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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

It is far more honorable to be a good servant than a bad master.

The man who looks for trouble, usually finds it, and creates more than he finds.

The Church that by faith and prayer lays hold upon God, is the Church that has a strong hold upon men.

If you have succeeded, men will gladly hear you; but if you have failed they do not care to listen to your excuses.

The man who loves and obeys God, is making a reservation in the house of many mansions prepared by Him who here had not where to lay his head.

Some people occupy much of God's good earth, but are neglecting to pay rent to the owner thereof. What will be their defense in the great day of accounting?

LET US DO BETTER THIS YEAR

At the sessions of the Annual Conferences a year ago, resolutions were adopted pledging pastors and people to make the year better than those that had gone before. Many tried to keep these pledges, and the result was that financially the past year was an improvement in many respects over former years.

The collections in both Conferences were much better than they had been, in spite of the difficulties growing out of floods, frosts, storms, and bank failures. Indeed, in certain places where the people suffered greatly they brought up the best reports. This is not strange. Often hardships and trials drive people closer to God and they come nearer doing their duty than when all things are favorable. Recently, from the president of the United States, from our Bishops, and from evangelists, the warning has been heard against the subtle dangers of abundance and prosperity. It is undoubtedly true that few people become more liberal toward God as they increase in this world's goods. Often a man's income doubles and his giving to the Lord stands as before his increase. Some slightly enlarge their giving as their incomes are augmented, but not in proportion.

In spite of all our losses, we are a prosperous people and have an abundance of the good things of life. It would be easily possible for our people so to increase their giving that all assessments made by the Conferences would be met in full. If all could be persuaded to do even a small part, the collections would be secured in full. As men are imperiling their souls by their sin of withholding what belongs to God, our pastors should not hesitate to instruct and exhort and warn their members on the subject of giving. In the case of those who are not church-members, there are other sins that will damn them; but it is undoubtedly true that the greatest sin of our members is the sin of withholding God's money which has been intrusted to them. Unless the pastors are faithful in preaching on the duty of stewardship of money and of warning against the sin of covetousness, souls for whom they are responsible may be lost. Often preachers are timid about preaching on the sin of covetousness and the duty of stewardship, fearing to offend; but they should be able so to present the teachings of God's Word on this important subject as to bring their members who have anything like a Christian conscience to see what God requires.

This year can be made a success financially if pastors will begin by proper teaching and follow up by organizing the stewards and pushing the collections early in the year. Some have done this with fine results. Let all pastors try it. It is possible to have half of the collections in hand by the middle of the year, and when that is done, it is comparatively easy to collect the balance in time for the accounting at Conference. Let us not be satisfied until we have a contribution from every member and all collections in full. Shall it be done this year? Let all who read resolve to do full duty on this issue and we shall have rejoicing

EVERY ONE THAT IS PROUD IN HEART IS AN ABOMINATION TO THE LORD; THOUGH HAND JOIN IN HAND, HE SHALL NOT BE UNPUNISHED. BY MERCY AND TRUTH INIQUITY IS PURGED; AND BY THE FEAR OF THE LORD MEN DEPART FROM EVIL.—Prov.—16:5-6.

when the reports are made.

Although the statistics fail to show much increase in membership, according to the reports of the pastors and presiding elders there must have been at least 8,000 additions on profession of faith. In some charges there were more than 100 additions on profession of faith. If that can be done in a dozen charges, by faith, prayer, hard work, and gospel preaching it can be done in nearly all charges. We have agreed to make this a year of revival effort. Let us begin at the first of the year to work, pray and plan, and if we continue to do these things faithfully there will be a large ingathering of souls. Methodism must have revivals. Our Church was begun in revivals and as long as there are sinners to be saved in any community, the Methodist Church in that community must seek to have revivals or it will be untrue to its genius and history. Let us not wait until "dog-days" for the revival. Let it begin now in every honest heart and it will spread until every Charge in the state will be on fire with revival spirit. Then let all pastors examine their records and get them right and then report correctly at the Conferences, and we shall not suffer loss, but will see a large gain and better even than increase in numbers, desirable as that may be, will be the increase in spiritual power and efficiency in the Master's work. Let every devout layman begin to pray and ask his pastor what he can do to help bring on the revival. Let the organized laymen begin immediately to carry into effect the good resolutions that have been made and we shall see at the close of the year that the Church is showing signs of new life and progress.

Then, in order that all may know what the Church is trying to do and also be able to rejoice in the results, let every pastor early in the year put on his circulation campaign and get the paper into all the homes. The church paper in the home will stir the members to new activity and with increased knowledge they will enter into every channel of Church life and strengthen it and themselves.

By the first of January, all things should be in readiness to study the question of Missions and when the time comes for the pledges for the Missionary Special, the contributions will come spontaneously and gladly from an informed and consecrated membership. If we respond to the Master's call for recruits and funds for the evangelization of the world, we shall make it a good year. If we fail in this, the prospects for genuine spiritual advance are poor indeed. Let us resolve to make this the best year in our history, and then energetically and prayerfully undertake to fulfill our pledges and vows.

PUT IT IN THE BUDGET

It seems strange that any Methodist should fail to take and read his church paper. When he joined the Church he promised to "support the institutions of the Church." The church paper is not only an "institution of the Church," but is one of the oldest institutions, since the Publishing House, which stands for the Church paper, is older than any of our Boards; consequently, if there is any priority, the Church paper may lay claim to it, and is entitled to the loyal support of every member of the Church.

In addition to that the Church paper is intended to help every other institution. It goes into the

homes of his members ahead of the pastor and prepares the way for his coming; it follows him and reminds the members of his work and their duties; it informs them of the great enterprises of their Church and should give them a feeling of satisfaction in its achievements; it enables them to keep up with their old pastors and friends, and to learn of the demise of many in whom they are interested; it supplies the children with wholesome stories and you with inspirational incidents and advice; it presents the work of the Woman's Missionary Societies, the Sunday School Board, and the Epworth Leagues, and thus enables those who are interested in these activities to maintain their interest and others to become interested; in the editorials the most important religious and moral questions are discussed in a way to interpret them in harmony with the relation of the denomination to world issues; when a moral crisis comes in state affairs, as in prohibition, Sabbath observance, gambling and racing, the alarm is sounded and our people are given opportunity to use their influence in securing proper settlement of these issues.

All of these things and even more are kept before the members of the Church in the denominational paper. Is there any reason why a member should not desire to have such information and inspiration? No reason that will satisfy a good conscience and loyal spirit. There is no other method of accomplishing what the Church paper seeks to do. It cannot be done from the pulpit alone, because the pastor cannot find time for the discussion of all these subjects. It cannot be done by reading the secular papers, because they do not give sufficient church information, and then much of the information in the secular papers is incorrect and more or less misleading, not intentionally, but because the secular press does not have information and is not able properly to interpret what they have.

A Methodist can be a member of his local church without his Church organ and be a fairly good man; but he will be narrow in his denominational outlook and lacking in the inspiration which comes from fuller knowledge. He may get to heaven without his Church paper, but he will not find there the larger harvest that would be possible if he had been fully informed and been able to enter more fully into the larger life of his Church.

Practically every man takes and reads the paper that is issued by the trade or profession to which he belongs. That is right; but he should be equally interested in his Church. If it is not more to him than his occupation, it is not meeting his spiritual needs. Almost every citizen takes and reads his local paper, and should do so, because he should be informed about the affairs of his community; but the business of the Kingdom of God should be more important than the little items about the social and commercial affairs of his community.

In short, there is no reason which any good church member can give that will excuse him from taking his denominational organ. If he says that he is not interested in it, he ought to be interested, and the reading of the paper will generate interest. If he says that he is too poor, he is either an object of charity, and the local church should send him the paper, or he is spending money on things of less value. Generally our people find money for the things which they think they need.

The Church paper adds so much to the practical efficiency of the member and connects him so much more fully with the Church that every pastor and official board can well afford to put the paper into the homes of all the members. It will pay in every way. If it is done for all, no one has any right to resent it, and if it explained that it is the policy of the Church to pay for the paper at the club rate, it should silence any objection. Now, at the beginning of the new Conference year, let every pastor present the question to his official board, and get the item, usually relatively small,

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PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS

With only a Creator the world is a mechanic's shop; the heavenly Father makes it a home.—Zion's Herald.

Rev. G. L. Cagle writes that he is well situated at Wesson, his new charge, in the midst of a generous people, who have shown him every kindness. He sees plenty of work to do, and expects a good year.

While in the city on business last week, Dr. J. J. Stowe, presiding elder of Camden District, called and reported a hopeful outlook. He has a great District and expects to make a good report this year.

Last year we had to charge \$2.90 for the paper and insurance policy; but we have made arrangements this year so that you can get both for \$2.75. You need the insurance. Be sure to get it when you subscribe.

The second session of the General Missionary Council will be held at Jackson, Miss., Dec. 13 and 14. The whole missionary work and program of our Church will be considered at this important meeting.

The editor is rejoicing over the arrival of a second grandson, George Dana, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. George D. Miller of Searcy, born in this city on Nov. 27. This arrival also makes grandparents of Supt. and Mrs. J. L. Bond, of El Dorado.

The following appointments made at the recent session of the Texas Conference are of special interest to our readers: Port Arthur, W. C. Martin; St. Paul's, Houston, J. N. R. Score; Huntsville, W. F. Andrews; and Hardy Memorial, Texarkana, R. L. Jackson.

The Tenth Quadrennial Convention of The Student Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions is to meet in Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28-Jan. 1, and 3,500 delegates are expected, representing nearly all of the colleges in the United States and Canada, and several hundred students from other lands will be there, together with missionaries, mission board secretaries, and editors of the religious press. This Convention bids fair to be the most interesting of all that have been held because of the exceptional conditions in foreign lands.

General Evangelist Mark Terrell, of Dallas, Texas, has recently held very successful revivals at Opelousas, La., and also at Hall Summit, La. Dr. Terrell is now in a community-wide revival at Horn Lake, Miss., where Rev. R. C. Mayo is pastor, which will continue until Dec. 18.

Last year we had to charge the preachers who wanted the accident insurance the full price, \$2, plus 90 cents; but by a special arrangement with the Company, we can now give the preachers the paper and policy for \$1.90. Every preacher should have the policy. Be sure to renew and get it.

At the recent session of Central Texas Conference the following appointments were made in which Arkansas readers are especially interested: Eolian, W. W. Noble; Gorman, Seba Kirkpatrick; Alvarado, R. A. Crosby; Supt S. Assembly, R. E. Nollner; Ferris, F. M. Noe; Mineral Wells, A. D. Porter; and General evangelist, Alonzo Monk, Jr.

Representatives of the colleges who expect to attend the Student Volunteer Convention at Detroit, Dec. 28-Jan. 1, should arrange to go via the Wabash R. R. from St. Louis. The editor has tried the Wabash and knows that it gives good service. For information correspond with W. D. Wood, division passenger agent, Gazette Building, Little Rock.

Rev. H. A. F. Ault, writing from his new charge, Hot Springs Circuit, says that everything starts well. He will soon have a new lumber town within the bounds of his charge with a population of 1,500 to 3,000. This will create new conditions and offer opportunity for constructive work. He invites the editor to visit his charge, and the invitation will be accepted as soon as the new town is opened and the mill plant operating.

If you do not allow your subscription to lapse, but renew before date of expiration, sending the full price, \$2.00, you may, by requesting it, get as a premium the booklet, "Religion Today," which contains 52 splendid messages from great preachers and other public men. The premium is worth 50 cents, and after you get it you would not take a dollar for your copy, and yet it will cost you nothing except to renew before your subscription expires.

Information comes that C. L. Cabe, treasurer of our Church at Stamps, has already sent his check to the Conference treasurer for the first month's installment of the Conference claims, and that the official board has agreed to put the Arkansas Methodist into the budget and send it to every family in the church. That is good news. Stamps is doing things under the spiritual leadership of Rev. S. K. Burnett, the faithful pastor. Let others follow the good example.

