Ct., W. J. Jordan.

Bono, J. C. Crenshaw.

Brookland, Griffin Hamilton.

Joiner-Keiser, Porter Weaver.

Jonesboro:

First Church, J. W. Crichlow.

Fisher St., B. L. Harris.

Huntington Ave., J. M. Harrison.

Lake City, M. A. Graves.

Leachville-Dell, H. F. McDonald.

Lepanto, E. K. Sewell.

Luxora, J. M. Fryar.

Luxora Ct., T. M. Plunkett.

Manila, C. E. Hollifield.

Marion, D. C. Holman.

Marked Tree, E. G. Downs.

Monette, A. L. Riggs.

Nettleton-Bay, C. F. Wilson.

Oseola, J. T. Wilcoxson.

Trumann, A. N. Storey.

Tyronza, E. J. Slaughter.

Wilson, W. W. Albright.

Director Religious Ed., J. Q. Schisler.

Conf. Evangelist, Norris Greer.

Paragould District

William Sherman, Presiding Elder.

Ash Flat, S. M. Gatlin.

Biggers-Success, V. B. Utley.

Black Rock, Olin Findley.

Corning, L. E. Mann.

Gainesville, P. W. Emrah.

Hardy-Williford, J. A. Gatlin.

Hoxie, J. E. Lark.

Imboden, G. A. Burr.

Lorado-Stafford, W. J. Martin.

Mammoth Spring, Roy M. Black.

Marmaduke, W. E. Cooper.

Maynard, L. F. Lefevers.

Paragould:

First Church, R. E. L. Bearden.

East Side, J. L. Shelby.

East Side Ct., C. H. Harvison.

Paragould Circuit, G. C. Taylor.

Peach Orchard-Knobel, W. S. Tussey.

Piggott, A. B. Barry.

Piggott Ct., To be supplied.

Pocahontas, W. E. Hall.

Portia, E. Marler.

Rector, R. T. Cribb.

Salem, W. W. Peterson.

Smithville-Ravenden Spgs., Fred M. Glover.

St. Francis, R. C. Boone.

Walnut Ridge, S. C. Watson.

Conference Evangelist, C. L. Castleberry.

Conference Missionary Sec., R. E. L. Bearden.

Supt. Sloan-Hendrix Academy, J. F. Glover.

Searcy District

W. P. Whaley, Presiding Elder.

Augusta, W. F. Blevins.

580 have been removed from our rolls by death or certificate. This leaves a total net gain of 233 for the year.

The preachers have received 94 per cent of their salaries and 50.8 per cent was paid on the Conference Claims. This means an increase of 17 per cent over last year and a good gain over previous years. \$1567 was raised on Missionary Special and \$1,027 for Superannuate Endowment. The Woman's Missionary Societies raised \$5,653 and the Epworth Leagues \$1,400. The Sunday Schools have an enrollment of 6,209 and raised \$6,615 for all purposes.

The pastors and the membership of the District have shown undaunted courage and loyalty during this trying year of flood and disasters. The District comprises a very choice section of the Conference and has a wonderful future.

CONWAY DISTRICT

J. M. Hughey, Presiding Elder

We have had a variety of experiences this year. The flood came early and seriously affected the charges from Lamar to North Little Rock. Some of the appointments were seriously hurt.

But notwithstanding the difficulties the year has been one of progress. One new church house has been erected, another has been made over, the old building at Quitman has been torn down and will be rebuilt at once. At Dover the foundation for a new building has been laid, plans are completed at Russellville and Plummerville for new buildings this coming year. Gardner Memorial has a new educational building well on the way toward completion, while Cabot and Austin are seriously talking new buildings.

This Conference year has seen about 1,000 added to the church of which 450 were on profession of faith. We had some gracious revivals, but some of our meetings were disappointing. We should have had a larger number of people saved.

The salaries of the preachers will show some advance over last year. Some progress will also be shown in the collection of the general and Conference claims of the Church. Owing to the fact that the cotton crop was short and nearly all of it picked and

sold from two to four weeks before Conference, collections on salaries and claims were smaller than otherwise they would have been.

Great stress has been placed upon the work of the Sunday School. A large number have taken credits in our training schools, thereby preparing for enlarged service.

The Woman's Missionary Society has done fine work as has also the Epworth League.

None of the great interests of the church have been overlooked and, all in all, we have had a good year.

HELENA DISTRICT

Jas. A. Anderson, Presiding Elder

A good Providence has been over the Helena District this year. Everybody knows that we had last spring the most disastrous flood in our history. It looked at the time as if, should we escape ruin, we should be at least several years in recovering. But since the flood passed away everything has favored us. We have been blessed with excellent seasons for the growing crops, which have on the whole proved more profitable than for a number of years past. All lines of business have been running this fall in full tide. Had we lacked any one of four contributing factors we could not have recovered from our losses. We mention with gratitude each of these factors: A gracious Providence, the aid of the Red Cross, the aid of the railroads, and the pluck and grit of our people. We have never known a flood followed by so little sickness; the aid of both the railroads and the Red Cross were unstinted; and the courage of the people has been unexcelled.

The work of the church has prospered. According to the reports of the pastors made in the quarterly conferences there has been 525 conversions. We are obliged to confess that in this respect we do not make a very creditable showing; it is the point at which we seem to have been least successful, and it should give us pause; yet it shows that the Lord has at least been in the midst of us. The same reports show that we have had 944 accessions, with 430 losses, making a net gain in membership of 514.

With only two or three exceptions the salaries of the preachers will be

in full. In the absence of final figures the benevolence accounts promise to outrun those of last year.

Gains in church property have been quite gratifying. New churches have been built at Parkin and Vanndale without debt against them. Wynne has practically rebuilt that church, and they are now well equipped. The churches of Oak Grove, Aubrey Ct., and of Hulbert have been cleared of all debt and dedicated. West Helena and Forrest City are steadily reducing their indebtedness. Clarendon Church, which was all but ruined by the flood has been fully restored and is more beautiful than before. So also the church at Elaine. The parsonages at Vanndale, Harrisburg and Colt have been greatly improved.

Our pastors have almost without exception worked hard, being faithful to every interest. There has been no serious sickness among them, except in the case of Mrs. J. T. Hood, who went away to heaven several months ago.

We close the year with grateful hearts.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

F. R. Hamilton, Presiding Elder

Present membership, 7,160. Adults baptized, 544. Infants baptized, 155. Congregations, 57. Church buildings, 45. Value of Church property, \$550,430.

Woman's Missionary Societies, 32. Members, 913. Amount raised by these societies, \$13,693.

Epworth Leagues, 34. Members 847. Sunday Schools, 47. Enrollment, 6,266. Pupils uniting with the Church, 417. Sunday School workers taking training, 363. Raised for Missions by the Sunday Schools, \$1,529. Total raised by the Sunday Schools for all purposes, \$31,904.

Benevolent causes: Raised in the District for Conference Claims, \$9,766. For Missionary Maintenance, \$2,740. For Superannuate Endowment, \$3,584. For the Orphanage, \$248. Total raised for all purposes, \$154,417.

Special mention should be made of the splendid work in evangelism done by Brothers Walton and Nelson, two young Hendrix College boys who have gone through the District holding unusually successful meetings.

Our preachers are to be commended for their prayers, their consecration, and their earnest efforts to build the Kingdom. Their zeal has made possible the following special records this year:

The District leads the Conference in the number received into the Church, 1,747 (795 of these by baptism and vows), and in the total amount of funds raised for all purposes. Also in the number of infants baptized, 155, and in the amount of funds raised by the Sunday Schools. It is second in the number of workers taking training courses, and in the amounts raised for Missionary Maintenance and for Superannuate Endowment.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Wm. Sherman, Presiding Elder

The Paragould District, has made some progress this year. God has mercifully spared the lives of our preachers and their families, and they have faithfully given themselves to the work. A number of good revivals have been held, resulting in a goodly number of conversions and accessions to the church. The new church building at Pocahontas has been pushed until the congregation is worshipping in the auditorium and the Sunday School is well housed. The people at Salem have completed their beautiful church building, while Piggott has planned a new church to

REPORTS OF PASTORS

OSCEOLA.—Methodism in Osceola is alive and vigorous. The pastor and his family have been received most kindly and a fine spirit of co-operation has prevailed throughout the year. Twenty-five new members have been received into the church. The Missionary Maintenance assessment was paid in full. Sunday School Day was observed on time and assessment paid in full. The Superannuate Endowment is up to date. We have one of the most modern Religious Education Building in the State. From October to October our Sunday School took eighty standard credits which we believe is a Conference record. Our budget this year was \$12,248, considerable increase over last year. A new parsonage and a new church auditorium are in prospect. All church obligations for the year were met in full.—James T. Willcox, P. C.

KEISER CIRCUIT.—This is the youngest circuit in the Conference, every church having been organized or reorganized the last year. We have enjoyed our year's work. We have served a courageous people. While we have not done what we had hoped to do or planned to do because of the overflow and heavy rains, we have many things to be thankful for. For eight weeks this country was under water and our people had to go to the refugee camps. For three months three-fourths of our people were supplied with food and clothing to a great extent by the Red Cross and other benevolent organizations and many are still receiving help. But our people as a whole have come through it courageously. The Lord has been with us and strengthened us. We have added to the church 46 on profession of faith, 38 by certificate and otherwise, baptized 36 adults, and 17 infants.

In spite of our obstacles and hindrances our report shows over 100 per cent increase over last year.

100 per cent over last year paid on the Benevolences. 100 per cent over last year paid on the District work. 100 per cent over last year paid on the Mission Special. 100 per cent over last year paid on Christian Education. 100 per cent over last year paid on the S. Day Offering. 100 per cent over last year paid on the Support of the Ministry. 100 per cent over last year paid on Hospitals.

Keiser paid out in full on everything this year. So this Thanksgiving season we have many things to be thankful for.—Porter Weaver, P. C.

BERRYVILLE.—Forty-five additions to church. Arkansas Methodist put in every Methodist home. Pastor's salary raised \$500 and paid in full. Conference Claims paid in full.—E. L. Boyles, P. C.

OZARK.—We have closed four happy years with the Church at Ozark. Every claim was paid in full. The pastor that follows me will find a noble people to serve. Ozark church has a lovely building and pipe-organ. The church is an architectural gem. There are larger churches, but none more attractive. But nothing could be more beautiful than the uniform kindness of our people to their pastor. We have an excellent Sunday School, a very fine Woman's Missionary Society, and a refined, excellent congregation who love God and His Kingdom. Shall always be glad of our four years with these excellent people at Ozark.—J. B. Stevenson, P. C.

SPRINGTOWN CIRCUIT.—In several respects we have had a very good

cost about \$25,000. Salaries are in advance of last year and Conference Claims are more than \$1,000 ahead of last year.

We rejoice in our advances and are praying that the District may have a gracious revival next year.

SEARCY DISTRICT

W. P. Whaley, Presiding Elder

We have had about 1,100 conversions in our revivals. We have received into our church on profession of faith 760, by letter 200, and have lost 262, giving us a net increase of nearly 700 in our membership. We have raised \$26,000 for improving our churches and parsonages. We raised \$2375 for mission special. Payments on salaries have increased 5 per cent and payments on the General Claims have increased 21 per cent. One splendid church has been built at Bald Knob. The main building of our Valley Springs Training School has been almost completed. Three new pastoral charges are planned for the coming year. Salaries at several places have been increased for the new year.

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year on the Springtown Circuit. There were things which presented themselves for which gratitude could be offered. We had 15 additions; \$45 on Special Missionary Offering; over \$32 on the fourth Sunday offerings at Springtown. Repair work and other things have been done. More on claims than last year; 14 took training courses, 13 of our pupils joined the church during the year.—Bates Sturdy, P. C.

LAKE CITY CIRCUIT.—We were greatly handicapped during the first part of the year by the floods, and had to suspend services at some of the churches of the charge, but our people were loyal through it all. They are a fine group to work with, and have made it possible for the pastor to make a fair report. We had very good revival meetings at all the preaching points on the charge and about 100 conversions. We have received 96 members into the churches of the charge during the year. The financial reports are not just what we should like to make them, yet, considering all the circumstances, we think this to be a very fair report. It is the best report that has been made from this charge in many years. The Lord has blessed our efforts, for which we are truly thankful.—M. A. Graves, P. C.

EVENING SHADE CIRCUIT.—We have enjoyed the year's work and we feel that much good has been accomplished. We have cheerfully responded to the call of the church and carried out its program as far as we were able. Our people have been loyal and faithful to every call. During the year two Leagues have been organized with fifty members each and are doing a good work. Organized one Sunday School with 56 members. Abolished union literature in two Sunday Schools and are now using Methodist literature. Our Woman's Missionary Society is doing a fine work; in fact, I feel that every department of the church is well at work. Salary paid one hundred per cent, and a good per cent paid on all the other claims of the church. It is indeed a pleasure to serve these good people. We have had sixty-three additions to the church, fifty of these on profession of faith. Brethren, God has been with us in our work and we give the Lord praise and credit for all we have been able to do with the co-operation of the entire circuit.—H. W. Jett, P. C.