If you would make a Christmas present that will be remembered all the year, subscribe for the Arkansas Methodist for a relative or friend. The price is only \$2, and if you add 75 cents you can get the travel-accident insurance policy which pays as high as \$7,500 in case of death on a train or street car or other public conveyance. You can subscribe for as many papers as you please and take the policy as a premium with each and have yourself made the beneficiary.

The nineteenth annual session of the General Sunday School Council of our Church will meet in Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 12-16. Our own Rev. Clem Baker is chairman of the committee on "Training work;" our own Rev. A. W. Martin is chairman of the committee on "Missions and Sunday School Extension;" and our own Rev. J. Q. Schisler conducts the service of "Worship" on three occasions. Rev. C. S. Rennison, formerly of Little Rock Conference, now superintendent of Sunday Schools of Missouri Conference, is chairman of the section for Conference Superintendents.

Boston Avenue has long been noted in the Conference as being a favored church. Favored in its location, favored in its membership and favored in its pastorate. At this critical moment in its history Boston Avenue has again been favored by being assigned Dr. C. M. Reves who has served the Winfield Memorial Church at Little Rock, Ark., for the past five years. To Dr. Reves and his good wife Boston Avenue and Tulsa extend a most cordial welcome. We tender you our united support in extending the Kingdom of God and promoting the best interests of our Church.—Boston Avenue (Tulsa) Outlook.

This week the editor is in Washington, D. C., attending the meeting of the Board of the National Anti-Saloon League of which he is a member by virtue of the fact that he is president of the Arkansas League. Rev. Paul E. Kemper, state superintendent, is also at the Board meeting.

If you obtained an insurance policy last year as a premium, you can renew this year for \$2.75, and the policy will be worth 10% more. You cannot afford to let your splendid policy lapse. Remember that one of our policy-holders last year was killed in an automobile accident and his estate received \$1,250. If he had been killed in a public conveyance the indemnity would have been \$7,500.

Rev. C. B. Powell, who served last year at Ingalls, and has been transferred to Louisiana Conference, writes: "I have greatly enjoyed the fellowship of the brethren of the Little Rock Conference. It has been a season of joy and great satisfaction to work with the brethren of this Conference. My presiding elders have been brotherly to me and my family and in turn I tried to show them the same kindness. I pray that God will abundantly bless and honor the good work of the faithful men of the Little Rock Conference and that this year may be the best of their labors." Bro. Powell, when writing, did not know where he would be next year.

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with headquarters in Atlanta, Ga., announces the offer of three cash prizes of \$100, \$65, and \$35 respectively for the best papers on the subjects of race relations submitted by students of Southern Colleges during the present school year. According to the announcement, contestants will be free to choose any phase of the subject, but other things being equal preference will be given to practical discussions of prevalent conditions and attitudes, with suggestions for their improvement. Further information as to the contest, together with suggestions as to topics and sources may be had from R. B. Eleazer, Educational Director, 409 Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga.

Indications of a nation-wide awakening of concern over the religious situation are noted by Dr. Edward Leigh Pell, widely known author, lecturer, and preacher, of Richmond, Va., whose extensive travels over the continent have given him unusual opportunities to get at actual conditions. Dr. Pell says that even in communities where three or four years ago the church leaders were so well satisfied with existing conditions that they hardly gave them a thought, people of all denominations will now come together and pack the largest church available to hear an address on the religious situation and what we can do about it. He is hopeful that this manifestation of a healthy concern among the laity will help to check the steadily growing pessimism or heartache over condition which in some sections is utterly unfitting many good pastors for their best work. Pastors will be interested to know that Dr. Pell is devoting the intervals between his regular engagements to speaking to community-wide gatherings on this subject, and that for this special service for the churches he accepts no compensation.

SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT ESSAY CONTEST

Prizes will be given for the best articles written by superannuates on the subject, "The Best Hard Year of My Ministry."

First Prize, \$5, given by Rev. H. Lynn Wade.
Second Prize, \$2.50, given by Rev. J. W. Moore.
Third Prize, \$1, given by Rev. W. F. Blevins.
Prizes given for best article written by wife or widow of superannuate preacher. Subject: "My Most Trying Experience as Wife of a Methodist Preacher."

First prize, \$5, given by Rev. Sam. M. Yancey.
Second Prize, \$2.50, given by Dr. F. M. Scott.
Third Prize, \$1, given by Rev. J. M. Workman.
Article (not to exceed 1,000 words each) to be published in the Arkansas Methodist between now and first of March. Prizes due when articles appear in the Methodist. Dr. Millar to select judges or decide which is best article in each case himself.

In regard to our group insurance, I am happy to state that 150 preachers have signed application for same. They have sixty days from Nov. 26 to enter without examination. The rate is so far \$1.24 per month.—H. Lynn Wade.

CONTRIBUTIONS

"A MORE UNIFIED," IF NOT "A LARGER PROGRAM," NEEDED

I realize that in the above caption I am encroaching somewhat on the verbiage of the Conference Educational Commission, but I have tried to be liberal in the use of quotation marks. I want it understood at once that I hold the Commission above referred to in very high respect. I say this lest anyone should even suspect from what I shall say further on in this article that I am trying to cast ridicule upon them. Nor is it my purpose or desire to attempt any discussion of the very weighty and vital matters committed to this Commission. Many good men have wrestled long with the many-sided problems these brethren are charged with the responsibility of solving and have died. Nor do I know that these brethren will do better than their forerunners have done, but no doubt it is better to have tried and failed than never to have tried at all.

But the matter that I have in mind, while not directly linked up with our educational problem, is, nevertheless, so closely related to it, and is an interest of the church that is coming to have such proportions, that it seems to this writer a timely matter to call it to the attention of the enlarged Educational Commission that that body may study it, along with the school problem, and bring all its wisdom and unifying powers to bear upon its solution. I refer to what can hardly be called any longer "an infant industry", namely, the chart-making in-

terests of our great Conference. No one could foresee to what proportions it would grow, nor how soon, when a few years ago our Conference Superintendent, casting about for some means of passing off the hours that hung rather heavily on his naturally energetic nature, hit upon the happy expedient of making a chart to illustrate the rapid strides the Sunday School work was making in the bounds of our Conference. The idea so impressed the Sunday School Board, of which the writer happened to be a member at about that time, that this body adopted it at once as a very happy expedient, medium, etc., for getting information across to the wondering minds of the Conference.

What had been begun only as an innocent pastime at once was seen to be charged with possibilities that far surpassed the Superintendent's wildest dreams. By this simple medium the Sunday School Board was lifted into a place of prominence before the Conference that soon became at once the ideal, the envy, and the despair of every Board and Committee in the Conference. Not to be able to hang up a chart at Conference has long since come to be felt as a stigma of inferiority approaching nonentity as a limit. Those Conference Board, and especially the "Quadrennial Boards", that are not able to support a chart program have come to feel, that is, I suppose they do, that they are discredited in the eyes of the church at large, and, if the interests they are supposed to represent are not charted, they might as well go out of business. Long since, as every one

knows, the Board of Missions, the Epworth League Board, and the Board of Finance yielded to the pressure and put a paid secretary in the field to look after their chart-making interests. Not only so, but even the good Bishop these two years past has been swept away by the current and, a thing that none of the Boards have yet dared to do (but they will), has had wires strung in the auditorium where the Conference business is transacted and has displayed his charts from this vantage point.

Seeing that some of the other Boards were likely to rival its success and glory in the business of chart-making, the Sunday School Board began offering a loving cup as a prize for the District that had the most stars on its chart. Observing the effect of this, the League Board goes them one better by offering a five-dollar gold-piece to the elder whose District could make the best chart-standing at Conference. What wonder, with such glittering prizes as these being dangled before their eyes, the poor beloveds found themselves so overwhelmed with cares connected in one way or another with these various and competing chart-making interests that little time was left for anything else! How long the Board of Missions and these other Boards will be able to stay off the prize-offering business is, of course, problematical, but unless something is done soon they will be driven to it through sheer necessity or go out of business.

And, too, the far-seeing business man can already predict the day when an assessment will have

to be laid upon the Conference to supply cash and other prizes that will have to be offered to keep interest up and to meet the sharp competition between the various Boards.

Not only so, but it is easy to see that in the near future by reason of the very pressure that is already on them these other Boards must demand assessments that will enable them to put their chart-makers in the field, for why should one Board be favored by the Conference above another? Only think what a field these Boards have for chart-designing and construction. And then the committees,—why should not they make charts as well as the Boards? The Committee on Conference Relations, for instance,—what a wealth of material is here for the chart maker's art! And the Commission on Budget, of which the writer happens to be chairman. The pressure is strong and just how long this important Commission will be able to hold recognition without a paid worker in the field to look after its, at present, uncharted interests I would not dare to predict.

And it is easy to foresee another difficulty that will soon have to be met in the sittings of the Conference, and that is, the providing of wall and other space for displaying charts. Large as the accommodations were at Camden, if all the Boards and Committees that might launch their chart-making enterprises had done so before this Conference met, there would have been no room for them in the church.

Wherefore, seeing these things cannot be spoken against, it seemed prop-

MORE ANTI-PROHIBITION ROT

In a certain high-grade boys' school in New England eleven boys were recently dismissed for drunkenness at a dance. This gives Arthur Brisbane another opportunity to exhibit his obsession against prohibition. This is his senseless comment: "Who would have thought that 'prohibition' would bring in drunkenness among American children? That had not yet been seen, nor whiskey flasks in the pockets of boys and girls in their early teens."

Of course, Arthur has forgotten how the saloons used to violate the laws against selling to minors, and how the boys in the schools used to get on sprees in the pre-Volstead days. It was a common thing in the "good-old-saloon-days" for a crowd of boys to be expelled for drunkenness; but then no comment was made, because it was not unusual. Now it is such a rare thing that it is news. The very fact that Arthur comments is an indication that it is rare and hence "news". Of course, this is simply more anti-prohibition propaganda, and only the simple are deceived thereby.

PLANS FOR THE MISSIONARY CAMPAIGN

Last week a special meeting of the leaders of the Little Rock Conference, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held at Winfield Church, in the interest of a Conference-wide Missionary enterprise which is to be formally launched in January, and continuing through the month of February, 1928. Rev. J. Frank Simmons, missionary secretary of the Little Rock Conference, presided. Bishop Boaz was present and pledged his unstinted support and hearty sympathy with the missionary movement. The other Conference leaders in attendance were: Dr. James Thomas, of Little Rock District; Dr. J. J. Stowe, of Camden District; Rev. J. A. Henderson of Pine Bluff District; Rev. J. L. Dedman of Prescott District; Rev. F. N. Brewer of Texarkana District; Dr. E. R. Steel of Monticello District; Rev. J. Wayne Mann of Arkadelphia District; and Rev. J. C. Glenn, pastor of the Pulaski Heights Church.

At this preliminary meeting, it was decided that each presiding elder throughout the Little Rock Conference would hold a District Missionary Institute and thoroughly acquaint the pastors and leading laymen and missionary workers with the movements and the objectives to be realized. The first of this series of District Institutes will be held at First Church, Little Rock, December 19, at 10 a. m., with Dr. James Thomas presiding. The

dates and places for the remaining six District meetings are as follows: Monticello District, at Dermott, December 21, at 10 a. m., with Dr. E. R. Steel as chairman; Arkadelphia District at Malvern, Dec. 27, at 10 a. m., Rev. J. Wayne Mann, presiding; Texarkana District, at College Hill Church, Texarkana, Dec. 29, at 10 a. m., Rev. F. N. Brewer, chairman; Camden District at Camden, Dec. 30, 1927, 10 a. m., Dr. J. J. Stowe, presiding; Pine Bluff, at First Church, Pine Bluff, January 3, at 2 p. m., Rev. J. A. Henderson, presiding; Prescott District, at Gurdon, 2 p. m., January 20, Rev. J. L. Dedman, chairman. Rev. J. Frank Simmons will attend these District meetings and outline the plans for a revival in mission work.

The first aim will be to hold Mission Schools in all of the Churches throughout the Conference, using as a text, Dr. J. W. Perry's recent book, "New Tasks for New Times." Dr. Perry has for many years served as Home Mission Secretary of our General Board of Missions. He is considered an authority on the subject of missions, both home and foreign.

These mission schools will be conducted during the last half of January. The purpose is to acquaint the Methodists of Arkansas with the program of the Church in its missionary activities and to arouse their interest and enlist their support.

In February a concerted effort will be made over the Conference to raise \$34,000 as a love-offering for Missions and place it in the hands of the General Board of Missions, with which to supplement the regular income in order that the Home and Foreign work may be continued as heretofore. If this amount is not raised, it is possible that the missionary enterprise of the Church will be curtailed. A similar movement will be inaugurated in the other thirty-six Conferences of the Church.

Dr. James Thomas assumed \$7,000 of the total Conference quota. The other presiding elders assumed stipulated amounts to raise in their Districts during February, the next highest assumed quota being \$6,200, by Dr. J. J. Stowe of the Camden District.

Dr. E. R. Steel, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions and Rev. J. Frank Simmons, missionary secretary, will attend the General Missionary Council at Jackson, Miss., December 13-15, as special representatives of this Conference. Dr. W. G. Cram, general missionary secretary for the entire Church, will preside. At this time details for the missionary campaign for the various Conferences will be announced by Dr. Cram.

In addition to Dr. Cram, the Conference secretaries, officers of the Mission Board, and representatives of the Woman's Missionary Council will make up the personnel of this council.

In commenting on the outlook for the movement, the Rev. J. Frank Simmons expressed himself as being more than pleased with the response of the Conference leaders and feels confident that the \$34,000 will be raised in this Conference without difficulty.

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into the budget for the year. If it is properly explained it can be done in most cases. If there are churches where it cannot be done, the editor will gladly come at a time agreed upon, and co-operate with the pastor in presenting the question. As both Conferences by formal resolution agreed that the pastors should co-operate with the editor in putting the paper into every home in their churches, we are confidently counting on their help.

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Now, let us make this a good year for the Arkansas Methodist. Let us start right, and put it into at least 20,000 homes this year. If we can do that, and keep it up, there will be no distress signals; but the paper will pay its own way, and with a larger subscription might even pay something into the fund for Superannuates. If all pastors will just consider that the paper is a regular part of the Church program, and give it the same attention as other interests, there will be no question about making it a success this year. Let us try it. What do you say?

BROTHER PASTOR: Have you realized that your most fruitful field for evangelistic effort is your Sunday School, and that for every young person brought to Jesus Christ and into the Church a whole life's work for the Kingdom is possible?

Write to the General Sunday School Board, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn., for its plan of Sunday School evangelism and free supplies.

er to the writer respectfully to call attention to them and to suggest with extreme modesty that the Educational Commission might take the matter under advisement as proper agenda for its consideration.—R. H. Cannon.

A GREAT FRIENDSHIP: BISHOPS GALLOWAY AND HENDRIX

The recent death of Bishop E. R. Hendrix created a feeling within me that said, two great friends have been reunited.

In the fall of 1906 we entertained Bishop Hendrix for three nights and heard many things from him of great interest.

I learned from him on this occasion of the unusual friendship maintained between him and the sainted Bishop Galloway. The big tears filled his eyes as he told us the following story.

"In the fall of 1896 Bishop Galloway and I were making a tour among our leading city churches, creating missionary interest. We concluded the long campaign at Little Rock and on returning to our room at the Hotel, Bishop Galloway packed his grips to return home. He approached me with deep emotion and threw his arms around me and said, 'My dear Bishop, you are the dearest person on earth to me.' I knew he excepted his immediate family, and assured him that my love for him was equally as great.

This was the first time we had ever taken the occasion to express our devotion to each other." As time went on the attachment became even more tender. Finally when Bishop Galloway suffered a severe stroke at his home in Jackson, Miss., his wife wired Bishop Hendrix to come at once. The Bishop said he knew that Bishop Galloway was due to hold the Virginia Conference, and he wired back that after attending the Conference for his friend he would come to his bedside at once. It was at this Conference that Bishop Hendrix prepared and first delivered his famous series of lectures on "Friendship," which later were heard throughout our Church. At the conclusion of the Conference Bishop Hendrix said: "I went immediately to the afflicted Bishop. As I approached his bedside he extended his frail arms and said, 'My dear Bishop, I have been calling for you all these days.' 'I have come to see that you get back on your feet and become yourself again,' said Bishop Hendrix. He replied that unless he could fully recover his strength he had rather go on and be at rest.

The Bishops stayed together for several days. One afternoon President Murrah of Millsaps College called and invited Bishop Hendrix to conduct chapel services the following morning. Bishop Galloway asked for the privilege of attending. His son, Dr. Galloway, and Bishop Hendrix assured him that he might if he rested well and was at all able. The following morning they made the short drive together to the College. While the chapel services were on, Bishop

FOR YOUTH.

IF—FOR GIRLS

If you can dress to make yourself attractive,
Yet not make puffs and curls your chief delight;
If you can swim and row, be strong and active,
But of the gentler graces lose not sight;
If you can master French and Greek and Latin,
And not acquire as well a priggish mien;
If you can feel the touch of silk and satin,
Without despising calico and jean;
If you can ply a saw and use a hammer,
Can do a man's work when the need occurs,
Can sing when asked without excuse or stammer,
Can rise above unfriendly snubs and slurs;
If you can make good bread as well as fudges,
Can sew with skill and have an eye for dust;
If you can be a friend and hold no grudges,
A girl whom all will love because they must;
If sometime you should meet and love another
And make a home with faith and peace enshrined
And you its soul—a loyal wife and mother,
You'll work out pretty nearly to my mind
The plan that's been developed through the ages
And win the best that life can have in store,
You'll be, my girl, a model for the sages,
A woman whom the world will bow before.—Elizabeth Otis in Journal of Education.

FOR WHOM ARE YOU WORKING?

We once read this story in connection with the life of Dr. Russell H. Conwell, the distinguished pastor of the Baptist Temple, Philadelphia, who died about two years ago:

Hendrix said: "As I was speaking on a theme which I knew was dear to my friend's heart, I saw a flash of fire and new life come back into his eyes. He often told me afterwards that that was the turning point of his restoration." More than a year followed and Bishop Galloway was stricken with pneumonia and broke company for awhile with his great friend and co-laborer. Methodism has never produced two such great co-laborers that have so effectively put over the great problem of the Church. We thank God for them and for the Church that can produce such leaders in shaping the work of our Master's Kingdom. They rest in the spirit of renewed fellowship now until the Daydawn and the righteous enter into their reward.—W. B. Wolf.

FOR CHILDREN

A PRAYER

Lord, make me quick to see
Each task awaiting me,
And quick to do;
Oh, grant me strength, I pray,
With lowly love each day
And purpose true.

To go as Jesus went,
Spending and being spent,
Myself forgot;
Supplying human needs
By loving words and deeds,

"In the days when he was a captain in the Civil War there was a lad in his company named Johnnie Ring. At that time Dr. Conwell thought himself to be an atheist and would laugh at the boy for reading his Testament every evening before going to sleep. Then one day the opposing forces made a surprise attack, and in the battle Johnnie Ring gave his life for the sake of his captain.

"When I stood beside the grave of Johnnie King" said Dr. Conwell, "and realized that he had died for love of me, I made a vow that has formed my life. I vowed that from that moment I would live not only my own life, but I would also live the life of Johnnie Ring. And from that moment I have worked sixteen hours every day, eight hours for Johnnie Ring's work and eight hours for my own."

Surely if Dr. Conwell could give eight hours every day for the sake of the soldier who died for him, we can give our whole life to the Christ who died for us. And he gave his life for us because he loved us. Whom are we working for—self, or Savior?—Ex.

A HINDU BOY'S COMPOSITION ON THE HORSE

In Sherwood Eddy's book, "India Awakening," the following composition, written by a Bombay high school student, is given. Beginners in English naturally make quite as delightful blunders as our missionaries made when first conversing in unknown tongues:

"The horse is a very noble quadruped, but when he is angry he will not do so. He is ridden on the spinal cord by the bridle, and sadly the driver places his foot on the stirrups and divides his lower limbs across the saddle, and drives his animal by the meadow. He has a long mouth, and his head is attached to his trunk by a long protuberance called the neck. He has four legs; two are in the front side, and two afterwards. These are the weapons on which he runs and also defend himself by extending those in the rear by a parallel direction toward his foe. But this he does only when in vexatious mood. His food is generally grasses and grains. He has power to run as fast as he could. Also there are horses of sizes. They do the same as the others are generally doing. They have got tail, but not so long as the cow and other such like animals."—Ex.

Oh, happy lot!

—Robert M. Offord.

THE STORY MOTHER READ

"Please read to me, mother," begged Herbert, as his mother settled herself in the hammock on the porch with a magazine open to a story she was reading.

"Why, no, Herbert, not now," said mother. "I read you a nice, long story just a few minutes ago. I want to read a grown-up story now."

"Oh, I don't care if it is a grown-up story," insisted Herbert. "I'll like it just the same; only please read out loud."

"But do you think, Herbert, that is quite fair?" asked mother. "It is hard work to read aloud. Mother is tired and wants to rest. By and by I'll have time perhaps, to read a story out loud, but not now, dear. Run and play—that's a good boy."

But Herbert had no intention of being a good boy. He wanted his mother to read, and, like many naughty little boys, kept teasing to have her do it.

Again and again mother said "No." Finally she grew tired of refusing to no purpose.

"Well, Herbert," she said, turning a page of her magazine, "if you must be read to, sit down and listen to this story."

"What to do with naughty little boys who tease."

"A little boy who teases is a naughty little boy."

"Every little boy should know that when his mother says 'no' to him she means 'no,' and it will do no good to tease."

"A good plan for a mother to follow, when her little boy is a teasing little boy, is never to give him what he teases for."

"Sometimes it is necessary to send a little boy who teases to bed without his supper; or sometimes he should be made to sit in a chair in a room all by himself; or sometimes—"

But mother didn't have a chance to read any more. Herbert had been growing more and more restless as his mother read. His face began to burn with a feeling of shame. He wriggled out from under his mother's arm and started for the steps.

"I guess you don't need to read any more," he called to his mother as he started in the direction of his kiddie car. "I'm going to ride."

"All right," called mother, turning back to the page which she had been reading. "When you want to hear the rest of the story just come back and ask mother and she'll read it to you."

"All right," Herbert answered, rather slowly.

But, strange to say, Herbert never asked for mother to finish the story, and, what is more, he never teased her again to read to him.

And he is still wondering how it happened that his mother's magazine contained a story written about him. —"Sunshine for Little People."

THE LITTLE RED HOUSE

Once upon a time there was a little boy who was tired of all his toys and tired of all his picture books and tired of all his play. "What shall I do?" he asked his dear mother.

And his dear mother, who always knew beautiful things for little boys to do said, "You shall go on a journey and find a little red house with no doors and with a beautiful star inside."

Then the little boy's eyes grew big with wonder. "Which way shall I go," he asked, "to find a little red house with no doors and a star inside?"

"Down the lane and past the farmer's house and over the hill," said his dear mother. "Come back as soon as you can and tell me all about your journey."

So the little boy started out. He had not walked very far down the lane when he came to a very little girl dancing along in the sunshine. "Do you know where I shall find a little red house with no doors and a star inside?" the little boy asked her.