HARTMAN-ALTUS.—We have had a good year on this charge. We have had difficulties, but have done well, and had about 60 conversions and reclamations with 23 additions to the church; fifteen on profession of faith, with some going to other churches. We have two parsonages and some repairs have been done on them this year. We have raised in all \$1,600 on the charge.—W. E. Benbrook, P. C.

MANILA STATION.—This church has made a good record during the year 1927. It has served well the community in which it is located. During the over-flow thirty-nine refugees were housed in our church building and used the kitchen and furnishings to prepare food in this time of need. We have a well organized "B" type Sunday School with a total enrollment in all departments of 246 members. Under the wise leadership of Bro. B. W. Cowan as superintendent, it is steadily going forward. The three Epworth Leagues, Junior, Intermediate and

Senior, enroll 175 members. Our Epworth League is not surpassed by any in the Conference. Each Sunday evening the Senior League gives us a well prepared program which is a real inspiration to the pastor and then all of our young people remain for the evening preaching service. The Woman's Missionary Society fills well its place and is a great help in every way. While our assessments are not in full, yet our financial report is better than we expected under existing financial depression, caused by the flood. We have received 34 members into the church. Manila is doing a great work, in a most deserving territory.—B. L. Harris, P. C.

WIDENER & MADISON.—We had a good year; 30 conversions; 20 accessions. Rebuilt our church at Widener at a cost of \$1,800. We have three good Sunday Schools, two standard and one advanced. Finances are some better than last year.—T. H. Wright, P. C.

LAVACA CIRCUIT.—We have had a very good year on the Lavaca Circuit. Had 123 conversions, received 62 into the church, baptized 5 infants; received 84 per cent of my salary. On account of high waters of the Arkansas River destroying the crops, we raised only 10 per cent of the Conference collections. However, this has been a good revival year on the Lavaca Circuit. We painted one church and have the money raised to paint another. The people are kind and good, and are religious and are true to pastor and his family. The pastor going to this Circuit will be well cared for.—Hoy M. Lewis, P. C.

FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK.—This has been a great year with us here. Our work has moved along very harmoniously in every way. We have had 151 additions to the church, about one third of whom were received on profession of faith. All finances were brought up in full, for the first time perhaps, in a number of years. This Church raised for all purposes more than \$10,000, and yet we had no special building program of any kind. The Sunday School enrollment has increased more than 200, and raised for all purposes about \$1,000. The enrollment of our Sunday School is greater than that of our church. Our Epworth Leagues raised more than \$500, while the W. M. Society raised more than \$1,600. God has blessed us greatly, for which we give him thanks.—A. E. Holloway, P. C.

BALD KNOB & BRADFORD.—This is one of the best works I have ever served. The people are loyal to the church and the preacher. They stand by the church in every way. We have three Sunday Schools, two Epworth Leagues, doing fine work. We have received 118 new members this year and have spent more than \$10,000 this year on our new church at Bald Knob. Whoever serves this good charge will be fortunate indeed.—J. M. Hughes, P. C.

WEST HELENA, FIRST CHURCH. We have closed out our third year on this charge, and it has been the best year of the three. We have a splendid Official Board, Woman's Missionary Society, Sunday School, and League, all of which have done a great year's work. We have received

fifty into the Church this year. The pastor and his family have been recipients of many tokens of kindness from the members of the Church and others. We have raised for all purposes \$5,510.—J. W. Moore, P. C.

PERRY-HOUSTON.—149 additions to church, 110 conversions, 6 Leagues, 130 members; 5 Sunday Schools, 308 members. Salary 92 per cent paid. 2½ times as many claims raised as last year. \$200 special to Education, \$75 Special to Missions. Grand total for year \$3,566, nearly double last year. We are repairing our Church at Houston and building a new one at Perryville. Have repaired both church and parsonage at Perry. A good charge with fine people.—S. O. Patty, P. C.

WALDRON STATION.—Just closed a 15 day meeting, conducted by Rev. A. H. Dulaney. Our church was strengthened and a splendid class of members was received. Interest is growing in W. M. S., Sunday School and Epworth League work. Our financial report shows a small increase over the past few years.—E. E. Stevenson, P. C.

AUGUSTA.—We took charge at Augusta June 10. We have received 31 members. Paid \$400 for a furnace. Paid \$360 on Superannuate Endowment. Salary and collections in full. Salary raised \$400 for next year. Church and parsonage are in good shape.—W. F. Blevins, P. C.

SILOAM SPRINGS.—This has been a very hard year, but we think a successful one. The church is in better condition to start the new year than it has been for a long time. During the year we had a good revival. Finished the church building on the outside and refinanced the plant in such a way that the debt will be retired without further trouble. Any man may be proud to serve this charge in the future.—A. L. Cline, P. C.

COLT CIRCUIT.—We have had a good year at Colt, our second year. Our Sunday Schools have made a fine report this year. We have had 63 conversions on the work, churches greatly revived and in good shape for work next year. We have a real good parsonage at Colt since spending \$500 in repairing it. There are three Leagues on the charge doing good work.—B. E. Robertson, P. C.

MOUNTAIN HOME.—There were 20 additions to the church, thirteen on profession of faith. The Epworth League has had regular devotional and social meetings during the year. The Sunday School has not grown much, there being but little room for it to grow, the town being closely worked by other churches as well as by our own. The Missionary Society is one of the most efficient agencies in this church. The salary was greatly reduced from previous years and paid in full. The original allotment on the claims was larger than the assessment for preacher in charge. About the same amount was paid as was paid last year, though far short of the assessment. A total of about \$2,000 was raised in cash.—W. T. Martin, P. C.

DODSON AVENUE, FT. SMITH.—This has been a good year, 69 additions by vows, 77 by letter. Sunday School program Standard. Three Epworth Leagues, Senior League Gold Seal. Salaries and Conference Claims in full. \$256 on Superannuate Endowment. Repair on parsonage. Best attendance in all departments of the church since my pastorate began. Good revival; 44 credits Teacher Training, about same number Christian Culture Certificates in Epworth League.—E. H. Hook, P. C.

COTTON PLANT.—This charge came out in pretty good shape. The community has suffered from a number of floods and for the larger part of the year the people were greatly depressed. Ebenezer, our church in the country furnished a home for refugees for several months. Quite a number of its members have moved away. The work of the church has been very difficult, but the people are hopeful and will go into the new year with new zeal and determination. Harmony and unity prevail.—B. L. Wilford, P. C.

MAGAZINE-HAVANA.—This charge is one of the best little charges in the Conference. We have had a great year with about 70 conversions and 32 additions on profession of faith. The financial report is better than that of the past year. We received 3 great poundings during the year. We have made great spiritual advance at each church and are praying for still greater advance in the future.—W. A. Patty, P. C.

WASHINGTON ST. & LEVY.—We have had some progress at each appointment. Washington St. paid more on pastor's salary than in any previous year. The departments of church work are pretty well organized. At Levy made \$250 improvement on the church property. An Epworth League was organized and is doing good work. A splendid piano has been furnished this church by the Epworth League. All in all we have had a good year.—Chas. F. Hively, P. C.

ALMA & DYER.—These are two good churches with good strong memberships, on main line of Mo. P. Railroad. Have not accomplished much this year on account of flood conditions and change in pastors.—D. N. Weaver, P. C.

GAINSVILLE CIRCUIT.—Closed out a good year. Have had a good people to serve. We are thanking the Lord for his goodness toward us. We have had 81 conversions and 75 accessions to the churches on the charge. There are five churches on the charge. We are in a very poor farming country, but we are rich in heaven so we are looking for a greater year next year. So if I do not come back may God bless the preacher that comes to the charge.—P. W. Emrah, P. C.

DARDANELLE.—Most loyal church in the Conference. Year's motto: "We can and we will." 15 accessions on profession of faith, and 15 by certificate. Year's budget in full one month before Conference and pledge cards approved for 1928. Special Woman's Missionary Society and two good Leagues. Both Junior and Senior Board of Stewards have done a monumental work.—Sam B. Wiggins, P. C.

HAZEL EDWARDS' MEMORIAL, NEWARK.—A great and delightful church. A true hearted people. A good year, and the hope of a better one this next year.—Clarence Crow, P. C.

LEPANTO.—It has been a year of testing for the church at Lepanto. A bank failure early in the year, and the flood that followed soon afterward, made collections difficult, but the people rallied admirably. \$955 was raised for the church and parsonage buildings. The pastor's salary was substantially raised and paid in full. All the assessments for benevolences are largely raised for all purposes. With the assistance of Rev. Aubrey G. Walton, a senior in Hendrix, and Mr. Boise Whitmore, a successful revival was held. 45 members were received on profession of faith and 17 by certificate. Through the courtesy of Dr. Coopage and Stuckey Brothers the pastor was neatly covered and clad for Conference.—E. K. Sewell, P. C.

LEACHVILLE.—This is a nice little city, mid-way between Jonesboro and Blytheville, and is said by traveling men to be the best town from a financial stand point between the two cities. The town was hard hit by the flood. A great number of our people left Leachville seeking work elsewhere. Those who remained rallied heroically to uphold the spiritual and financial interests of our church. The financial report will show an increase over last year. The charge is in good shape for the new preacher, and will give him a hearty welcome.—T. A. Bowen, P. C.

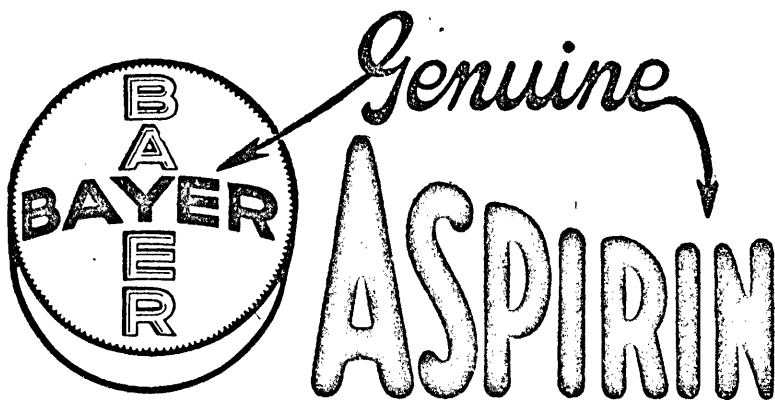
CECIL.—We have had a very good year. We have held meetings at both churches. The meetings were a success. The churches were revived, with several conversions and additions to the church. Bro. Wilson of Hackett did the preaching for us. Our finances are not coming up to our desire, and expectation, but we tried to respond to most all the assessments. We have three Sunday Schools that are doing good work. We also have two Senior Leagues that meet regularly on Sunday evenings for worship programs.—J. E. Peters, P. C.

CALICO ROCK.—Seventeen additions by vows and eight by certificate; 25 infants baptized. Sunday School checked 96 per cent for C Type. Salaries in full. Conference Claims increased four-fold and collected. Eight revivals held in rural communities with 100 conversions.—T. J. Justice, P. C.

CENTER POINT CHURCH.—Had a good year. Fine Sunday Schools and Epworth League showing progress. Have paid better than \$1,700 on all claims in spite of adverse physical conditions. We are showing a good net increase in membership. In fact every department is moving forward.—Floyd G. Villines, P. C.

ELMO-OIL TROUGH.—Additions on profession of faith 17, infants baptized 2. The Lord greatly blessed us in our labors. We have had a very good year.—J. T. Byrd, P. C.

FORREST CITY.—This community was hard hit by the flood, for many of its citizens are large land owners. And besides, with the assistance of the Red Cross, we fed and clothed and sheltered more than 20,000 refugees. One thing stands out of a personal character—75 boxes of clothing came to us personally, 10 boxes from Paragould and 65 from our friends in Missouri. Even \$100 in cash came to us from Omaha, Neb. And yet our District has greatly recovered. Money seems plentiful now, and I go up to Conference with 100 per cent on pastor's salary and 100 per cent on Benevolences. Also a good report on the Mission Special and on Superannuate Endowment. One year ago we inherited only an intermediate League. Now we have both a Junior and a Senior League. 79 young people were in attendance on recent Sunday. All our reports show a good year's work.—Chas. Frank'n, P. C.



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CABOT.—This has been a splendid year on the Cabot Charge. There has been a net increase in membership of 37. The Sunday School has increased over 100 in membership. The Sunday School Check-up gave us a grade of 97 per cent. This is the only Standard School in the District. The Superannuate Endowment is paid up to date. All Benevolent Claims are paid in full for the first time in ten years. The church is in splendid spiritual condition.—R. A. Tetter, P. C.

ELM SPRINGS CIRCUIT.—The Elm Springs Charge has had one of the best years in its history. We had very helpful revivals. Brothers R. S. Hayden and Harvey Anglin rendered most helpful service in our revivals. Either of these brethren would be acceptable as pastor of this charge. The interest in Sunday School and League work is higher than it has ever been before in this charge. The average attendance in all our services has probably been higher than before. The finances are in advance of last year. We believe the charge is in excellent condition to go forward rapidly in the future.—M. R. Lark, P. C.

WILSON.—It has been our privilege to serve at Wilson an intelligent, capable church, that is making splendid progress with the community idea of service. The official Board and the membership in general have been kind and we appreciate especially the fine spirit in which members of five different denominations have worked together in a unified church program. A brief summary of the year's work follows: Evangelism.—The pastor preached in a two weeks' pre-Easter service, and as a result of the prayers and personal work of the people we received on Easter Sunday 41 new members. During the whole year we received a total of 100 members, 50 by baptism and vow, and 50 by certificate and otherwise. Net increase in membership, 50 per cent. Missions.—40 per cent of our members studied missions during a six weeks' cultivation period. Our offering was \$300, or \$2.10 per member. We believe we led the Conference in Mission Study and offering. Sunday School.—Out of 25 workers in the Sunday School, 18 took training work during the year. And a total of 28 credits earned. Advances have been made in departmental organization and physical equipment. Finances.—Conference benevolences 100 per cent. Superannuate Endowment \$480, being the year's quota. Flood and sick re-

lief \$100. Christmas offering to Orphanage \$50. Total budget 45 per cent advance over previous year. Brothers J. C. Cullom, chairman of the Board, and Ed. McCuiston, lay leader, are two of the most able laymen in the Conference. And we should like to praise the work of many other leaders in the church, as well as many humbler workers, but space forbids.—H. K. King, P. C.

MULBERRY.—We have had a fairly good year. The people are loyal to the church and have been good to the preachers and his family. Our Sunday School is growing. D. M. McGehee is the new superintendent. J. R. Chastain is charge lay leader and looks after his work. The official board is alert to every interest of the church. We have one good League and a good Woman's Missionary Society. The Wednesday night prayer-meeting is well attended. In spite of over flows and crop failures, more money was raised for benevolences and Superannuate Endowment this year than was raised last year. Our grand total for the year is \$2,240.—J. B. Stewart, P. C.

ATKINS.—We have had four years of pleasant work with the good people of Atkins. During this time we have rounded out the Centenary and Christian Education movements in good shape. Have erected a splendid educational building, and received 100 members into the church. We now have good Sunday Schools, Leagues, and Missionary Society. The church at Atkins is composed of splendid people.—G. C. Johnson, P. C.

McRAE CIRCUIT.—We have had a good year on the McRae Charge. Our people have been very loyal to the church. We have advanced on all lines. Our Sunday Schools are doing fine work. We have two Senior Leagues and one Intermediate. Our young people are growing in grace. I have never served a better people than the people on the McRae Charge. We had good revivals at all the churches. Our collections on General Claims, Mission Special and Superannuate Endowment are all in advance of last year.—J. J. Decker, P. C.

PRAIRIE VIEW.—We have had 80 professions, 10 accessions by certificate, 41 accession by vows. Organized two Epworth Leagues with 40 members in the two. Put a piano in the church at Prairie view and Dela-

ware and an organ in the McKendree church. Paid \$40 on the special for Missions, 97 per cent on preacher's salary and 47 per cent on the General Claims.—J. W. Harger, P. C.

CLINTON.—We had a very good year. Net increase in membership. The salary was increased \$200 over last year, and paid in full. The work advanced along all lines, and in view of the fact that at a great expense, the people improved the school, bringing it up to an accredited high school and secured a state vocational school, raising for it about \$25,000, a great record was made. The people are liberal intelligent and loyal and a great opportunity is before our church. The people have been good to us during the year and we love them.—J. M. Fryar, P. C.

PIGGOTT.—We have just closed what, in many respects, was a splendid year in Piggott. We had a fine revival in May, under the splendid leadership of Bro. Bearden. All regular financial claims of the church were paid in full. The Sunday School, Epworth Leagues, and Missionary Societies, did splendid work; and, unless unforeseen disaster comes, our good people will be worshipping in a beautiful new church by this time next year. The will of the whole church now is, "Let us rise and build," and when Piggott wills to build, build she will. We are not ashamed of our two years' work in Piggott.—J. E. Lark, P. C.

HARRISON.—Harrison has had a good year. There have been four professions of faith and 26 accessions to the church and three infants baptized. We have a beautiful church and a splendid parsonage. The W. M. Societies have raised \$380 on the parsonage leaving only \$1,200 of indebtedness on parsonage. Harrison carries \$24,500 insurance on our church property. There are two Missionary Societies with 49 members. These societies have raised \$904 during the year. There are 3 Epworth Leagues with a membership of 81. They have raised \$25 on missions and \$103 for other purposes. The Sunday School has an enrollment of 323 with an average attendance of 213. The school raised \$50 on the Missionary Special and \$303 for other purposes. Harrison has paid the presiding elder \$360 this year and the pastor \$2,400, and to Conference Claims \$1,001, to the Special for Mis-

sions \$350, to Valley Springs Special \$160, besides generous offerings from individuals to incidentals and flood sufferers and other objects \$989, to Heber Springs Storm Sufferers \$25, to Green Forest Storm Sufferers \$300, in all a grand total of \$7,121. During the last four years this great church has raised \$23,396 for all purposes. Over 150 new members have come into the church. A fine spirit prevails among the people and a great future seems to be assured to Harrison Methodism.—E. W. Faulkner, P. C.

RAVENDEN SPRINGS CIRCUIT.—Number of members 269, number of congregations five. Number Sunday Schools 3. Number church buildings 2. Number of conversions 25, additions to church 23. Pastor's salary 82 per cent. Claims 16 per cent. Special for Missions \$50. Superannuates \$5. Number Methodists 5. Amount raised on S. S. Day \$7. Amount for missions \$22. Other purposes \$67. Four meetings held.—L. F. Lafavers, P. C.

EAST SIDE STATION, PARAGOULD.—We have had the best year of the four; 72 heads of families were saved during the year. All claims paid in full. I preached to the largest crowds this year I ever preached to. We have a standard S. S., made 97½ points in our League, have fine prayer meetings. We have a revival every Sunday night. People get saved every week in the year, 40 on profession of faith, 12 by letter. Happy is the man who goes to East Side Station, Paragould. It is organized according to the disciplinary plan.—James L. Shelby, P. C.

WINSLOW.—We have just closed our fifth year at Winslow. It has been one of the most delightful charges that I have ever had. We have a very small membership, but there is no end to their loyalty to their church and pastor. They have almost completed their Sunday School building which will almost double their efficiency for service.—H. K. Stewart, P. C.

POCAHONTAS STATION.—Despite the short crops resulting from the flood in the early spring, we are making the best report this year in the history of the charge. We had a gracious revival during the month of May and have a net increase of 22 in membership. Our building enterprise is going forward and when it is completed, we will have one of the best plants in N. E. Arkansas. Our Sunday School has been departmentalized and is doing splendid work. Our Missionary Society and Epworth League also are doing fine work. The Lord done great things for us whereof we are glad.—W. E. Hall, P. C.

McCRORY.—This charge will show a net loss in membership of 110 this year due to the fact that two or three other small congregations were counted with McCrory last year. We have added 23 to the membership in McCrory this year. We have raised \$1,929 for repair of the church and parsonage this year, leaving about \$500 yet to be paid on repairs. The Woman's Missionary Society has more than doubled in membership, and has raised for all purposes \$488. Our Epworth League is doing good work. Our Sunday School is growing. The presiding elder's and pastor's salary were paid in full, and \$500 paid on Conference Claims, which is an increase of 25 per cent over last year. We have raised a total of \$5,111 for all purposes. The attendance upon the preaching services has held up well through the year and has increased over the attendance last year, and perhaps for several years, according to reports, though it has not been what it ought to have been. We have had a very pleasant year, and we trust and believe there has been considerable general progress in church affairs.—W. J. Faust, P. C.

PLAINVIEW.—We have had a most pleasant year at Plainview, making some advances in some fields of work. We received 21 members during the year, baptized three children, made 35 credits in Sunday School training work. The Sunday School is a 100 per cent C Type school. Finances are in full. Superannuate Endowment 100 per cent for the year, and \$45 Christmas gift to the Superannuate of the Conference last Christmas. The salary was raised \$300 and paid in full. We have never worked with a finer, more loyal people and there is no more charitable people to be found than the good people of Plainview. The town gave to the Red Cross \$525 in money and a truck load of supplies for the flood sufferers. We rejoice in the opportunity to serve such people.—H. H. Blevins, P. C.

WEST SEARCY & HIGGINSON.—We have had a great year on the charge. We have had about 250 conversions and 125 additions to the church by vows and 19 by certificate. Our loss by death and certificate was 16, a net gain of 128. We have a 100 per cent Sunday School at Higginson and two other Sunday Schools doing good work. We have six Epworth Leagues. The pastor's and presiding elder's salaries were paid in full and 100 per cent more on the Conference Claims than last year.—J. W. Howard, P. C.

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united at the last annual Conference. As pastor I feel that progress has been made in some respects. Eight were received on profession and fifteen by certificate. Four Sunday Schools run the entire year. Six credits were earned in the Standard Training Course. Bethesda church was wrecked by a storm and the people have manifested great heroism in repairing it at a cost of almost \$1,000. The financial report is considerably in advance of any thing in recent years.—J. W. Johnston, P. C.

HUNTINGTON.—We have had a good year, considering some handicaps that hindered in a financial way. The Sunday Schools have done good work. More Standard Training Credits and Cokesbury Credits were received than in any year recently. The Epworth Leagues have moved forward. The Woman's Missionary Society that was organized this year at Huntington is one of the best of its size in the District. We have had 20 additions to the church. Four infants were baptized.—L. B. Davis, P. C.

PRAIRIE GROVE.—This charge had one of its best reports in the history of the church. Finances are paid in full, \$5,319 for all purposes. Received 19 into the church. 35 took credit in the Training School which shows that our Sunday School is progressing nicely. The W. M. S. is fully alive. The Senior and Junior Epworth Leagues are trying to meet the needs of our young people.—Edward Forrest, P. C.

NEWPORT, FIRST CHURCH.—Have had an unusually good year. The membership is heroic, not permitting disaster to discourage them. During the past quadrennium this church has met their obligations in the spirit of loyalty. The past year we have had 42 additions to the church. Had our first Standard Training School, raised a total of \$9,107, of this amount the women raised \$1,067. During the quadrennium the church has been improved to the amount of \$5,500. The future pastor of this church is a fortunate man, with a pleasant place of labor and great possibilities.—F. A. Lark, P. C.

AUBREY.—The Aubrey charge has made advance along all lines this year. We have had 120 conversions and reclamations, 70 additions to the church. Bishop Boaz was with us on July 15 and dedicated our church at Oak Forest. All debts on churches have been paid and some repairs have been made. The Lord has blessed us both spiritually and materially.—J. G. Ditterline, P. C.

SPRINGDALE.—This has been a very busy year in the Springdale church. Early in the year we had debt-paying day and paid all debts which amounted to \$525. We bought a pipe organ and paid for it the day it was installed. We have done some building. Just a week before Conference we bought a \$6,500 parsonage. All finances are 100 per cent with indebtedness of \$3,250 on parsonage. Have received 28 into the church.—C. H. Sherman, P. C.

PARIS.—First Church, Paris has just closed the most successful year of its history. Its assessments this year were larger than ever before and everything was paid in full. The Sunday School attendance on the last Sunday in the Conference year was the largest on record, and about one-fourth of these were men. The last act of the Board of Stewards was to unanimously request the pastor to ask the North Arkansas Conference to meet in Paris in 1929.—Lester Weaver, P. C.

CLARENDON.—Present membership 281, additions on profession of faith 29, additions by certificate and otherwise 31, adults baptized 17, infants baptized 15, raised for church and parsonage \$6,750, total raised by missionary societies, \$522. Amount raised by Sunday School, \$34. Presiding elder's and pastor's salary paid in full a month before Conference. Conference and District claims paid in full. \$278 raised for Missionary Special. Total monies raised for the year, \$12,245.—G. Wendell Pyles, P. C.

SCRANTON AND NEW BLAINE.—We have made progress during the year. We have received 33 on profession of faith. Raised \$139 on church debt, bought a piano for one church. Our Sunday Schools have grown; has advanced to Standard, the other has become an advanced school. We have paid almost three times as much on Conference Claims as was paid last year.—C. J. Wade, P. E.