The little girl laughed. "Ask my father, the farmer," she said.

So the little boy went on until he came to the great brown barn, where the farmer himself stood in the doorway looking out over the pastures and grain fields.

"Do you know where I shall find a little red house with no doors and a star inside?" asked the little boy.

The farmer laughed, too. "I've lived a great many years, and I never saw one," he chuckled. "But ask the granny who lives at the foot of the hill. She knows how to make arrow-root taffy, popcorn balls and red mittens. Perhaps she can direct you to it."

So the little boy went on farther still until he came to the granny sitting in her pretty garden of herbs and marigolds. "Please, dear granny," asked the little boy, "where shall I find a little red house with no doors and a star inside?"

The granny was knitting a red mitten, but when she heard the little boy's question she laughed cheerily. "I should like to find that little house myself," she chuckled. "It would be warm when the frosty nights come, and the star-light would be prettier than a candle. But ask the wind, who

blows about so much and listens at all the chimneys. Perhaps the wind can direct you to the little house."

So the little boy took off his cap politely to granny and went up the hill. The wind was coming down the hill as the little boy climbed up. As they met, the wind turned about and went singing along beside him. It whistled in his ear.

"O wind," asked the little boy, after they had gone along together quite a way, "can you help me to find a little red house with no doors and a star inside?"

The wind can not speak in our words, but it went singing on ahead of the little boy until it came to an orchard. There it climbed up in an apple tree and shook the branches. When the little boy caught up, there, at his feet, lay a rosy apple. It was as much as his two hands could hold. It was as red as the sun had been able to paint it, and the thick brown stem stood up as straight as a chimney. It was a little red house in which the apple blossom lately had gone to sleep. It had no windows.

"I wonder," thought the little boy. He took his jackknife from his pocket and cut the apple straight through the center. Oh, how wonderful! There inside the apple, lay a star holding brown seeds.

So the little boy called "Thank you" to the wind, and the wind whistled back "You're welcome." Then the little boy ran home to his mother and gave her the apple.

"It is too wonderful to eat without looking at the star, isn't it?" he said.

"Yes, indeed," answered his dear mother.—Mother's Magazine.

W. M. SOCIETY

LETTER FROM SEC. L. R. CONF
W. M. S.

My dear Friends:

I take this means of reminding you that we are in the midst of a membership campaign. I hope each Auxiliary is doing its utmost to interest the women of the entire Church in our great Missionary program. A loving cup will be presented to the Auxiliary showing the greatest percentage of net gain in membership from January 1, 1926, to January 1, 1927. I am wondering what Auxiliary is going to claim the cup.

We will soon have the full jubilee plans in our hands, and I trust each one of you are preparing to organize the Jubilee Prayer Leagues in each Auxiliary.

We will soon be enjoying the Christmas season. May each one of us realize the true meaning of Christmas and reconsecrate ourselves more fully to Him whose birthday we celebrate.

With deepest appreciation to each of you, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. W. P. McDermott.

In her excellent message, Mrs. J. S. W. Rogers, Supt. Children's Work in L. R. Conf. W. M. S. calls attention to the change in her address which is now Benton, Arkansas.

We have a number of interesting communications for next week's paper. The fact that the two Conferences filled the Arkansas Methodist with proceedings and reports for two weeks caused our "hopper" to be over-

flowed. But our grist will keep well always.—V. C. P.

LOVING TRIBUTE TO MRS. R. H. M.
MILLS

Our beloved Sister, Mrs. R. H. M. Mills, was one of our staunchest members in Pine Bluff First Church.

"The sweet spirited Lizzie Lanier Mills" (as she was called in the Conference) was long a devoted member of the Woman's Missionary Society, being a charter member of the first Conference and no woman of the Conference had larger interest in the work.

Possessing a combination of graces, handsome, sweet of manner, gentle in voice and tender in heart, she poured out her soul in the interest of missions.

Being one of our pioneer workers, she presided over the Eleventh Annual meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society, held in First Church, Pine Bluff, in 1889 and was made a life member the following year. She was President of our local society and for ten years the faithful district secretary of the Pine Bluff District.

She was a veritable queen of her household; from young bridehood to grandmotherhood, meeting the many and arduous demands made upon her with wonderful love and faith, thus filling her home with sunshine and joy.

In her last years, while a shut in, her soul was magnified, and it was not strange that the good shepherd walked with her through "the valley of the shadow of death" or that she spoke to those in waiting of the beautiful home where she "will dwell in

NOTICE
REDUCTION IN CAPITAL STOCK

At a meeting of the stockholders of HOLLIS 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.

(Sgd.) J. L. Hollis,

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(Sgd.) Ola P. Hollis,

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We the members of the Woman's Missionary Society of the First M. E. Church, South, of Pine Bluff deeply mourn the loss of our beloved Sister, and from our hearts extend to her family our deepest sympathy in this their hour of sad bereavement. With them we will ever cherish the memory of their sainted mother and our co-worker.—Mrs. J. R. Saunders Jr., Mrs. N. J. Gault Jr., Mrs. C. A. Illing, Committee.

LEOLA AUXILIARY

We held our regular meeting on Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. D. F. Phillips. The officers were elected with Mrs. Ida Deer, President, Mrs. J. O. Gold, Treasurer, Mrs. D. F. Phillips, Secretary, and Mrs. Oma Butler, Recording Secretary.—Mrs. W. L. Buzan, Supt. Pub.

BLYTHERVILLE AUXILIARY IN MEMORIAM

Our Heavenly Father has removed from our midst our friend and co-worker, Mrs. Stella Holland, a Circle Chairman and loyal member of our Woman's Missionary Society of the First M. E. Church.

Our Missionary Society has lost one of its most useful and faithful members, her husband a true and loving wife, her children a kind and devoted mother.

We extend to her bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of great sorrow.

"Not now, but in the coming years, it may be in the better land, we'll read the meaning of our tears and there, sometime, we'll understand."

—Mrs. M. G. Goodwin, Mrs. W. H. Baker, Mrs. O. C. Ganske, Mrs. E. D. Ferguson, Circle Chairman.

CENTER POINT AUXILIARY

In observing the Week of Prayer and in celebration of Armistice Day members of Center Point Auxiliary met at the Methodist Church the 11th of November and 11 years from the date the Armistice was declared and rendered one of the most beautiful and effective programs in the history of the auxiliary.

Flowers were arranged at the altar to form a base and background and in the center forming a circle were seated members of the auxiliary, one of the most loyal, consecrated and enthusiastic bands of Christian workers I have ever had the opportunity to work with.

It seemed the very spirit of love and devotion for our country and for the Kingdom filled the hearts of everyone. The Armistice program was as follows:

Hymn—World Brotherhood.
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Prayer—W. D. Lee.
Piano Selection—Miss Fagan.
Armistice Day Talk—Mr. Lee.
Hymn—Count Your Blessings.

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Responsive Reading, 1 Tim. 2:1-6, led by Rev. Mr. Bearden.

Dismissal Hymn, "Thy Kingdom Coming."

The Auxiliary Program opened with the Hymn "In Christ There is no East or West."

Prayer—Mrs. R. B. Beane.

Bible Study, Luke 20:2, led by Miss Leila Graves.

Talk—Valley Institute, Mrs. C. E. Anderson.

Talk, Palmore Woman's Institute, Miss Emma Owens.

A Word About Our Work of Prayer Specials, Mrs. Beane.

Self Denial Offerings.

One of the most sacred numbers rendered was "The Candle Lighting Service" given by the auxiliary for "The Outgoing Missionaries."

Hymn "Lead Kindly Light" followed by prayer in mission by the auxiliary.

Dismissal Song "Bless Be The Tie That Binds", and prayer by Bro. Bearden.

This has been a wonderful year in the progress of material gains and in spiritual development in the church and auxiliary. We have had the co-operation of all the members on Center Point charge and with the aid of our very efficient pastor, Rev. Mr. Bearden, have expended more than \$200 on local work. Before our report is sent in for the year we hope to be able to raise our quota 10 per cent over last year.

We are looking forward to next year our "Jubilee Year" bringing forth the greatest spiritual awakening in the history of this great and powerful organization.—Mrs. R. B. Beane, President.

CARTHAGE AUXILIARY

In the election of officers for next year of Woman's Missionary Society of Carthage the President is Mrs. L. F. Griffin, Treasurer, Mrs. C. C. Cox, Supt. of Study Mrs. J. W. Crowder and Voice Agent Mrs. R. J. Nutt. The Week of Prayer was observed. Interesting programs have been enjoyed by us. With best wishes for your paper.—Mrs. J. A. Bland, Supt. Pub.

MRS. J. W. ROGERS NOW AT BENTON, ARK.

Having been moved by the itinerant wheel Mrs. Jas. W. Rogers writes: Please call the attention of the change in my address to Benton so as to attract the attention of the leaders in the children's work. There are a few things I wish to say to them.

1. Send all reports to me at Benton, Ark., Jan. 1, 1928. 2. If you are behind with your pledge and dues to Conference—plan for a King's Birthday Party during Christmas and have a program and bring a gift to the Christ Child in money for Missions. 3. Send names of the newly elected Supts. of Children's Work to me at once. 4. That all Literature for the Primary Missionary Society is always sent to Supt. of Children's Work to be given to Supt. of Primary Society.

5. All program material for Epworth Juniors will be found in the "Juniors" to be ordered from Publishing House, Nashville, Tenn., 75c per copy or 60c in club of 5 with the Mission study book "The Upward Climb" to be used on 4th Sunday. 6. On account of moving it will not be possible at once for me to get out a letter for each Children's Department. 7. That each Supt. grade her children by old Standard of Excellence and report same to me with report Jan. 1. 8. Have a committee to choose three of the best Scrap books and send to me Jan. 1 and send others to Hospitals as Social Service. 9. Plan to send a Christ-

mas box to the Friend at the Methodist Orphanage. Do not fail to do this if you took a name, as they will be expecting to hear from you and if you do not have a name send a nice box any way and it can be given to those who need it. 10. Last but not least, let us bring up our finances in full plus 10 per cent increase. Try to do this before the Christmas rush. Have Promotion Day and Harvest Day."

Mrs. Rogers gives praise to the auxiliary she leaves and goes to her new home in Benton with bright anticipation.

She writes: "These women in Magnolia are some of the very best I have ever known. They will not tell the others what a wonderful Missionary Society they have but I want to say for them that they are doing their work in every line and will be on the Honor Roll this year. They will bring up all finances and a 10 per cent increase, I believe the Young People are in fine shape for the Children have two good leaders and are at work. I am glad to have been a member of the auxiliary at Magnolia.—Mrs. Jas. W. Rogers.

A GREAT DAY AT LAVACA

One of the greatest days of the W. M. Society of Lavaca was Nov. 3. At the home of Mrs. W. D. West Jr., a class of 13 ladies and the pastor met at 10 a. m. and studied the book for missions. At 12 Mrs. West had a very fine dinner for us which we enjoyed very much. After dinner we studied the other three lessons, and after we finished the book games were played. Mrs. J. W. Bell, of Greenwood, Ark., taught the book and she is a fine instructor. Plans were made for a greater work hereafter with the W. M. S. The ladies of Lavaca are doing fine these three years. The writer has been the pastor. It has been a pleasure to work with this fine society. They are true to God, the church and the pastor and his family. You may expect great things of them. God's blessings upon them.—Hoy M. Lewis, P. C.