LAMAR.—Had a good year considering our sources. We have enjoyed our third year the best of the three. The work of the church has gone on with good interest. The church at Lamar last year raised from 1/2 to 3/4 times as much as ever before and next year is to be made a station.—W. J. Spicer, P. C.

GARDNER MEMORIAL, NORTH-LITTLE ROCK.—Gardner Memorial has received 36 additions on profession of faith and 57 by letter, a net gain of 59. The Sunday School has received

84 Standard Training credits and has won the State Leadership Training Cup. 791 members have been enrolled in the Sunday School. The Leaguers have received 35 Christian Culture Certificates. The Senior League holds the Inter-City League Efficiency Cup. This League is trying out the practical program of the General Epworth League Board. This program is to be used throughout the church next year. The financial program has raised a budget of over \$8,000, which is 35 per cent beyond that of any previous year.—Ira A. Brumley, P. C.

SPRINGFIELD.—Had great revivals this year; large number of conversions, 130 additions to the church on profession, certificate, and otherwise. Finances have almost doubled the report over last year. Twenty-four have taken credit in Sunday School Training courses.—H. R. Nabors, P. C.

CRAWFORDSVILLE.—The past year has been one of pleasant association in the work of the church. Church and parsonage property is in good shape, Sunday School is well organized, working under C type program. Woman's Missionary Society has done a fine work not only for local interests but also in the connectional work of the society. The outlook for the church at Crawfordville is hopeful.—J. R. Nelson, P. C.

BENTONVILLE CIRCUIT.—This has been a very good year on the Circuit, but not what I had planned to see. There were nine additions by vows. Only 90 per cent of the salary paid and 12 per cent of Conference Claims. Trust there will be a better report from the Circuit another year.—W. T. Bone, P. C.

MARMADUKE.—We have just closed our second year at Marmaduke. In spite of two bank failures and much rain in the springs, Marmaduke made a good report. Better than \$5,200 was raised. This amount includes a \$2,000 parsonage donated to the church by Mrs. Vowell. 14 united with the church this year. Have a Standard Sunday School. More paid on Missions this year than any other year that I know of. This is a nice pleasant charge in many ways.—W. E. Cooper, P. C.

HUNTINGTON AVENUE, JONESBORO.—Church working well. Good revivals, 42 additions. Splendid new bungalow parsonage built. Prayer meetings well attended. Two live Epworth Leagues. Sunday School well organized. Woman's work fine. Salaries and Conference Claims in full.—J. M. Harrison, P. C.

STUDENT PASTOR, FAYETTEVILLE.—Thirty-seven per cent of the students in the University of Arkansas are Methodists. The student pastor teaches two courses in Bible in our University in which there are thirty students exclusive of duplicates. The student pastor enjoys a ministry that is rich in teaching and association experiences among students.—H. M. Lewis.

SWIFTON-ALICIA.—We have had a good year on this charge. Twelve additions on profession of faith and a net increase of six to the membership. Thirty-one subscribers to the *Arkansas Methodist* and fifty-three per cent on benevolences raised. 100 per cent raised on salaries. We have all departments of the church well organized and functioning. The Sunday Schools are in good shape, one a standard C type, the other an advanced. The Missionary Societies raised more than \$800.—I. L. Claud, P. C.

MORRILTON.—Against many odds Morrilton has battled. All claims and salaries are in full. The Missionary Society raised over \$2,000. Epworth League about \$300. Total amount raised \$10,450. Eighteen received into the church. The members have been loyal to the program of the church. 65 credits taken in Sunday School.—James B. Evans, P. C.

BENTONVILLE STATION.—Fifty-one additions, thirty-five on profession of faith, \$1,167 raised by Woman's Missionary Society. New roof on the building. Organ debt of over a thousand dollars paid. Fine revival. Good prospects of a new Educational Building. Real good year all around.—W. T. Thompson, P. C.

CONWAY, FIRST CHURCH.—Membership 1,428. Received by vows 98, by letter 158. Great revival this year. Congregations large. Many students attend. Special Missionary offering \$980. Superannuate offering \$460. 225 subscribers to the *Arkansas Methodist*, 25 Christian Advocate. 1,125 enrolled in Sunday School. 93 in Epworth League. \$3,000 raised by Woman's Missionary Societies.—J. M. Workman, P. C.

MAMMOTH SPRING.—There are some very fine people at Mammoth Spring. The three years that we have spent there have been very pleasant years. Our reports do not show the progress that we should have made, due to the fact we have lost some very choice members by death and removal.

als. This is a section of the country that has a future, because of good roads, natural resources, and beautiful scenery. We are trusting that Methodism will go forward as other things make progress.—Roy M. Black, P. C.

FIRST CHURCH, JONESBORO.—Moved into \$260,000 church building this year; 210 new members added by the personal work of the church—a net increase of 15 per cent; 50 infants baptized; \$30,000 raised for building; \$45,108 for all purposes; a loyal, joyous, working membership.—J. Wilson Crichtlow, P. C.

WHEATLEY & PALESTINE.—We have had a very pleasant and I hope a profitable year. We have had 20 conversions, and 24 additions to the church; 11 adults, and 3 infants baptized, with a net increase in members of 12. We have reduced the church debt on the Wheatley Church from \$2,500 to \$1,500, and have that with the Church Extension Board. Our Sunday Schools and Epworth League are doing very good work, but there is room for improvement along all lines. This is a very pleasant charge to serve. The people at Wheatley are especially very kind and attentive to their pastor and his family and see after their comforts. It has been a very pleasant year to the pastor and his wife. We have an excellent Woman's Missionary Society, while but few in number, yet a very industrious lot of women that can always find something to do to help their pastor and thus forward the Kingdom. Long may their like live and flourish.—I. D. McClure, P. C.

SECOND CHURCH, FT. SMITH.—This church is reporting for its first time having been connected with 1st church. Everything is reported in full. We started with a membership of 98, and have added 61 this year. Last year 15. Are building a S. S. annex with basement to take care of growing school. Several have signed up to tithe next year and others will do so. This is an active and spiritual church. W. M. S. organized. Epworth League progressive.—A. L. Platt, P. C.

WYNNE.—We have had a good year at Wynne. We had a good revival meeting with about fifty conversions and more than that number of reclamations. We have had 47 additions to the church, 18 of these joined upon profession of faith. We completed the repair of our church auditorium at a cost of about \$1,000. Our Sunday School annex, built at a cost of about \$20,000 was completed. A steam-heating plant was installed, which cost \$2,500. A \$4,000 Moeller pipe organ was installed. Our parsonage property was traded for other property in better repair and in better location for parsonage property. A difference of \$2,000 is being paid in the trade. In addition to these many splendid local improvements. All of our regular financial assessments were paid in full. Our presiding elder repeatedly told our people this year that Wynne has the best organized church in the Helena District.—E. T. Wayland, P. C.

MARION.—Received during the year 37. All assessments paid in full. Have paid \$825 on Superannuate Endowment Fund, \$271 on Missionary Maintenance. Have done some repairs on the church and at present are installing a steam heating plant. All departments are functioning. In October an Epworth League was organized that bids fair to become a live, effective organization.—Don C. Holman, P. C.

TUCKERMAN.—We have had a good year. We have had 32 accessions to the membership, 12 on profession of faith. We have three Leagues, with a total membership of 45. We have a W. M. S. with 46 members, doing most excellent work. The Sunday School made the highest mark in its history, scoring 91 points on our program of work for B type school, giving us rank as a Standard School. We observed the Missionary Cultivation period with fine results. The church paid the claims in full, also the salaries of pastor and presiding elder. The spirit of the church is fine and it has a bright outlook for the future.—C. W. Lester, P. C.

CLARKSVILLE CT.—This closes our fourth year on this charge. We have had four very good years. There have been 340 conversions and 172 received into the church. \$1,800 spent on churches and \$1,200 on parsonage. Fine people on this charge and as we go from them we pray God's blessing upon them and that conditions may improve.—W. J. Jordan, P. C.

KENSSETT.—I was appointed to the Kensett Charge at Batesville by Bishop Boaz last fall. Held my first service the first Sunday in December; moved my family from Batesville to Kensett the first of June. When I came to the charge I found a debt of more than \$2,000 on our beautiful little brick church with no pews in it and the parsonage considerably run down. The first thing to be done was to make some payments on the church debt. This was done early in the year to the amount of \$600.95 interest and principal. Then we began a campaign to

improve the parsonage, which was done in due time by repapering all the rooms and doing some other work on the interior and putting on two coats of paint on the outside, building garden fence, garage and recovering barn, etc. Our Woman's Missionary Society is entitled to the credit of the improvement on parsonage and premises of \$250 besides \$250 on church debt and the pews that were installed during the year. We found some used pews up in Madison, Maine, that had just the right curve for our auditorium. These pews were worth at the factory \$1,850 but we got them and installed at a total cost of \$600. These pews are in A1 condition. Our people are proud of them. I held our first revival at West Point beginning the first Sunday in August, which resulted in 5 conversions and accessions, a good meeting. On the first Sunday in September I began a revival campaign at Kensett, had about 20 conversions, 23 accessions to the Church. All told during the year we received a membership of 38; salaries paid in full and almost double the amount paid on the Conference collections that was paid last year. We give God the glory for all the work that has been accomplished during the year, for from him comes all our help.—John T. Gossett, P. C.

TUCKERMAN CIRCUIT.—We have finished our first year on this charge and it has been a very good year. 33 members have been received. Ten subscriptions for the *Methodist* have been secured. One W. M. S. has been organized. Our collections are not in full but in advance of last year.—Eli Craig, P. C.

BLITHEVILLE, FIRST CHURCH.—One hundred and one have been received into the church, thirty-eight of these were received on profession of faith and vows. The salaries of the presiding elder, the pastor and the Conference Claims were all paid in full. All departments of the church, the Sunday School, the Missionary Societies, the Epworth Leagues, are well organized and doing good work. Our building program moves steadily forward and soon we will be occupying our great Sunday School unit of the church plant. The pastor and his family have had a happy year among these good people.—Jefferson Sherman, P. C.

NETTLETON & BAY.—Prayermeeting, Sunday School, Woman's Work and Epworth League all in growing condition. A real revival in the reading of the Scriptures (1,000 copies of Gospel of Matthew distributed) and prayer resulted in a great awakening with a goodly number added to the Church. In addition to other financial work, there were improving one church and paying a large part of an old debt on another church. "Yes," a good year.—C. F. Wilson, P. C.

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HARRISBURG.—We have served a fine people during the past year. Found a well organized church and especially the Sunday School under L. M. Greer and Miss Lillian Nelson. Evangelist Butts and Cunningham as singer held for us a splendid meeting which arrested the attention of the whole community. The Missionary Society raised \$500 last year. \$1,600 more money raised than the year before, but because of a bank failure, we are short on the salary and claims. The people gave to us a big pounding both at the beginning and close of the year and they co-operated with the pastor in all of the work of the church. M. N. Johnston, P. C.

EUREKA SPRINGS.—Thirty accessions; 100 per cent on Conference Claims; 100 per cent on ministerial support. The District assessment in full and the pledge to Valley Springs Training School well-paid. The indebtedness on church paid. We have had a good and pleasant year in this, the best "watering place" in the Ozarks.—R. S. Hayden, P. C.

TRUMAN.—The church at Truman in the Sunday School made 97 per cent on the C type program. The League has done some good work throughout the year. The Missionary Society has been a great blessing. It raised about \$800, paid the wages out of debt and in many other ways has been a blessing. I believe the church has a larger vision and is ready to help the pastor put over the program of the church. A great revival came to us this year; 118 professed faith in Christ. Rev. G. C. Kenny of Cartersville, Ill., did the preaching; 33 joined the church out of the meeting; 40 have joined on profession of faith, 41 on certificate. The church paid more on the claims than it has ever paid before. Sunday School made 19 units in Cokesbury School.—C. E. Hollifield, P. C.

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REPORTS OF N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BOARDS

REPORT NO. 1 OF BOARD OF FINANCE

Conference Insurance

Whereas a considerable number of our members have evinced an interest in the plan of Group Life Insurance now in operation in some ten or more adjoining Conferences; the Board of Finance of the North Arkansas Conference, after consideration of the plan now in force in the St. Louis Conference, recommend to our membership the adoption of a similar plan of Group Insurance; provided 75 per cent or more of the membership of the Conference desire to participate.

This plan provides life and total disability insurance to the amount of \$1,000 to those members receiving a salary of \$1,000 or less per year; \$2,000 insurance to those receiving over \$1,000 but less than \$3,000 per year; \$3,000 insurance to those members receiving \$3,000 per year and over, all without medical examination. It is deemed advisable to limit those members of the Conference who are aged 55 and over to \$1,000 insurance, regardless of the salary received.

This plan shall include all effective members of the Annual Conference who may participate in the insurance.

The plan provides for premiums to be paid monthly, and since the Insurance Company underwriting this plan deals only with an authorized member of the Conference who collects the amount necessary and remits to the Insurance Company it is our recommendation that H. Lynn Wade be appointed to serve in this capacity.