UNION MEETING IN CLARKSVILLE

The second meeting of the Federated Missionary Societies of the Churches of Clarksville was held in the First Methodist Church Nov. 17th with a large attendance, and a very interesting and Spiritual program was rendered. Mrs. Charles Haigwood acted as chairman of the meeting, Mrs. Than Pyron of the Baptist Church led the devotional service. Subject under consideration for the afternoon, was China; Mr. Hugh Ching, a Chinese student at the college of the Ozarks, talked of China's needs, her attitude and desires, giving some vital points to be considered in the Missionary work in that field. In other talks of the afternoon, special mention was made of Miss Lucy Clark formerly of Clarksville, who has worked in the Mission fields of China; extracts from letters written to relatives here concerning her work and reception by the people there, were read by Mrs. G. L. Amos, Special Prayer was offered for Miss Clark and the cause she represents. Miss Blanch Lewis rendered a solo. After the program tea, sandwiches and cake were served, a social time was enjoyed. These meetings are held quarterly, and are bringing about a spirit of co-operation and unity in the missionary work. Mrs. G. W. Neal is president and Mesdames G. L. Cummins, H. P. Hiner, and Charles Haigwood Vice Presidents. Mrs. Than Pyron is Secretary.—Mrs. P. M. Pinckard, Local Press Supt.

S. S. DEPARTMENT

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS N. ARK. CONFERENCE, WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 19

Batesville District:—
Previously reported\$738.93
Booneville District:—
Previously reported\$492.15
Conway District:—

Lanty 2.00
Oak Grove 2.00
Rosebud 2.85
Previously reported 427.62

\$434.47

Fayetteville District:—

Viney Grove 4.60
Rhea 3.40
Illinois Chapel 2.00
Previously reported 315.67

\$325.67

Fort Smith District:—

Previously reported\$626.08
Helena District:—

Cherry Valley 5.00
Previously reported 699.12

\$704.12

Jonesboro District:—

Previously reported\$676.97
Paragould District:—

Previously reported\$612.45
Searcy District:—

Previously reported 367.39

DUAL SPECIAL REPORT FOR OCTOBER

North Arkansas Conference

Batesville District:—
Batesville, First Church\$ 16.66
Calico Rock 21.61
Mt. Hermon 1.25
Gassville 2.19
Flat Rock 1.69
Melbourne 2.34
Mt. View 9.00
Newport 23.55
Oak Grove 1.55
Swifton 2.46
Tuckerman 16.59
Hope 5.00
Previously reported 749.83

\$ 853.72

Booneville District:—

Booneville 6.50
Danville 13.20
Dardanelle 6.54
Centerville 1.00
Liberty Hall 1.92
Oak Grove75
Huntington 2.69
Mansfield 6.83
Bigelow 1.15
Oppelo 3.87
Paris 14.15
Caulksville 1.63
Adona98
Houston 3.30
Perry 1.21
Plainview 7.75
Scranton 2.52
Walters 1.00
Previously reported 730.90

\$ 807.89

Conway District:—

Cabot 23.80
Conway 28.42
Greenbrier 3.61
Union Grove 1.25
Oakland 1.72
Cato 1.98
Knoxville 1.55
Lamar 2.00
Morriton 21.63
N. Little Rock, 1st Church .. 29.37
N. Little Rock, Gardner Mem. 10.00
Plummerville 4.00
Mt. Pleasant 2.90
Mt. Carmel 2.53
Pleasant Valley 1.00
Pottsville 3.75
Salem 3.00
Vilonia 2.69

Previously reported	1,020.32	Earle	41.82	Ravenden Springs	4.75	First Church	23.70
		Forrest City	11.13	Rector	5.53	Total	\$ 54.99
	\$1,165.52	Harrisburg	15.90	Salem	3.00	Prescott District:—	
Fayetteville District:—		Helena	30.83	Lynne .....	.50	Elevins, Sept., Oct., Nov.	15.24
Alpena	1.32	Hulbert-West Memphis	5.14	Pollard	2.00	Washington	4.09
Council Grove	3.25	Lexa	4.55	Walnut Ridge	36.00	Ozan .....	.70
Oakley Chapel	1.60	Holly Grove	7.13	Previously reported	738.72	Emmet	4.13
Berryville	3.12	Hughes	4.25			Friendship	2.10
Elm Springs	2.50	Marianna	25.00			Okolona	5.74
Harmon	1.83	Turner .....	.78			Prescott	9.73
Eureka Springs	17.50	Madison	3.44	Searcy District:—		Total	\$ 41.64
Zion .....	.80	Tuni .....	.60	Augusta	5.05	Texarkana District:—	
Gentry	16.00	Widener	3.49	DeView	6.00	Cove, (Hittfield)	1.73
Lincoln	3.44	Wynne	23.85	Morris Grove	1.70	Richmond	2.50
Morrow	1.94	Previously reported	1,401.94	Revels	1.09	Sylvarino .....	.81
Pea Ridge	1.30			Gregory	15.25	Hittfield	2.07
Prairie Grove	19.08		\$1,611.71	Heber Springs	5.39	Ogden	1.50
Rogers	10.00	Jonesboro District:—		McCrory	7.39	Walnut Hill	1.05
Siloam Springs	21.00	Blytheville, First Church	23.65	Garner	2.03	Total	\$ 9.66
Springtown	3.99	Yarbro	2.11	McRae	2.35		
Springdale	8.74	Fifty-Six	1.00	Mt. Pisgah	7.65		
Illinois Chapel	6.00	Brooklyn	2.67	Searcy	10.66		
Rhea	5.47	Mt. Carmel	3.21	Higginson	3.00	Standing by Districts	
Winslow	3.45	Dell	3.25	Valley Springs	3.00	Arkadelphia	9 \$ 34.15
Previously reported	740.84	Jonesboro, First Church	26.75	West Searcy	2.96	Camden	4 7.55
		Jonesboro, Fisher Street	11.71	Previously reported	583.59	Little Rock	12 76.74
	\$ 873.17	Jonesboro, Huntington Ave.	15.24			Monticello	5 22.65
Fort Smith District:—		Leachville	4.55	To Valley Springs Special		Pine Bluff	13 54.99
Bethel	75	Lunsford	4.26	Eatesville, Central Avenue	\$50.00	Prescott	7 41.64
Alma	1.45	Lepanto	3.75	—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.		Texarkana	6 9.66
Cecil	1.00	Clear Lake	2.82				
Charleston	4.72	Rosa	1.00	FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY			
Clarksville	13.45	Monette	5.90	OFFERINGS			
Ft. Smith, First Church	7.15	Macey	2.90	Little Rock Conference			
Ft. Smith, Dodson Ave.	16.19	Osceola	10.72	For November, 1927.			
Midland Heights	4.50	Gilmore	3.12	Following is list of fourth Sunday			
Hartman	1.96	Turrell	5.59	Missionary offerings for November,			
New Hope	1.83	Wilson	22.67	1927. This is a fine beginning for			
Oak Grove	1.81	Bardstown	5.55	the new Conference year, especially			
Mulberry	2.03	Previously reported	1,323.38	for the first week after Missionary			
Ozark	14.24			Sunday.			
Coal Hill	1.50	Paragould District:—		Arkadelphia District:—			
Gar Creek	1.00	Liberty Hill	1.45	Ebenezer, (Traskwood)	\$ 80		
S. Ft. Smith	1.00	Biggers	1.76	Mt. Olivet (Holly Spgs.)	1.00		
Van Buren	6.29	Portia	1.55	Butterfield .....	.60		
E. Van Buren	7.36	Corning	39.07	Oaklawn	4.44		
Figure Five	1.60	Gainesville	1.50	Central Avenue	20.00		
Previously reported	799.53	Oak Grove .....	.60	Friendship	1.02		
	\$ 889.36	Williford	1.00	Traskwood	2.42		
Helena District:—		Hoxie	6.82	Hollywood	1.00		
Moro	11.91	Imboden	10.00	Mt. Carmel (Holly Springs) ..	2.87		
Aubrey	2.66	Mammoth Spring	2.25	Total	\$ 34.15		
Rondo .....	.86	Marmaduke	3.95	Camden District:—			
Brinkley	7.94	Success	1.55	Norphlet	1.50		
Birdeye	1.45	Oak Grove	1.39	Rhodes' Chapel (Strong)	3.05		
McElroy	1.00	Shiloh	11.11	Harmony Grove	2.00		
Intermediate Class	1.00	New Liberty	6.14	Kilgore's Chapel	1.00		
Smith Chapel .....	.47	East Side, Paragould	26.40	Total	\$ 7.55		
Wesley	1.47	Old Friendship	5.00	Little Rock District:—			
Crawfordsville	4.00	Piggott	30.00	Sardis (Bauxite)	2.50		

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Every mother realizes, after giving her children "California Fig Syrup," that this is their ideal laxative, because they love its pleasant taste and it thoroughly cleanses the tender little stomach, liver and bowels without griping.

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Kentucky Woman Had "Terrible Time" Doing Her Home Work.
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"I struggled to keep up, because I had to, but many a time I spent hours in bed, trying to force enough strength to go through the daily routine."

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"Jesus was in the highest sense the champion of childhood."—Bishop Jas. Atkins.

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Illustrated History OF Arkansas Methodist Home for Orphans

"The Home Beautiful"
16th & Elm Streets

By

Rev. John C. Glenn, A. B., LL. B.

A Declaration of Our Mission and Purpose and Thought

Horace Mann, the founder of our great public school system in America, once declared: "Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves." No man ever uttered a more far-reaching or profound truth. Realizing the responsibilities resting upon its shoulders, Arkansas Methodists, through inspired leaders, established the Methodist Home for Orphans. The mission, purpose and thought is well expressed in the following:

Our Mission

To seek homeless orphans and find loving homes for them. To make it possible for persons without children of their own to adopt, without fear of interference, a child that will be a blessing to the household.

Our Purpose

"The Christian home is the unit of a perfect civilization. It is God's ideal for the race. The purpose of placing our dependent children is to secure for them the advantage of genuine home life. This means that they are not to be placed out as menials, but are to be considered as entitled to all the rights of members of the family. No child goes out from here for service alone. Whoever takes one, does



MRS. S. J. STEED

"The true measure of a great life is its lifting power. The average man lives, but the great man lifts."—Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix.

it not to treat it as if it were a servant, but to give it the love and protection which are the sacred heritage of every child.

Our Thought

"Childless homes and homeless children,

Each can others' want supply.
Separation—sad delusion!
By which homes and children die.
Open every child asylum,
Set the little captive free;
Give them homes with loving mothers,
Homes of laughter, song and glee."

Mrs. S. J. Steed—An Elect Woman

Mrs. S. J. Steed is acting in a very peculiar role. It is often a very delicate and difficult one. She is called upon to be a mother to a large group of children who are really not her own. That task requires a fund of tact and forbearance and broadmindedness and good sense that every woman does not possess. It also demands a love big enough to cover a multitude of faults. But Mrs. Steed plays this most difficult part with beautiful success. Her devotion to the children is indeed very beautiful. She knows how to get the best out of them by appealing to the best in them.



REV. JAMES THOMAS, D. D.

Doctor Thomas Renders a Monumental Service

No vast enterprise runs automatically. Its blood is always human blood. The brains of it are somebody's. Somebody always pays the price. At thirty-one Moffatt got the answer to his prayer that he might "burn out for God." Dr. James Thomas must have learned what passion means from this earnest follower of Jesus Christ.

A Great Church Leader for Quarter Century

It is not to be wondered at that a man of such heroic qualities has been honored with positions of trust. Dr. Thomas has been a prominent church leader for more than a quarter of a century.

He is a member of the General Board of Church Extension, the Board of Managers of the Arkansas Pastors' School; Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer of the Little Rock Confer-

"When God wants to move forward He always does so on the feet of little children."—Dr. Clovis G. Chappell.

ence Board of Missions; Secretary of the Arkansas Methodist Commission; Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Hendrix College; President of the Little Rock Conference Board of Trustees; presiding elder of the Little Rock District, one of the leading Districts in the Southern Methodist Church, and Superintendent of our Methodist Home for Orphans.