We further recommend that the person so appointed be allowed a fee of \$2.00 per year for each \$1,000 policy; \$3.00 per year for each \$2,000 policy; \$4.00 per year for each \$3,000 policy, to cover the necessary cost of correspondence and service rendered the participating members.—H. Lynn Wade, Chairman; O. M. Bevins, Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSIONARY SECRETARY

This has been a year of missionary advance in our Conference both in a financial and in a cultural way. With the exception of the intense period of

difficulties. We have made some progress in almost every phase of the church program. The spiritual condition is fairly good. We have received 42 on profession of faith, and 20 by certificate and otherwise. We have dismissed by certificate 48, a net gain of 14. We have two good Sunday Schools doing fairly good work. The Macey school received six seals and a grade of 65 per cent. The Monette School received 10 seals and a grade of 94½ per cent. We have two Missionary Societies, Adults and Young Ladies. They are doing excellent work. We have one Senior League doing very good work. The finances are a little ahead of last year, save for ministerial purposes which are \$84 less than last year. We rejoice in the progress made, but realize we have not reached our best.—A. L. Riggs, P. C.

ALPENA & PLEASANT VALLEY.—We have had revival meetings at each church with 17 additions on profession of faith. The church at Alpena has been completed by ceiling and wood-work inside. We have organized a splendid League at the Valley with 40 members and a good Jr. League at Alpena. The Senior League there is doing splendid work. Our two Sunday Schools are doing fine work, one at the Valley making 94 points, and the Alpena School, making 89.—M. F. Johnson, P. C.

CORNING.—15 additions, 13 on profession, \$300 paid on missionary special; 45 members of Golden Cross. Conference collections in full. These three causes were secured by Board of Lay Activities. Progressive Sunday School of B type. Gold Seal Epworth League. Live Missionary Society. Every department of the church organized and working. A delightful charge.—L. E. Mann, P. C.

the Centenary movement more consideration and interest have been given the cause of Missions this year than ever before in our Conference. District Missionary Institutes were held in all the Districts with increased interest over last year. The attendance was large and the interest in the program was such as to show that this essential cause is gripping the minds and hearts of our people. The increased number of churches that put on the cultural program during January and February was a sign of permanent and deep-seated interest in this work. Helpful Schools of Missions were conducted in many of our churches both in circuits and stations. The financial returns of the Mission Special has amounted to \$19,589.24. We are thankful for the opportunity of thus contributing to the building of the Kingdom of God in all our Mission fields. Every charge in the Conference reported an offering except 38. The amount received by Districts is as follows:

Batesville	\$1,566.89
Booneville	1,563.93
Conway	1,924.42
Fayetteville	1,230.73
Ft. Smith	2,486.80
Helena	3,024.70
Jonesboro	2,785.00
Paragould	2,614.92
Searcy	2,390.85

I wish to express my sincere thanks to each of the presiding elders for their hearty co-operation during all the year, and also to every preacher and lay member who helped in any way to make this worthy cause a great success. Special mention should be made of the valuable services rendered by Rev. R. E. L. Bearden, director of the special effort in this Conference. Present results would have been impossible without his valuable help. Special help was also given by Rev. G. G. Davidson and Rev. A. W. Martin. These and others who co-operated so beautifully have made the results herein reported.

Expense of Missionary Secretary to the North Arkansas Conference

Office, travel, etc.	\$532.10
Exp. of Rev. R. E. L. Bearden	75.77
Nine posters	40.50

Total \$648.37
—J. F. Simmons, Missionary Sec.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

We are glad to report that progress has been made along all lines during the past year. We call special attention to the work that has been done in Evangelism. Reports show that special emphasis has been given to this work throughout the Conference. The number of pupils coming into the Church this year has been 3,301.

The effects of missionary cultivation throughout the Conference are evident. We are glad to report that the fourth Sunday contributions to missions amount to \$9,500.

We recognize Valley Springs Training School as a missionary agency in religious education and are glad to report that approximately \$1,000 has been contributed to its support. We pledge our continued support to this institution.

The interest in training work is constantly growing. 2,500 standard credits and 809 Cokesbury credits have been issued this year. The effect of this work is felt in every phase of our Sunday School program. The report of Mrs. Bessie Carpenter to the Conference Board shows that we now have in the elementary division two progressive, one advanced, and three standard Districts. We now have in this section 48 progressive, 107 advanced and 45 standard depart-

ments. The Board has re-elected Mrs. Carpenter as elementary superintendent.

We recognize the efficient service of Rev. D. H. Colquette, agent of the American Bible Society, in supplying books and materials for our training schools.

Recommendations

First: We recommend that a Christmas offering be taken for the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage at Little Rock, and same be sent to Dr. Jas. Thomas, Exchange Bank Building, Little Rock.

Second: We recommend that our workers attend the leadership school at Mt. Sequoyah and the pastors' school at Hendrix College.

Third: We recommend the appointment of G. G. Davidson as Conference superintendent and Glen Sanford as extension secretary, for the ensuing year.

Fourth: We request the Commission on Budget to grant the Board an assessment of \$10,000, the same as last year.

We elected G. G. Davidson and Ira Brumley as members of the Board of Managers of the Pastors' School at Hendrix College.

We accept an assessment of \$220 for the support of the Arkansas Methodist, provided the other Conference Boards meet the askings of the Commission on Christian Literature.—W. A. Lindsey, Chairman; C. C. Burton, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 2 OF COMMISSION ON BUDGET

Your Commission on Budget recommends the following assessments:

Board of Church Extension, \$4,985; Sunday School Board, \$10,000; Board of Missions, \$13,500; Board of Education, \$21,000; Pastors' Summer School, \$1,500; Christian Literature, \$2,000; Memphis Methodist Hospital, \$7,000; Lay Activities, \$1,000; Board of Finance, \$25,000; Epworth League Board, \$2,000; Orphanage, \$5,000; Total Conference \$92,985; Total General, \$58,025.

These assessments include apportionments of amount to be paid by the several boards to Christian Literature as follows:

Sunday School Board, \$220; Education, \$455; Church Extension, \$125; Missions, \$290; Pastors' School, \$35; Lay Activities, \$25; Board of Finance,

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\$540; Epworth League Board, \$50; Orphanage, \$110; Hospital, \$150; Total, \$2,000.

The ratio for General Work is .38424; Conference Work .61576.

The above amounts are distributed to the several Districts on the following ratio:

District	Ratio	Gen. work	Conf. work
Batesville ....	.10239	\$ 5,941	\$ 9,531
Booneville ....	.08688	5,041	8,073
Conway ....	.11514	6,681	10,706
Fayetteville ..	.10305	5,980	9,582
Ft. Smith ....	.11595	6,728	10,782
Helena ....	.13098	7,599	12,177
Jonesboro ....	.11940	6,928	11,103
Paragould ....	.11545	6,699	10,735
Searcy ....	.11078	6,428	10,301

Totals1.00000 \$58,025 \$92,985
—W. L. Oliver, Chairman; J. Wilson Crichtlow, Secretary.

BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The report of the General Board of Church Extension in our hands says that the work of that Board continues with uninterrupted progress. This same report also states that this has been a year of unusual disasters. Destructive storms and awful floods have visited much of the territory in which our Church operates. Nowhere perhaps have these disasters been worse than in Arkansas, and especially within the area of our Conference in Arkansas. The Mississippi and Arkansas Rivers and their tributaries in our Conference have risen to flood stage, not once nor twice, but many times. Our people in many places have been driven from their homes with great loss of property. Our church buildings and personages have been damaged by these flood waters. In some cases the loss has been

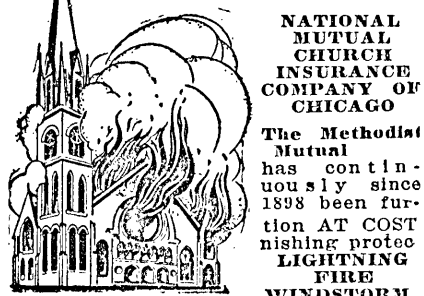
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In spite of the unfavorable conditions prevailing in many sections of our Conference, a number of new churches have been built this year, or are now under construction. Some parsonages have been bought and others repaired. We are gratified at the progress that is being made in our midst in these things.

Our treasurer's report shows the following:

Balance on hand from last year	\$ 599.85
Received from Letona Church Refunding Bond	100.00
Received from Moark Church Refunding Bond	50.00
Received from Conference Treasurer	2,521.04

Total now on hand\$3,270.89

The following donations were made by the Board:

Perryville Church	\$250
South Ft. Smith Church	150
Hartford Church	300
Knobel Church	50
Plummerville Church	250
Second Church, Ft. Smith	150
Winslow Church (Conditioned) ..	200
Bigelow Church	200
Quitman Church	250
Manila Church	500
Bald Knob Church	500
Vandale Church (But left to be handled by the Extension Committee of the Board)	200

The following loans were granted:

Second Church, Ft. Smith	\$ 300
Quitman Church	1,000

Also:

Printing Conference Journal ...\$120

The Arkansas Methodist 125

The assessment for the General Board is \$4,985. We are asking for the same amount, \$4,985 for Conference work.—Jno. A. Womack, Chairman; C. W. Lester, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE ORPHANAGE BOARD

We, your Conference Orphanage Board, beg leave to make the following report:

First, the year, according to the report of the Superintendent, has been entirely satisfactory. We find that the home-influence of the Orphanage is of such high character that we are making men and women out of the children committed to us.

The spiritual condition of the Orphanage is of a very satisfactory character. They attend the Highland Methodist Church of Little Rock and are among the most loyal members in attendance of that church.

Three of our girls who had completed their school work during the year married honest Christian men and are building homes for themselves of which we are proud. Two will graduate from the high school at the end of this session. One of them is preparing to go to college.

The Orphanage had at the beginning of the Conference year, 37 children and has received since that time 8, making a total of 45. During the same period of time, they have placed 6 in good homes, leaving a colony now on hand of 39. The Orphanage has placed in good homes up to the present time, 459 children.

ent time, 459 children.

The financial statement, as submitted by the Board of Trustees, is as follows:

Received	
From the two Conferences on claims	\$ 5,422.64
From the two Conf. on Sunday S. Christmas offerings ..	6,550.77
From all other sources of income	2,596.44

\$14,569.85

Expenditures	
Salaries	\$ 2,040.00
Insurance	448.40
Taxes	208.52
Running expenses and Miscellaneous	11,549.54

Total\$14,246.54

Deficit on hand 10-1-26 106.35

\$14,352.89
Bal. on hand, Oct. 1, 1927 ..\$ 216.93

But for the liberality of the Christmas offerings and private gifts, the Orphanage would have been embarrassed, but, as it is, the Orphanage is free from all debt. Therefore, we recommend;

First, that the Conference, through its Sunday Schools, Leagues and whole congregations permit the people to make a Christmas offering worthy of our Methodism and help the Methodist Home for Orphans to do a larger work.

Since we have no agents and must depend upon the presiding elders, pastors, Sunday School superintendents and members of our Church, we urge that they give serious attention to this Christmas offering. We regard the Orphanage as one of the greatest institutions in our Church.

We call the attention of the Conference to the fact that the Board of Directors and superintendent serve without any salary. The salaries paid are for the matron and her helpers and the amount is only \$2,040 a year.

We ask the same amount as the assessment of last year for our work which is \$5,000.—J. B. Stevenson, Chairman; J. G. Ditterline, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 2 BOARD OF EDUCATION

Your Board of Education heard reports from Dr. Stonewall Anderson, our General Education secretary, from Dr. C. C. Sealeman of Southern Methodist University, and from the Presidents of Hendrix, Henderson-Brown and Galloway Colleges, from our student pastor at Fayetteville, from the superintendents of Valley Springs Training School, and Sloan Hendrix Academy, and others interested in Education. After hearing these reports we desire to make the following recommendations:

1. That Christian Education day be observed in every Church some time in June, or as near to June as possible.

2. That December 1-2 be set apart as a special period for closing out unpaid pledges of the Christian Education Movement.

3. That the General Board of Education continue to support the work of the Student pastor in the State Schools in our Conference.

4. That an assessment of \$1,500 be levied for the support of the Pastors' School.

5. That Rev. R. C. Morehead be appointed Conference secretary of Education.

6. That the North Arkansas Conference endorse the efforts of Southern Methodist University to raise \$37,500 within the bounds of the Conference for endowment for the School of Theology.

7. That we endorse the proposed

Unified Program of the Sunday School Board, and appoint G. W. Pyle and Harry King to represent the Board of Education in that program; and that Rev. J. E. Cooper, Rev. G. W. Pyle, and Rev. W. V. Womack act with the Sunday School Board in their enlarged program of Religious Education in our Schools.

8. That this Board co-operate with other Boards of the Conference in whatever plan is adopted for the support of the Arkansas Methodist.

9. That we request the General Board of Education to appropriate \$600 for Valley Springs Training School; that the Board of Trustees of this school be allowed to pledge their property for funds to complete their building program; that Rev. Wm. Sherman succeed himself on the Board of Trustees.

10. That Rev. J. J. Galloway be re-appointed Executive Secretary of Henderson-Brown College, and that Rev. J. M. Hughey, Rev. J. L. Cannon, D. L. Ford, Leslie Goodloe, W. E. Barkman, J. P. Womack, and Rev. P. Q. Rorie be confirmed as Trustees of the same institution.

11. That V. D. Hill be confirmed as Alumni Trustee for Hendrix College; and that R. E. Lee Wilson, Rev. F. M. Tolleson, and S. G. Smith be confirmed as members of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College.

12. That the General Board of Education appropriate \$600 for Sloan Hendrix Academy; that R. S. Rainwater and J. T. Fortenberry be confirmed as Trustees, and that Rev. J. F. Glover be appointed superintendent.

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ent of Sloan-Hendrix Academy.

13. That in pursuance of a resolution presented by J. F. Glover, superintendent of Sloan Hendrix, and M. J. Russell, superintendent of Valley Springs Training School, the Bishop appoint W. R. Stuck, C. W. Lester, A. L. Hutchins, J. B. Evans and E. T. Wayland as a Commission to study the field of Secondary Education in the N. Arkansas Conference, and report its findings to the adjourned session of this Conference in North Little Rock, and that this Commission be given power to act in case there should be no meeting of the adjourned session.

14. That Rev. R. C. Morehead be appointed Endowment Secretary of Galloway Woman's College; that Mrs. J. P. Walt be approved as the representative of the Alumnae Association throughout the Conference; that Mr. R. A. Dowdy, and Rev. F. M. Tolleson be elected to succeed themselves on the Board of Trustees.

15. That we approve the work being done at Haygood College, and request the pastors, where possible, to observe Race Relations day in February, with a collection for this cause where possible.

16. That we levy for the ensuing Conference year an assessment of \$21,000 for the cause of education, to be distributed as follows: Henderson Brown College 22.5 per cent; Hendrix College 22.5 per cent; Galloway Woman's College 22.5 per cent; Valley Springs Training School 11.25 per cent; Sloan Hendrix Academy 11.25 per cent; Student Pastor, First Ch., Fayetteville, 3.3 per cent; miscellaneous appropriations and expenses, including printing of Conference minutes, 6.7 per cent.—W. V. Womack, Chairman; Harry King, Secretary.

NOTICE REDUCTION IN CAPITAL STOCK

At a meeting of the stockholders of MOLLIS AND COMPANY, duly held in the offices of the Company at Little Rock, Arkansas, on September 24th, 1927, it was duly resolved that the capital stock of Hollis and Company be reduced from \$150,000.00 to \$100,000.00. Certified copy of the resolution adopted, so reducing the capital stock of said Company, has been filed in the offices of the County Clerk of Pulaski County and the Secretary of State of the State of Arkansas.

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REPORT. NO. 3, BOARD OF EDUCATION

Treasurer's Report

Bal. on hand at beginning of Conf. year\$ 218.96
Received from Conference Treasurer 11,378.78

Total\$11,597.74

Expended During the Year

Miscellaneous\$ 37.00
Arkansas Methodist 455.00
Galloway College 2,475.00
Hendrix College 2,475.00
Henderson-Brown College .. 2,475.00
Sloan-Hendrix Academy ... 1,237.50
Valley Springs Training S. 1,237.50
Student Pastor, Fayetteville 363.00
Student Pastor, Conway ... 319.50
Printing Minutes 150.00

Total\$11,224.50

Balance on hand\$ 373.24
—W. V. Womack, Chairman; Harry King, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

We, your Board of Christian Literature, beg leave to submit the following report:

The report of the Publishing House was duly submitted and showed the following exhibit:

Total sales for the past year were \$2,029,737.54, showing a net operating profit of \$118,291.70. Aside from the running expenses the Book Committee has appropriated \$60,000 for the Conference Claimants. If this splendid showing can be made for this quadrennium the total amount will be \$240,000 the largest amount ever contributed by the Publishing House over a period of four years.

We feel that the best antidote for the suggestive literature of a bad sort being circulated in our homes, is the circulation of our own Methodist periodicals. The Christian Advocate has shown an increase of 1,125 subscribers during the year. A paid-up list of 30,000 subscribers would make it pay its own way. The Missionary Voice and the Sunday School Literature are the only periodicals of the Church which are self-sustaining. The Arkansas Methodist has an approximate circulation of 12,000, with an income of \$22,173.35 with an expenditure of \$22,009.45. It has a debt with its printing company of \$3,307, to its bank of \$5,300, and to its editor, Dr. A. C. Millar, \$2,500. There is due on advertising and other accounts \$883.91; on subscriptions \$5,000, this of course in addition to the appropriations of the Boards.

The Board makes the following recommendations:

First: We urgently request each pastor to try to secure one subscription to each six members.

Second. That we believe the 100 per cent club plan is the ideal to which we should work, and we urge every church as far as possible to adopt it.

Third: We recommend that the price for a single subscription be \$2, for pastors \$1. and for superannuates and their widows that the papers be sent free; that the one hundred per cent club plan subscription be \$1, and ten or more subscriptions at \$1.50.

Fourth: We recommend the same Conference assessment of \$2,000 with the same appropriations from the several Boards as last year.

Fifth: That the Commission be authorized to quietly seek private subscriptions for the purchase of printing plant and a building for Methodist headquarters, if they deem it advisable.

Sixth: That we keenly appreciate

the self-sacrificing service of Dr. A. C. Millar, and we recommend his reelection as editor and business manager, with assurance of Conference support.

Seventh: That Rev. William Sherman be elected to take the place of Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, deceased, and that with him R. C. Morehead and J. M. Williams be re-elected as Commissioners.—Chas. Franklin, Chairman; James T. Willcox, Secretary.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

We very much regret the widespread disregard of the Christian Sabbath by many of the members of the Church as well as the non-Christian members of society. We as deeply deplore the fact that most of the state and municipal laws regarding the buying and selling of goods on the Sabbath and regarding commercialized pleasure are being openly violated and that little restraining power is exercised by our officers. It is the sense of this Committee that the checking of this almost universal Sabbath desecration ought to begin with the development of sentiment against lax practice within the Church. It is reasonable to suppose that this will become a vantage ground upon which the Church can stand to insist that our laws of Sabbath Observance be enforced. Therefore, be it resolved:

1. That the North Arkansas Conference recognize and deplore the fact that the careless practice of many of our people is tending toward the destruction of the Christian Sabbath.

2. That we recognize that our people must be led into a reinterpretation of the place of the Sabbath in their own lives, and that we pledge ourselves anew to that task.

3. That we reaffirm our faith in the value of the existing laws protecting the Sabbath, and,

4. That we as preachers and laymen give our utmost encouragement and support to those officers whose duty it is to enforce these laws.—R. A. Teeter, Chairman; H. A. Stroup, Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

We are glad to report that our evangelists have had a good year and our pastors have sounded the evangelistic note in their preaching. The results have not been all that we could wish, however. We believe that a new and larger emphasis should be placed on this feature of our work.

We recommend:

1. That we endorse the plan of the Home Department of our General Board of Missions to give first place to the work of Evangelism.

2. That our pastors use our own evangelists in their revivals as often as expedient.

3. That Norris Greer, A. E. Goode and C. L. Castleberry be appointed Conference Evangelists.—A. E. Holway, Chairman; R. E. L. Bearden, Secretary.

Tomorrow will be a better day if you begin this morning to improve it.—Ex.

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REPORTS OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARDS

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

We, your Board of Church Extension, beg to submit the following report:

Donation Fund

Bal. on hand last report\$ 20.43
Rec'd from rescinds & repayment 1,027.81
Received from Conf. Treas... 3,261.94

Total Donation Fund\$4,290.18
We have made the following grants:

	Amt. asked	Dona. grtd.
Strong	\$ 500	\$ 500
Norphlet	500	500
Grady	800	500
Buckner parsonage ..	400	150
Lockesburg parsonage	500	500

Total amount\$2,700 \$2,150
Bal. available Donation Fund \$2,140.18
Transferred from Incidental Fund 7.58
Total Available Donation Fd. 2,147.75
Balance in Incidental Fund . 30.00

	Donation	Loan
Strong	\$1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Dermott		10,000.00
Norphlet	500.00	
Grady	1,000.00	

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the refunding bonds and mortgages held by the Board should be paid. The Board empowered the Executive Committee to make donations and loans in emergency cases, not in excess of the amount available in the respective funds.

This Board has outstanding loans of \$1,100 and a balance in the loan fund of \$59.00, making our total Loan Fund \$1,159. The Incidental Expense of the year was \$10.65.

All funds of the Board except the incidental funds are handled by the General Board and due to this fact our Treasurer is relieved from Bond. F. P. Doak, Chairman; G. W. Pardee, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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

We showed assets in our last report of \$2,581.00. Since that report,

we have received on the Morrison-Kilpatrick Special \$30, making a total now of \$2,611.

\$2,086 of this sum, by your action, is in the hands of Dr. L. E. Todd, secretary General Board of Finance, the income on which comes to our Conference in the name of this Board. \$527 is in the hands of the Treasurer of this Board, which is loaned out.

In addition to the cash sum set out above, we hold in trust one home for superannuates located at Arkadelphia, Arkansas, the value of which is \$3,000. The home is occupied by Rev. E. F. Wilson and his family, a superannuate of this Conference.

We are attaching, hereto, the constitution of this Board which we wish published with this report.

We beg our preachers to keep the interests of the corporation in their minds and when possible, to influence bequests and moneys to be given us that we may be able to help more in this work.

Brother Gay Morrison and wife of Beaumont, Texas, are gradually building up the Morrison-Kilpatrick Superannuate Fund for worn-out preachers. We appreciate this more and more as time goes on.—J. A. Sage, Chm.; Jas. Thomas, Sec.-Treas. (Continued on Page 15.)

REPORT NO. 3, CONFERENCE BOARD OF FINANCE

We submit the following report:

First, We recommend that J. H. Glass be appointed Commissioner of Superannuates.

Second, we recommend the continuance of the group insurance.

Third, we ask for an appropriation of \$23,200 for claimants and expenses.

Fourth, we recommend that the commissioner be authorized to raise a fund for emergency purposes.

Fifth, we recommend that the Conference give its endorsement to the policy of securing superannuate homes and that the commissioner be given the closest co-operation in obtaining same.

Sixth, we recommend that the commissioner continue his efforts to increase the Conference Endowment Fund.

Seventh, we recommend the election of J. D. Reynolds, Camden, Arkansas, to fill the vacancy caused by the removal of F. T. Hunter from the bounds of the district.

The treasurer's report is as follows:

Receipts

From C. E. Hayes, Conference Treasurer	\$16,587.03
From B. F. Roebuck for Reserve Fund	1,519.98
From B. F. Roebuck for taxes	32.00
From Commissioner for Christmas Special	1,320.00
From Commissioner for Conference Specials	713.29
From Friends for Conference Special	28.00
From Bank on borrowed money	147.20
From James Thomas, Conference Board of Trustees	30.00
From Publishing House	1,584.00
From General Board	1,620.24

Total

Disbursements

To Commissioner, for salary and expenses	\$ 2,400.00
To insurance and taxes on Riggins Home	48.34
To Christmas Special	1,320.00
To expense, two board meetings during the year	48.13
To postage during the year	3.53
To Conference Specials	246.34
To Superannuate Edition Arkansas Methodist	174.91
To Conference Claimants	17,450.00
To Emergency Fund	390.49
To Reserve Fund	1,500.00

Total

The following appropriations were made to Conference claimants:

Superannuates

	Years	Gen. Bd.	Conf.
	Service	Paid	Paid
Berry, J. W., Gurdon	33	\$ 86.70	\$175.
Bolls, David, Wynne	23	57.86	175
Canfield, F. R., Chidester,			300
Cason, A. G., Monticello	10	26.30	200
Clark, T. P., Conway, 513 Weems St.	33	86.79	425
Colson, J. J., Hermitage	35	92.05	275
Dean, S. C., Hamburg	35	92.05	275
Dunn, J. D., El Dorado	30	78.90	250
Evans, L. W., Pine Bluff, 812 W. 10	21	55.23	250
Ewing, A. J., Mena	28	73.64	300
Farr, Roy E., Hot Springs, 218 Mount St.	8	21.04	175
Fuller, C. A., Pine Bluff, Dollarway Pike	12	31.56	250
Gold, J. H., Washington	13		50
Harrison, W. R., Little Rock, 2919 Wolfe St.	40	105.20	325
Hayes, W. M., Hot Springs, 109 Violet St.	57	149.91	400