His Greatest Achievement

When asked what he considered his outstanding achievement and what gives him the greatest joy today, Dr. Thomas replied, "Well, looking back over my ministerial career, the thing that really brings joy and peace to my heart is the service that I have rendered in behalf of our great Methodist Home for Orphans. I find great consolation in my achievements in this work." He paused for a moment and continued, "For, the greatest thing, in my judgment, a man can do for his Heavenly Father is to be kind to some of his children."

Renders Monumental Service

Our Methodist Home for Orphans is one of the greatest institutions connected with our growing Church in Arkansas. Dr. James Thomas has been in charge of the affair of this institution since the translation of Col. George Thornburgh. Dr. Thomas has done a remarkable work and he is now rendering monumental service for the orphans committed to his care.

Dr. Thomas Draws No Salary

In spite of the fact that this institution demands much of Dr. Thomas' time and effort, he has freely offered his services, drawing no salary or compensation whatever for his work and thought. In addition to this the members of the Executive Committee have volunteered their services. In fact the salaries for the entire institution barely exceed \$2,000 annually. We do not know of any institution that is run so economically.

Spiritual Atmosphere Excellent

We refer you to the pastor of Highland Church, Rev. John H. Cummins, who will be glad to tell you that the spiritual atmosphere of the Orphanage is excellent. He says that his church is wonderfully blessed by having our "Methodist Family." The staff and children attend Sunday School regularly, take an active part in the Epworth League, and are faithful in their attendance upon the regular preaching services.

In the Home, the spirit of kindness prevails. There is not the slightest semblance of discord and selfishness. Truly, it is a big, old-fashioned Methodist family.

The Building

The building is one of the most beautiful in the city of Little Rock. It is located on a commanding hill in the West End, near Highland car line, and is only a few blocks from our Highland Church, and the Robert E. Lee public school. The building is 120 feet long by 116 feet wide. It is composed of a wide basement, two full stories, and an attic, which is practically a third story. It has upper and lower porches, and the great columns give it the appearance of a colonial mansion. The property is

"The greatest luxury is



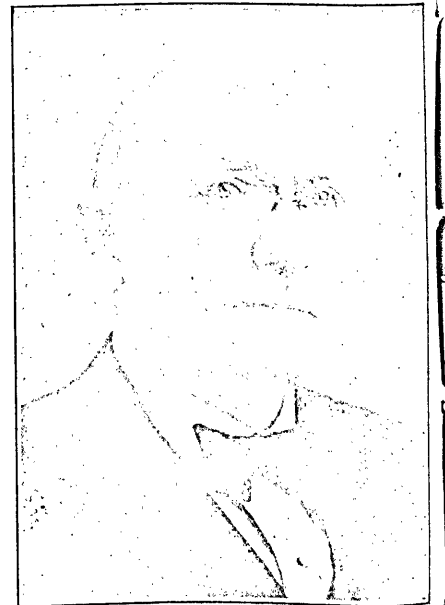
"THE HOME

valued at \$100,000.

A Brief Historical Sketch

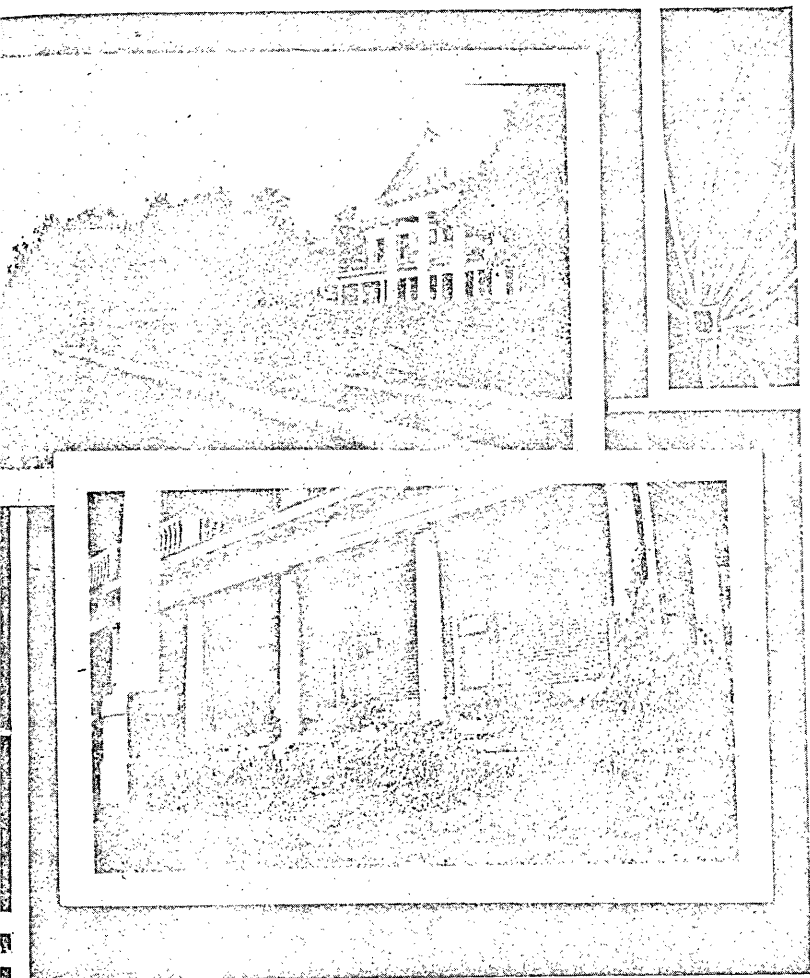
The Methodist Home for Orphans, located at Little Rock, Ark., is the property of the two Conferences in Arkansas, the Little Rock and the North Arkansas. The movement began in the Little Rock Conference in 1897. The originators were: Colonel Georg Thornburgh, Rev. J. R. Cas on, Rev. T. H. Ware, Rev. J. R. Moore and Dr. James Thomas.

The institution was incorporated March 18, 1899, in the Second Division of the Pulaski County Court. Judge Joseph W. Martin, presiding. The incorporators were: Rev. J. R. Cason, Col. George Thornburgh, Dr. James Thomas, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, Rev. E. A. Tabor, Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Rev. M. M. Smith, Rev. W. B. Ricks, and Mr. Geo. W. Culberhouse.



HON. THOMAS M. MEHAFFY

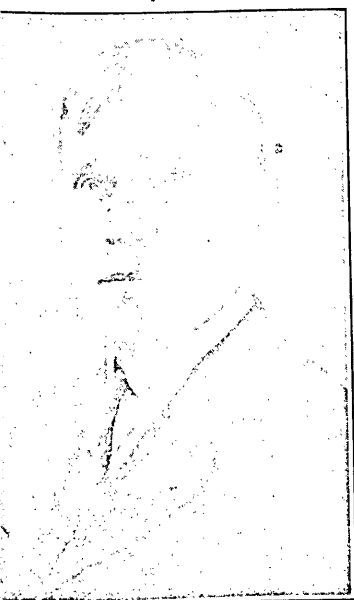
is the luxury of doing good."—Dr. Philip Cone Fletcher.



BEAUTIFUL"— THREE DIFFERENT VIEWS

The Orphanage's Attorney
Hon. Thomas M. Mehaffy, has been the institution's attorney from its very beginning. He is one of the best lawyers at Arkansas. He donated his services.

In January, 1927, Mr. Mehaffy became one of the Associate Justices of the State Supreme Court. And, though he cannot serve personally as attorney for the Home, his splendid law services as general counsel.



L. F. BARRIER, B. S., M. D.

Barrier An Indispensable Helper
L. F. Barrier, the authorized physician for the Home, takes a personal interest in each child. While it is "labor of love" with him, he gets real joy out of his connection with this institution than any other professional service that he renders. He is never too busy with his office or hospital practice that he forgets the children under his medical care at home.

Col. George Thornburgh Rendered Beautiful Service

This brochure would not be complete without the picture and deeds of Col. George Thornburgh. He was one of God's elect laymen. For many years he labored untiringly and unselfishly for the Orphanage.

He was as guileless as a woman and sacrificial as a saint. This great man of God rendered a monumental service in Masonic, Civic, Social and Religious circles. The following resolution substantiates the foregoing statement:

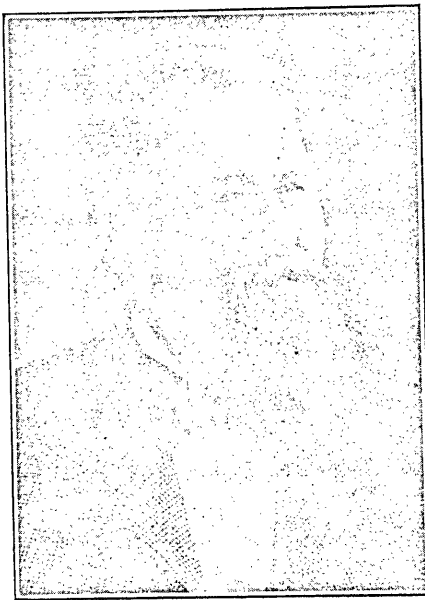
On November 20, 1910, the Little Rock Conference, in session at Prescott, with Bishop J. H. McCoy in the chair, passed the following resolution: "Whereas, Col. George Thornburgh has given an unselfish and beautiful service, without compensation or stipend, which effort has eventuated in the building and equipment of the handsome and commodious Methodist Orphanage in the city of Little Rock; therefore, be it resolved, that this Conference express its appreciation to Brother Thornburgh by a rising vote."

Just a Word Personal

At the close of the fiscal year, October 1, 1927, we had thirty-nine children in our Home. During the year, eighteen boys and girls were admitted into our institution and sixteen placed in good homes. During the past quarter of a century this character-building institution has provided loving homes for 460 children.

The superintendent's annual report shows that the receipts from all sources aggregate \$14,000. The expenditures totaled \$14,106. This includes medical attention, food, clothing, insurance, salaries of matron and her staff, education, and upkeep of the building, not mentioning hundreds of minor items of necessity. Of the sum

"Jesus spent the greater portion of his time simply making people happy—in doing good turns to people."—John C. Glenn.



COL. GEORGE THORNBURGH

received, only \$5,622 was paid by the two Conferences in Arkansas.

Inadequate Support Clearly Seen

Arkansas Methodism is way behind the other great State bodies in supporting this important work. The financial assistance is totally inadequate. You can readily see from the above statement that it would be impossible to operate our Orphanage but for the liberal help from other agencies and private individuals. As you know we have no agents except the pastors and the heads of the several organizations of the local churches throughout Arkansas.

Operating Cost Very Low

Considering the magnitude of the work and the children to be cared for, our Orphanage is run more economically than any other institution of the Church. The only overhead expense is the salaries of the matron and her assistants. The superintendent and Executive Committee volunteer their services. Yet, with such a small operating cost, it would be absolutely impossible to keep the Home open but for the increasing liberality of the Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, Woman's Missionary Societies, churches, and private gifts to the Orphanage.

The Ideal Plan

We are praying for the day to come when the Home for Methodist orphans will be supported exclusively by the different agencies of the several churches in Arkansas. It should be taken out of the regular conference budget, as many other States have done, and let the Sunday Schools, Epworth Leagues, Woman's Missionary Societies and churches run it—with the Christmas offering.

An annual Christmas offering of \$15,000 would adequately meet the financial needs of the Home. This is the ideal plan. Let us adopt it, friends.

What Every Home Needs

A home without a child is not an ideal one. The best there is in us is developed only by standing in responsible contact with childhood. The influence of little children more than compensates for all the expenditure involved by their presence in the

"Two things which should not be—A child without a home and a home without a child."—Selected.

home. We are sure that if every childless home could know the joy in store for them, should they only open their doors and let a little one come in, they would embrace the first opportunity to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Thomas is not in a hurry to place the children. He takes time and uses caution. Many applications for children are rejected annually. But a worthy home may secure a fine boy or beautiful girl.