Hill, S. A., Nashville	21	55.23	300
Laseter, W. F., Little Rock, 1607 Booker St.	19	49.97	200
Lindsey, Z. D., Nashville	30	78.90	275
McClintock, R. A., Wilmar	45	118.35	250
McElhenney, J. C. Little Rock, 916 Wolfe St.	9	23.67	250
McKay, R. W., Cabot	40	105.20	400
McKelvey, J. H., Alicia, Route 1	28	73.64	200
Messer, C. F., Hot Springs, Route 1 Box 62	14	36.82	275
Monk, Alonzo, Benton	52	136.76	100
Pipkin, E. M., Arkadelphia	40	105.20	225
Raiford, R. J., Corpus Christi, Texas, 1024 Mesquite St.	18	47.34	300
Rainey, S. W., Little Rock, 4600 W. 12th Street	25	65.75	200
Revely, Hugh, Penney Farms, Fla.	23	60.49	250
Richardson, W. R., Little Rock			400
T. O. Rorie, Hot Springs, 103 Alpine	46	120.98	300
Rowland, R. G., Ashdown	35	92.05	325
Rushing, J. R., Mena	32	84.16	300
Sims, J. B., La Veta, Colo.	31	81.53	250
Steele C. O., Hot Springs, 433 Orange St.	54	142.02	375
Warlick, D. D., Fairlie, Texas	36	94.68	300
Williams C. L., Malvern	14	36.82	250
Williams, J. B., Hatfield	32	84.16	300
Wilson, E. F., Arkadelphia	22	57.86	400

Widows

Biggs, Mrs. J. A., San Antonio, Tex., 520 Ave. E % Mrs. Olivia Brown	45	79.20	175
Bond, Mrs. J. J., El Dorado, Trull Bldg. % J. L. Bond ..	7	12.32	100
Bradford, Mrs. J. H., Nashville	16	28.16	75
Browning, Mrs. W. H., Pine Bluff, 410 W. 11th Street	40	70.40	150
Burleson, Mrs. J. Z., Gurdon	14	24.16	300
Cabe, Mrs. R. L., Benton, 402 Watson St.	6	10.56	400
Corrigan, Mrs. M. B., Smackover	19	33.44	50
Crowson, Mrs. W. M., Nashville	31	54.56	200
Davis, Mrs. W. J., Antoine	25	44.00	100
Douglass, Mrs. J. M. G., Hot Springs, 835 Quapaw Ave., % Mrs. G. T. Wilson	34	59.84	200
Evans, Mrs. A. O., Arkadelphia	17	29.92	250
Galloway, Mrs. Jesse, Delight	7	12.32	250
Harvey, Mrs. J. R.			
Hawley, Mrs. J. M., Batesville	10	17.60	
Holmes, Mrs. E. L., Oak Park, Ill., 718 N. Taylor	3	5.28	50
Jewell, Mrs. Horace, Hope	40	70.40	300
Logan, Mrs. Geo. W., Arkadelphia, 1418 Logan St.	45	79.20	200
Manville, Mrs. M. W., Hot Springs, 616 3rd St.	23	40.48	275
Mills, Mrs. W. W., Arkadelphia, 15th & Phillips	13	22.88	200
Moore, Mrs. R. R., Muskogee, Okla., 312½ Elmyra St. ..	40	70.40	225
Powell, Mrs. L. M., Arkadelphia	23	40.48	350
Pointer, Mrs. R. H., Pine Bluff, Route 1, Box 548	12	12.12	225
Riggin, Mrs. J. H., Little Rock, 512 N. Pine	33	58.08	200
Robertson, Mrs. A. M., Hot Springs, 433 Orange St.	34	59.84	250
Rogers, Mrs. W. J. Memphis, Tenn., 1013 New York St.	28	49.28	200
Scott, Mrs. A. S., Lockhart, Miss.	10	17.60	225
Seay, Mrs. Edgar, Arkadelphia	5	8.80	300
Sturgiss, Mrs. J. M. D., Port Arthur, Tex., 645 9th St. ..	5	8.80	50
Thomas, Mrs. B. B., Memphis, Tenn., 1362 Union Ave. ..	26	45.76	250
Toombs, Mrs. W. C., Gurdon, Box 315	21	36.96	200
Watson, Mrs. H. H., Texarkana, 1206 Pecan St.	13	22.88	275
Whiteside, Mrs. J. D., Little Rock, 506 Ferry St.	18	31.68	200
Wilson, Mrs. R. P., Washington, D. C., 1834 1 St. % Col. W. O. Smith	45	79.20	
Winfield, Mrs. A. B., Arkadelphia, % Mrs. J. S. Ross ..	31	54.56	200
Wozencraft, Mrs. R. L., Sparkman, Route 1	6	10.56	150
Wright, Mrs. Barnett, Alexandria, La., Box 505	2	3.52	250

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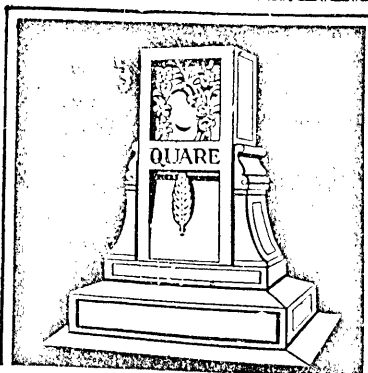
Menefee, Johnnie V., Benton, % Mrs. J. J. Menefee			75
Mullins, Kate and McKay, El Dorado, Route 3 % Mrs. Roy Perdue			150
Yearwood, Eddie and Lelia, Nashville, % Mrs. Cleota Cooley			150

Respectfully submitted, J. H. Glass, Chairman; James W. Royce, Secretary; R. E. Simpson, Treasurer.

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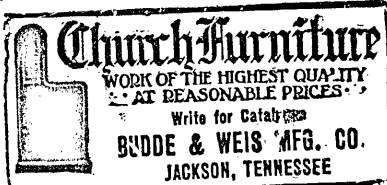
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Amount of cash for administration in the hands of the Secretary, General Board of Finance, Dr. L. E. Todd \$2,084.00
Cash on hand at the last report 497.00
Cash received during the



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Total assets \$2,611.00
We have turned over to the Little Rock Conference Board of Finance a check for \$30, interest earned for the current year.—James Thomas, Treas.

COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS

We, your Committee on Conference Journals, beg to submit the following report:

The Journals of all the Districts were before the Committee and with but one exception, in which the official roster was omitted, were found to be 100 per cent records.

We commend the efficient service of the secretaries naming them as follows: Van W. Harrell, L. E. N. Hundley, E. C. Rule, Rex B. Wilkes, A. J. Christie, R. H. Cannon and R. P. James.—Mrs. Rex B. Wilkes, Mrs. W. C. Hilliard, W. C. Lewis.

REPORT NO. 2, CONFERENCE BOARD OF FINANCE

Your Board has had under careful consideration the work which you committed to its hands. The needs of the claimants of our Conference have never been adequately met. Their necessities today are more distressing than ever before on account of increased age, entailing feebleness and helplessness in some instances in the extreme. The Board is making an effort to provide for each claimant in a more adequate way. The Conference is responding to our call. We are very glad to state that progress has been made and we are able to appropriate larger funds this year to our claimants.

Your Board is fully committed to the plan outlined by Dr. Luther E. Todd, general secretary of the Board of Finance, in the Unusual Effort during March, April, and May, 1923, and pledge faithful cooperation in bringing to completion the campaign for the Ten Million Dollars authorized by the General Conference.

We ask the appointment of Rev. J. C. Glenn as Director of Superannuate Endowment for the Little Rock Conference, in connection with his assigned pastoral charge.

We urge our presiding elders in quarterly conferences to give careful consideration to this cause, and that ample time be given for discussion at every Dist. Conference.—J. H. Glass, Chairman, James W. Rogers, Secretary.

TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT

As a Church, we greatly rejoiced when National Prohibition became a law. But we are convinced that through the press and privately the friends of liquor are conducting a vigorous propaganda to persuade the friends of prohibition that the fight is over. Here lies the danger. Under prohibition, new conditions have risen which have led many of our friends into confusion as to what to do and how to do it. The enemy is now out of sight and we are at a loss as to how to find him and put him out of his illicit business. For this reason, more than ever our people need to keep well informed and to stand together and advance in every accredited agency that is opposed to the liquor trade.

We heartily endorse the Anti-Saloon League of America and call upon our people to give it their moral and financial support. We would urge our pastors to invite a representative of the League to hold services in their pulpits on Sunday during the year.

We call upon our people to give their moral and financial support to those men and means only who are committed to the enforcement of the Prohibition Laws.

We reaffirm our adherence to the Social Creed of the churches to which we are committed with other communions by our membership in the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ of America. We stand for equal justice for all men in all relations of life. We believe that the only ultimate solution of our social problems is to be found in the application of Christian principles, as, for example, the Golden Rule, the Sermon on the Mount and in general, the teaching and spirit of Jesus, to our present social order. We wholly commit ourselves to every wise and honest effort to end war and bring in the reign of the Prince of Peace. We are in favor of every genuine impulse and movement looking toward a larger brotherhood and good will.

We deplore the giving of annual balls at the opening and closing of our State Institutions of learning whereby the religious convictions of Protestant people are reflected upon and disregarded.

We are deeply grieved by the untimely death of Raymond T. Ross, a former member of this Conference who it is alleged lost his life by violence at the hands of attendants in the Hospital for Nervous Diseases.

We commend the Arkansas Methodist, the Arkansas Gazette and the Baptist Advance, and all other agencies that are helping to mold a sentiment for the enforcement of our Prohibition Laws.

We recommend: First, That our pastors organize a Temperance and Social Service Committee in all their Churches under paragraphs No. 511 and 512 of our Book of Discipline and that a list of the membership of such committees be immediately sent to our Secretary, Rev. W. C. Hilliard, 401 Kirby St., Texarkana, Ark.

Second: That the Commission on Budget be asked to appropriate \$200 for the administration expenses of the Conference Board of Temperance and Social Service.

Third: That the Rev. W. M. Perkins be recognized as a worker in the cause of prohibition work among his people of the C. M. E. Church, within the bounds of our Conference.

Fourth: That A. C. Millar, B. A. Few, J. F. Simmons, W. C. Hilliard, and A. P. Steel represent this Conference on the Board of Directors of the Anti-Saloon League of the State of Arkansas.

Fifth: That we elect B. A. Few to represent this Conference in the meeting of the Anti-Saloon League of America at Washington, D. C., December 5, 6, 7, 1927.—B. A. Few, Chairman; W. C. Hilliard, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 2 OF BOARD OF TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE

We, your Board of Temperance and Social Service, beg leave to make the following report:

It comes to us from authentic sources that the breweries, that owned 90 per cent of the saloons before prohibition, are now shipping into our state enough Malt Extract to make 15,000 gallons per day. This home brew we are reliably informed contains a large percent of alcohol. This malt extract is being distributed through the grocers of our state.

We as a Conference condemn this business and call upon all our people to discourage its sale.—B. A. Few, Chairman; W. C. Hilliard, Secretary.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT (First Round.)

Carlisle Sta., 11 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 4
Carlisle Ct. at C., 2 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 4
Des Arc Sta., 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 4
Hickory Plains Ct. at Bethlehem 11 a. m. Monday, Dec. 5
Austin Ct. at S. Bend, 11 a. m. Tuesday, Dec. 6
Keo-Tomberlin at Keo, 11 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 7
Lonoke Sta., 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 7
Hazen-DeValls Bluff at H., 11 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 11
Winfield Church, 7:30 p. m. Monday, Dec. 12
Asbury Church, 7:30 p. m. Tuesday, Dec. 13
Bryant Ct. at Bryant, 11 a. m. Saturday, Dec. 17
Mabelvale-Primrose at P., 11 a. m. Sunday, Dec. 18
England, 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Dec. 18
Bauxite Station, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 21
Capitol View Ch., 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Dec. 28
28th Street Ch., 11 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 1
Henderson Church, 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 1
Pulaski Heights, 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 4
First Church, 11 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 8
Highland Church 7:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 8
Hunter Mem. Church 7:30 p. m., Wednesday, Jan. 11
Forest Park 11 a. m. Sunday, Jan. 15
Douglassville-Geyer Springs at G. S., 2:30 p. m. Sunday, Jan. 15
Maumelle Circuit—
—James Thomas, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT (First Round.)