What Every Child Needs

"What every orphan needs," said Col. George Thornburgh, of sainted memory, "is a Christian home, with a mother who counts it her highest pleasure to tenderly and lovingly develop it into its very best manhood or womanhood; to teach it to pray at her knees; to tuck the cover under its chin at night, and to softly sing it to sleep, leaving the sweet face of mother ever present in its dreams."

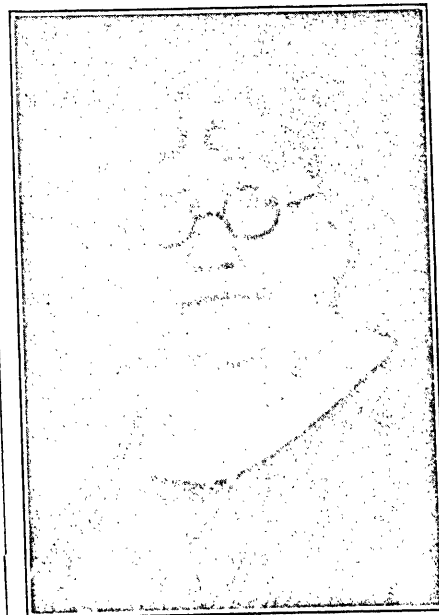
The Orphan's Letter to Santa Claus

Dear Santa, I am young and small,
And sweet as any child can be.
I haven't any home at all,
And no one really cares for me.

Oh, listen, Santa; I'll tell you:
Better than any tree or toy,
A Mother, loving, tender, true,
Please, Santa Claus, bring me this joy.

I do not want a knife or gun,
I want a daddy for my own.
Candy and rockets are no fun,—
I'm tired of living all alone.

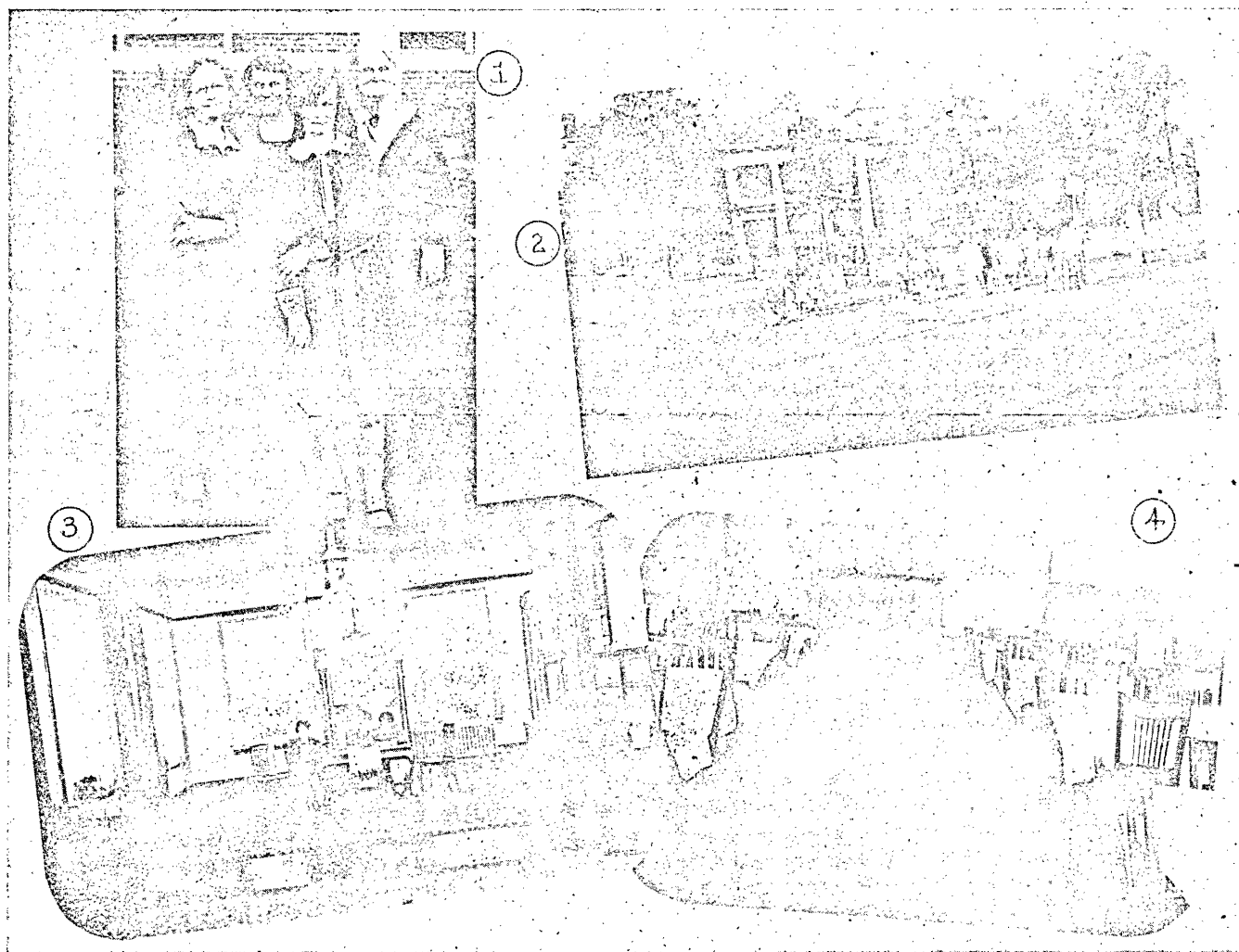
Dear Santa, bring me a real home;
And parents kind with me to play.
Then I'll be glad Christmas has come,
And it will be a happy day.
—Susie McKinnon Millar.



MRS. GEORGE THORNBURGH

Mrs. George Thornburgh Sees Ideals of Husband Materialize

Today Mrs. George Thornburgh can observe the golden harvest of her translated husband's indefatigable efforts. His ideals have materialized. His fondest hopes have become living realities. She was an inspiration to him and ever gave him that sympathetic support so necessary in such holy tasks.



"The neglected child is the millstone about the neck of modern society."—Bishop J. Atkins.

(1) THE STAFF—Left to Right: Mrs. W. F. Cain, Mrs. M. L. Troy, Miss Fannie Steed and Mrs. S. J. Steed.

(2) The Children at Play and Front View of "The Home Beautiful."

(3) Parlor-Library Scene.

(4) The Immaculate Dining Hall.

"Millions have been led to Christ by the tender hand of a little child."—Dr. Clovis G. Chappell.

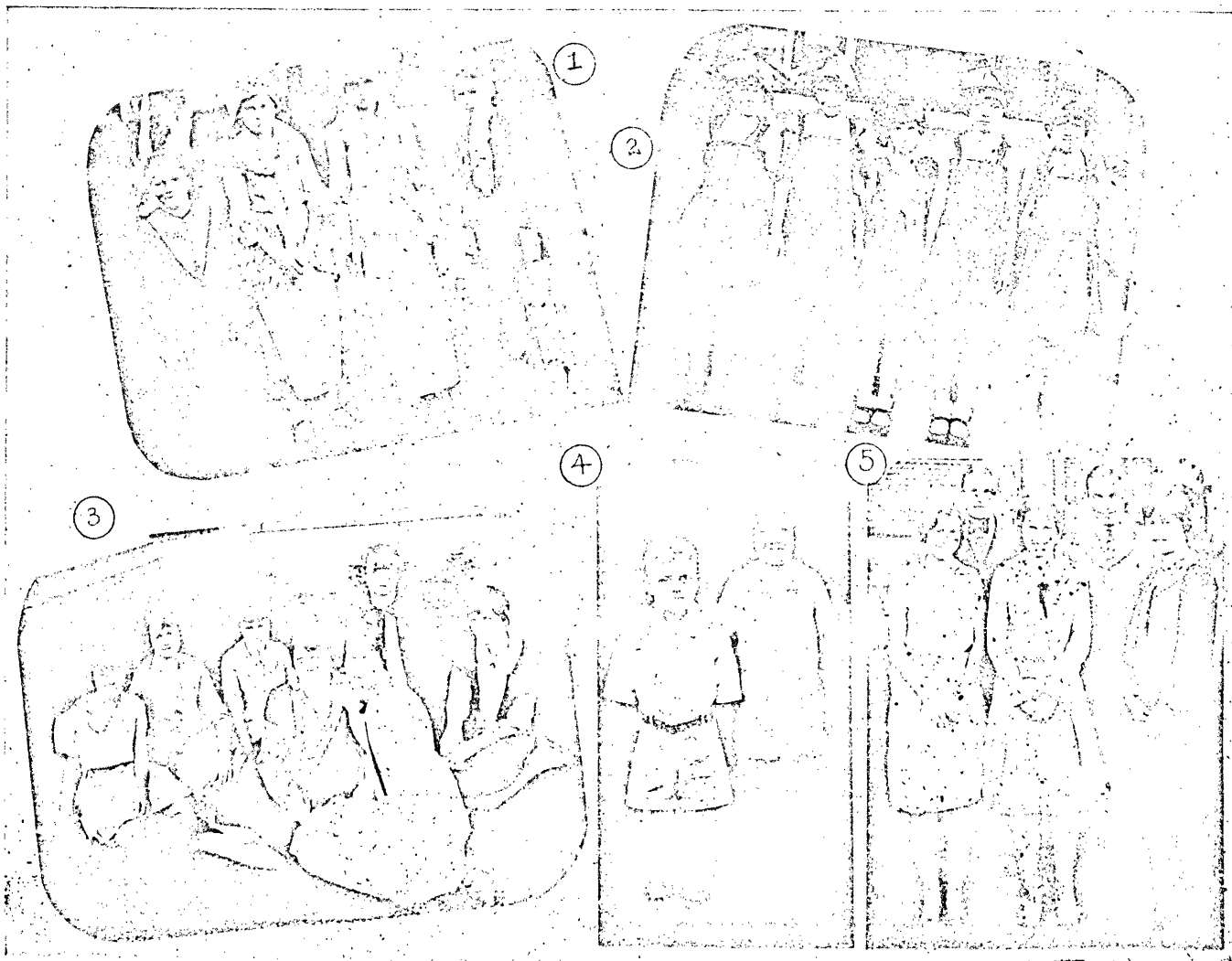
(1) "Old-Fashioned People" in Spring Pageant. Left to Right: Oscar Holcomb, Lucile Head, Peggy Slaughter and Robert Holcomb.

(2) "The Flower Girls" at the Awakening of Spring. Characters: Bernice Head, Jennie Stroud, Luella Carroll, Vera Harris & Mary Reeves.

(3) Junior Hi Group. Front Row: Margaret Evans and Dorothy Ann Winters. Back Row: Freeda Ward, Ruby Keywood, Mildred Slaughter, Billie Mitchell and Iva, Mae Danielly.

(4) Russel Carroll and Luella Carroll—"Two Jewels."

(5) Senior Hi Group. Front Row: Grace Ward, Gladys Keywood and Ruth Steed. Back Row: Albert Davis and Murry Davis.



EPWORTH LEAGUE

LEAGUE PRESENTS MUSICALE

A very successful musicale was given Friday evening, November 18, by the League of the Levy Methodist Church. In spite of inclement weather a packed house witnessed the program of musical numbers and readings. The second department of the League of Gardner Memorial church, North Little Rock is working with this League in its organization.—Salmon.

MANILA EPWORTH LEAGUE ENTERTAINED

The Senior Epworth League of Manila, through its Recreational Department under the efficient leadership of talented Mrs. H. W. Cowan, put over their annual banquet on the evening of Nov. 11 in a most successful manner. The decorations in keeping with "Armistice Day," were all suggestive of patriotism. "Old Glory" was unfurled, while tiny "stars and stripes" served as favors. Covers were laid for 75 Leaguers and 125 guests. All of these places were filled in spite of the inclement weather. Mr. R. S. Hudson, as toastmaster, very pleasantly directed the varied program. Opening with the singing of "America," prayer by the pastor, Rev. B. L. Harris, and address of welcome by the president, Miss Martha Matthews, the Rev. Jefferson Sherman of Blytheville brought the message of the evening in a forceful address on "Leadership."