Rison, 11 a. m., Dec. 4
Carr Mem., 7:30 p. m., Dec. 4
1st Church, Pine Bluff, 11 a. m. Dec. 11
Pine Bluff Ct., at Sulphur Springs, 2 p. m., Dec. 11
Hawley Mem., 7:30 p. m. Dec. 11
Lakeside, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 16
Star City at Cornerville, 11 a. m., Dec. 18
Grady-Gould, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 18
Sherrill-Tucker, 7:30 p. m., Dec. 21
Swan Lake-Bayou Meto at S. L., 11 a. m., Dec. 25
Rowell Ct. at Prosperity, 11 a. m., Jan. 1
Sheridan Ct. at Oak Grove, 11 a. m., Jan. 8
Sheridan-New Hope, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 8
Althelmer-Wabbaseka, 11 a. m., Jan. 15
Humphrey-Sunshine, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 15
Roe Ct., 11 a. m., Jan. 22
Stuttgart, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 22
St. Charles, 11 a. m., Jan. 29
DeWitt, 7:30 p. m., Jan. 29
Gillett-Little Prairie, 11 a. m., Feb. 5
The preachers of the Pine Bluff District are called to meet in First Church, Pine Bluff, Monday, Dec. 12, 2:00 p. m.
—J. A. Henderson, P. E.

SEARCY DISTRICT (First Round)

Griffithville, 11 a. m., Dec. 4
Higginson, 7 p. m., Dec. 4
Judsonia, 7 p. m., Dec. 7
Bradford, 11 a. m., Dec. 11
Bald Knob, 7 p. m., Dec. 11
Kensett, 7 p. m., Dec. 14
Bellefonte, 11 a. m., Dec. 18
Valley Springs, 7 p. m., Dec. 18
Harrison, 10 a. m., Dec. 19
Center Hill, 11 a. m., Jan. 1
McRae, 7 p. m., Jan. 1
Marshall, 1 p. m., Jan. 7
Denard, 11 a. m., Jan. 8
Leslie, 7 p. m., Jan. 8
Clinton, 7 p. m., Jan. 9
Pangburn, 11 a. m., Jan. 14
Heber Springs, 7 p. m., Jan. 14
Jelks, 11 a. m., Jan. 22
DeView, 3 p. m., Jan. 22
McCrory, 7 p. m., Jan. 22
Cotton Plant, 2 p. m., Jan. 23
Augusta, 11 a. m., Jan. 29
Gregory, 3 p. m., Jan. 29
Weldon, 1 p. m., Jan. 30
Searcy, 11 a. m., Feb. 5
West Searcy, 7 p. m., Feb. 5
Beebe Ct at Antioch, 11 a. m., Feb. 12
Beebe, 7 p. m., Feb. 12
District Stewards and preachers meeting at Searcy, 10 a. m., Tuesday, Jan. 3. Pastors will come prepared to spend the night.
—W. P. Whaley, P. E.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT (First Round.)

Ashdown Ct. at Winthrop, Dec. 4, 11 a. m.
Hatfield Ct. at Wicks, Dec. 11, at 11 a. m.
Doddridge Ct., at Doddridge, Dec. 17, at 11 a. m.
Fouke Ct., at Fouke, Dec. 18, 11 a. m.
First Church, Texark., Jan. 1, 11 a. m.
Fairview, Texark., Jan. 1, 3 p. m.
College Hill, Texark., Jan. 1, 7 p. m.
Paraloma Ct., at Paraloma, Jan. 8, 11 a. m.
Richmond Ct., at Richmond, Jan. 8, 3 p. m.
Umpire Ct. at Liberty, Jan. 14, 11 a. m.
Dierks, Jan. 15, at 11 a. m.
Locksburg Com. Cen., Jan. 15, 3 p. m.
DeQueen, Jan. 15, 7 p. m.
Ashdown, Jan. 20, 7 p. m.
Foreman, Jan. 22, 11 a. m.
Horatio-Gillham at H., Jan. 22, 7 p. m.
Mena, Jan. 23, 7 p. m.
Lewisville-Bradley at Lewisville, Jan. 23, 11 a. m.
Stamps, Jan. 29, 7 p. m.
—Francis N. Brewer, P. E.

LYDIA OF THE PINES

By Honore Willsie

(Continued from last week)

Lydia knew it she took the matter up with Amos he would go out and borrow money for her. She shuddered at the thought of this. Then she heard of the "College Money-Making Bureau." She discovered that there were girls who were earning their way through college and that the bureau was one of the quiet ways used by the university to help them.

There was the mending department for example. Here were brought every week by the well-to-do students piles of mending of every variety from heelless socks and stockings, to threadbare underwear and frayed cuffs and collars. These were made into packages and farmed out to the money needing girls.

Early in January, Lydia sneaked into the little room and out again with a neat but heavy bundle. She got home with it and smuggled it into her room without old Lizzie's seeing it. Socks, wristbands and torn lace—there was fifty cents' worth of mending in the package! Lydia calculated that if she did a package a night for thirty nights, she would have enough money to buy the making of the party dress and cloak.

The necessity for secrecy was what made the task arduous. Lydia finished her studying as hurriedly as possible each night and went off to her room. It was bitter cold in the room when the door was closed, but she hung a dust cloth over the keyhole, a shawl over the window shade, wrapped herself in a quilt and unwrapped the bundle. By two o'clock she had finished and shivering and with aching eyes, crept into bed.

Within a week she was going about her daily work with hollow eyes and without the usual glow in her cheeks, but she hung on with determination worthy of a better cause.

The third week she took cold, an almost unheard-of proceeding for Lydia, and in spite of all old Lizzie's decoctions, she could not throw it off. At the end of the fourth week she carried back her last bundle, and with fifteen dollars in her pocketbook, she boarded the street car for home. She was trembling with fatigue and fever.

When she reached the cottage, she stretched out on the couch behind the old base burner with her sense of satisfaction dulled by her hard cough and the feverish taste in her mouth. She was half asleep, half in a stupor when Billy came in.

"How's the cold, Lyd?" he asked.

"Socks," whispered Lydia, "bushels of socks, aren't there, Billy?"

Billy picked up her hand and felt her pulse, pulled the shawl up over her chest, put his cheek down against her forehead for a moment as he murmured, "Oh, Lydia, don't be sick! I couldn't bear it!" then he hurried to the kitchen where Lizzie was getting supper.

The next thing that Lydia knew she was in her own bed and "Doc" Fulton was taking the clinical thermometer from her mouth. She was very much confused.

"Where's my fifteen dollars?" she asked.

"What fifteen dollars, little daughter?" Amos was sitting on the edge of the bed, holding her hand.

"For my party dress—white mull—with socks—please, daddy."

Amos looked at Lizzie. "It's what she wanted for the junior prom, I guess," said the old lady, "poor child."

"You shall have fifteen dollars, just as soon as you get well, honey," said Amos.

"All right," said Lydia, hoarsely, "tell Kent so's he—" She trailed off

again into stupor.

It was a hard pull, a sharp, hard struggle with badly congested lungs, for two weeks. Ma Norton took charge and "Doc" Fulton was there night after night. Margery came every day, with a basket, for Elviry practically fed Amos during the two weeks. Billy did chores. Kent was errand boy with the little car. And Adam sat on the doorstep for hours and howled!

But Lydia was splendidly strong. One night, after ten days of stupor and delirium, she opened her eyes on Amos' haggard face. She spoke weakly but naturally. "Hello, dad! Ask Margery to get me the pattern we were talking about. In a day or so I'll be up and around."

Amos began to cry for sheer joy.

Once she began to mend, Lydia's recovery was unbelievably rapid. On a Sunday, a week before the junior prom, she was able to dress and to lie on the living-room couch. During the afternoon, Kent came in.

"Hello, Lyd!" he cried. "Are you going to go to the junior prom with me, after all?"

"Kent, I can't go. I might be strong enough for one or two dances by that time, but I can't get my clothes done."

"Pshaw, isn't that hard luck! Kent's voice was soft with sympathy.

"Never mind, old lady! I'm so darned glad to have you getting well so fast, that the prom doesn't matter. Say, Lyd, Margery's come out fine, since you've been sick! Er—

Lydia, don't you think she'd go to the prom with me? Seems to me she's cut out society as long as she needs to."

"I think she ought to go if she wants to," Lydia said.

"Guess I'll ask her now," cried Kent, disappearing kitchenward.

Lydia lay watching snowflakes sift softly past the window. It was not long before Margery and Kent appeared.

"She's going!" cried Kent.

Margery's beautiful eyes were glowing. "Yes, I'm going, Lyd! And if nobody else will dance with me, Kent will take all the dances."

Lydia smiled at Kent.

Billy was the next caller. "I left dad and Amos saving the nation through free trade," he said. "Gee, Lydia, but you do look better! You don't suppose you could possibly go to the prom, just for one or two dances, do you?"

Lydia shook her head. "No clothes," she said, briefly. "Ask some other girl."

"There isn't any other girl," replied Billy. "If I can't go with you, I'll be hanged if I go at all! Lydia, I don't see why a sensible girl like you lays such stress on clothes. Honestly, it's not like you. Come on, be a sport and go in your usual dress, or let me lend you the money to get a complete party outfit with."

"Billy Norton, you know I wouldn't borrow money from a man!" exclaimed Lydia. "Besides, I've got enough money I earned myself!"

Lydia dug the little pocketbook from under the sofa pillow and spread the money proudly on her shawl. "There it is and it's the root of all my troubles."

Billy looked at her suspiciously. "Young woman, how'd you earn that money?" he demanded.

"Socks! Bushels of socks, mostly," answered Lydia with a chuckle that ended in a groan. She looked at Billy whimsically and then as the sureness of his understanding came to her again, she told him the story of her little midnight sweatshop.

(Continued next week)

Help us to be independent alike of tyrannical majorities and trading minorities when the truth abides in neither.—Glenn Frank.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Lesson for December 4

ISAIAH TEACHES RIGHT LIVING

LESSON TEXT—Isa. 5:1-23.

GOLDEN TEXT—Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

PRIMARY TOPIC—How to Please God.

JUNIOR TOPIC—A Life That Pleases God.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Life That Pleases God.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Elements of Right Living.

I. Israel, the Favored Nation (vv. 1-7).

Their unique relation to God is presented under the figure of a vineyard. Observe:

1. God's peculiar favor (vv. 1, 2). God did for this nation what He did for no other nation in the history of the world. He evidenced it when He assigned the boundaries of Israel's inheritance (see Num. 34:1-13).

He gathered out the stones when the Canaanites were exterminated. The choicest vine which was planted therein was the Israelitish nation which had gone through the disciplinary process in Egyptian bondage. He built a tower in it when under David Jerusalem was made its capital city.

2. The obligation of the nation (v. 2).

The purpose of a vineyard is to bear fruit. The object of the husbandman in planting a vineyard and nurturing it is that it might bear fruit. The purpose of God in the selection and the blessing of the Israelitish nation was that it might bring forth fruit to His glory.

3. It bore only wild grapes (v. 4).

4. The desolation of the vineyard (vv. 5-7).

Since all efforts had been wasted, the owner of the vineyard now resolves to abandon it to the wild beasts of the forest.

II. The Sins Which Brought Ruin to the Nation (vv. 8-23).

The causes of this destruction are presented under six woes, each woe pronounced against a particular sin.

1. Monopoly and oppression of the poor (vv. 8-10).

The crime against which the first woe was denounced is that of the avaricious grasping after property which leads to the accumulation of wealth in the hands of the few. "Joining house to house" and "laying field to field" means the sin of the greedy monopolist who in the agricultural district takes the form of the land grabber, in the commercial centers, the form of the big men crushing out the small ones.

2. Dissipation (vv. 11-17).

The sin here denounced is drunkenness. Several features are connected with this one sin.

(1) Drinking made the life business of some (v. 11).

They get up early and continue until late at night, until their whole being is inflamed.

(2) The effort to give their hellish business a show of refinement (v. 12). This is why pleasing music is heard pouring forth from the dens of infamy over our land.

(3) Blindness to God's warnings and judgments (v. 12).

Their drinking and dissipation rendered them insensible to the dealings of Providence.

(4) God's judgments for such sins (vv. 13-17).

They went into captivity. The immediate cause assigned is ignorance, but it is a willful ignorance for which they are held responsible. They not

only go into captivity, but there is great mortality among those who drink (v. 14). The records everywhere show a much higher death rate among drinking men. Drinking degrades all classes (v. 15). The country itself was made a waste (vv. 18, 19). So daring do they become that they defy the judgments of the Almighty (v. 19).

3. Moral confusion (v. 20).

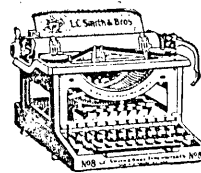
This woe is pronounced against those who try to adjust moral conditions to suit their sensual appetites.

4. Conceit (v. 21).

The fifth woe is pronounced against the sin of self-conceit. Many today have become so affected by sin that they are unable to make moral discriminations. Having a false estimate of their own wisdom they plan and act without reference to God.

5. Perversion of justice (vv. 22, 23).

The sixth woe is denounced against those who are in places of justice as judges. Because of their lack of moral discrimination, and because of desire for temporal gain they cause justice to miscarry.



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