The program was interesting as it ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous. Readings and vocal selections were much enjoyed as was the beautiful music, furnished by a five-piece orchestra of good musicians. The "Girls Orchestra" gave several good numbers also.

The stunts were all clever. "How the Story Grew," by the young matrons, portrayed the gossip as she appears in real life. This was very amusing and the moral was not lacking. "A Scene In a Hobo Tent," by the boys, displayed real wit, talent and originality. The playlette, "Little Ado About Much," by the younger Leaguers was well rendered and the artistic decorations, arranged by Mrs. Mae Pierce, made the setting most beautiful. The unique feature of this banquet was that the young men did the serving. The bugler sounded

the "mess call" and a dozen boys, all in uniform, responded and faultlessly waited on the tables. Mr. Don Thomas, as leader of the boys, enlisted some thirty boys who all worked together and assisted Mrs. Cowan and her capable committees and thus successfully "went over the top." The service closed with that sweet, sacred old song, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."—Salmon.

MRS. ORION A. THOMPSON UNDERGOES OPERATION

The Inter-City Epworth League Union regrets to announce that the wife of their efficient president was recently carried to the hospital for an operation for the removal of her appendix. The last reports were that Mrs. Thompson was rapidly recovering. Little Rock Leaguers pray for a speedy recovery of this fine young woman and stand ready to serve if need be.—Pub. Director.

UNION PRESENTS WEDDING GIFT TO PRESIDENT AND WIFE

The Inter-City League Union, in appreciation of the services and untiring efforts of their president, Orion A. Thompson, presented a beautiful boudoir chair as a wedding gift, to Mr. and Mrs. Orion Thompson. Bentley Sloane of the 1st Church League made the presentation speech. Illness prevented the wife of the president from being present.—Robert L. Martin, Pub. Dir.

NEW PASTORS WELCOMED

The Inter-City Epworth League Union extends a most hearty welcome to all new pastors in the city and urges that they find themselves among their young people at the monthly meetings of this body. Little Rock Leaguers stand ready to serve any pastor in the city and would consider it an honor to be called upon to serve. Our prayers for each of you, both new and returning pastors are, that this new year may be the best of your ministerial career.—Robert L. Martin, Pub. Dir.

LAKE VILLAGE REVIVAL

The Senior Epworth League held October 24-29, one of the most outstanding Young People's Revivals that this League has ever known.

We were very fortunate in having with us throughout the week, Rev. F.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

During the month of November we have received the following cash contributions for the Orphanage:

Gift, G. E. Adkins, Magnolia,	\$ 5.00
Marguerite Clifford Class, Winfield, City, for special	5.00
Rev. W. R. Boyd, Sheridan, gift	2.00
Rev. C. B. Powell, Ingalls	5.00
Gift, Mrs. Lucy Thornburgh	
City	25.00
Gift, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Boaz	
Sulphur Springs	2.00
Winsome Class, First M. E.	
Batesville	5.00
Mothers Class, Winfield Church	
City	10.00
Green River S. S., Pinjin, by	
T. L. Wells	6.00
Gift, Salem S. S., by Mrs. J. M.	
Firestone	2.00
Circle No. 12, First Church, City	10.00
—Jas. Thomas, Supt.	

RECEIVED AT HOME IN NOVEMBER

Circle 12, First Church, City, Halloween Party, Games and eats.
W. M. S., Wheatley, Ark., Quilt.
Mrs. J. S. Richey, Ratcliff, Ark., Quilt.

A. Buddin of Little Rock.

The young people were very much impressed by the services, especially by the consecration service, in which all those present promised to try to lead a better life.

When the services were ended we felt that it had been a great success.

The Eudora League has also had a very successful Young People's Revival.—Ruby Smith, Monticello District Secretary.

PAY PLEDGES, PLEASE!

Dear Epworth Leaguers:—I am very glad to report that some of our Leagues are making remittances on their Mission pledges systematically—one tenth each month. That's splendid, but the majority of you have not even started yet and five months of League year are gone.

I am sure some of you do not understand how important it is that our pledges be paid monthly. Aside from the fact that it is so much easier to make small payments each month, the Mission Board expects your Conference Pledge remitted monthly; and we do hate to break our promises, don't we?

The Little Rock Conference has a big program—\$3,000 for Missions this year. We have only paid \$575 of this amount when we should have paid \$300 a month, or in these five months \$1,500. Each League in the Conference is responsible for its part in this program and we will fall down on our job without the cooperation of each League and each Leaguer. Will not you do your part to help your Conference pay its pledge monthly, and to pay in full by April 15?

Let us put some "pop" into our work, Leaguers, and see how many can catch up by December 10. That means that you will have six-tenths of your year's pledge sent in to your Conference treasurer by December 10. If you have not yet made your pledge, make it now and advise the amount you are pledging when you send your remittance.

A list of all Leagues which have their pledges paid up to date, or for six months, by December 10, will be published in an early issue of the Arkansas Methodist.

Let's go!—Effie Bennon, Conference Treasurer.

Miss Mary Fuller, Augusta, Ark., 10 new chairs.

Mrs. Paul Noe and Family, City, 1 box birthday gifts, special, 1 dress.

W. M. S., Lavaca, 2 quilts.

Mrs. J. B. Duncan & Class, England, \$20 for clothes for special.

W. M. S., Dodson Ave., Ft. Smith, Quilt.

Missouri Pacific Quartet, entertainment in Parlor at the Home.

Prairie View, W. M. S., Quilt.

Dr. O. P. Christian, Supt. Ark. Children's Home, generous supply of fish, 24 ducks.

W. M. S., Tillar, Ark., canned goods and clothing.

Mrs. Robert Holderness, 1624 Spring St., City, 2 coats, 1 pair shoes.

W. M. S., Arkadelphia, 2 quilts.

W. M. S., Dodson Ave., Ft. Smith, canned goods and preserves.

Primary Dept. First Church, North Little Rock, Fruit and Canned Fruit.

S. S., Gould, Ark., box home made candy—Special.

W. M. S., Carthage, Quilt.

Intermediate and Senior Dept., Dermont S. S., Thanksgiving box, Fruit and clothing and toys.

Mrs. J. Fairchild, City, Clothing.

Clark and Harrison, City, 4 pairs shoes.

Primary and Beginners Dept., Russellville, Fruits, nuts, school supplies.

Class 2 Junior Dept., Melbourne, Shoes, hose and gloves.

S. S., Oceola, 1bbl. canned fruit and vegetables, 1 box clothing.

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R. E. Lee School, Sweet potatoes and Irish potatoes, Canned fruit and vegetables.

Aubrey Public School, 1 box clothing, fruits and nuts.

Louis Schneider, 3 boxes candy.

Winfield Mem. League, Fruit and groceries, canned fruit and vegetables.

Humphrey, Ark., candy.

Pave Ave. circle, Malvern, 1 box for special, sweater and hose and candy.

Primary Dept., Pulaski Heights, Fruit and groceries.

Epworth League, McRae, Sweet potatoes, Pop corn, Canned goods.

W. M. S., Marvell, 1 bbl. groceries and canned goods.

Ladies Aid, Sardis, Bauxite Circuit, Quilt.

Bethlehem Aux., Datarck Ct., Quilt.

Carlisle, Ark., 100 lbs. rice.

Mrs. S. J. Steed, Matron.

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT MISSIONARY INSTITUTES, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

The presiding elders met at Winfield Memorial Church on December 2 and fixed the schedule of the District Missionary Institutes. All were enthusiastic over the outlook for the new conference year. Rev. J. W. Mann, the new member of the cabinet is making a fine start. Rev. J. J. Stowe is very hopeful over the prospects for the Church in his new field. All the other elders are returning to their districts with renewed hope and faith for the future. There were only eleven charges in the Conference that did not make a special offering last year. We are starting in to have a cash offering from every charge in the Conference this year. The schedule of Missionary Institutes is as follows:

Little Rock at First Church, 10 a. m.

Dec. 19.

Monticello at Dermott, 10 a. m.,

Dec. 21.

Arkadelphia at Malvern, 10 a. m.

WOMAN COULD NOT SLEEP

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Mrs. Belle Thompson was in a very weak and run-down condition for four years. She had great difficulty in getting to sleep at night and even then did not sleep soundly. She would wake up again and again. Besides this her appetite was poor. "My mother-in-law told me of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Lydia E. Pinkham's Sanative Wash," she writes. "I took six bottles of the Vegetable Compound and I was not the same woman at all. I could sleep and would get up in the morning singing and feeling fine. I am the mother of three children and always after the babies came I had to take treatments, but I can truly say that this last time I have only used the Sanative Wash. It does me more good than the treatments. It keeps me on my feet to care for my children and I do most of my work. I feel it my duty to let you know how both of the medicines have helped me."—Mrs. BELLE THOMPSON, R. 2, Rossville, Georgia.

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Dec. 28.

Texarkana at College Hill, 10 a. m.

Dec. 29.

Camden at Camden, 10 a. m., Dec.

30.

Pine Bluff at First Church, 10 a. m.

Jan. 16.

Prescott at Gurdon, 10 a. m. Jan. 20.

The following officials are expected to attend these institutes.

1. Pastors.
2. Charge lay leaders.
3. District lay leader.
4. Members of missionary committee of each church.
5. District secretary Woman's Missionary Society.
6. Presidents of Woman's Missionary Societies.
7. Sunday School superintendents and presidents of Epworth Leagues.
8. Lay members of Annual Conference Board of Missions.
9. Men and women specially selected by the presiding elders.

I trust that the pastors will make a special effort to have as many of these officials present as possible. We are going to do our best in helping the presiding elders to make these missionary institutes even better than last year.—J. F. Simmons, Missionary Secretary.

BOOKS ON THE COURSE OF STUDY

I have the following books which I will let preachers have at a very low price. They are in good condition:

1. Wesley's Sermons, 2 vol.
2. Ministry to the Congregation, John A. Kern.
3. History of Methodism, H. N. McIntyre.
4. Lectures on Preaching, Phillip Brooks.
5. Christianity and the Nations, Robert E. Speer.
6. History of the Christian Church, George P. Fisher.

S. C. Dean, Hamburg, Ark.

MEETING OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

The Appropriations Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will meet in the office of the Board, 1115 Fourth Avenue, Louisville, Ky., Thursday, January 5, 1928 at 9:30 a. m.

All applications must be approved by the Conference Board of Church Extension and in the office of the General Board on or before December 30, 1927. No application will be entered on the calendar after this date.—T. D. Ellis.

BROTHER GLENN STARTS EARLY AS USUAL

Brother Glenn begins another year at Pulaski Heights church running on six cylinders. He is unlike the little boy who ran for the train but arrived at the station just after the train had left. A by-stander remarked to the boy: "Well, you did not run fast enough." The boy replied: "Yes I did. The trouble was, I did not start soon enough." The first thing Bro. Glenn did was to call his official family together for a social time and a boosters meeting. A few invited guests were also present. The outgoing chairman of the board of stewards made a felicitous speech and introduced the new board chairman who made a fluent address filled with hope for the future of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church.

Dr. L. E. Todd did the usual wise thing in selecting Brother J. C. Glenn to lead in the special effort for the superannuate endowment fund begin-

ning in March. In order to be free to begin this work on time Brother Glenn has planned his missionary program in detail already. The last two weeks in January will be given to a school of missions in which he expects to have 100 to attend. He is having special certificates made to give those who attend the classes the required number of times. The last Sunday in January is the time set to take his love offering for missions.—Reporter.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

The Prescott District begins well: our churches are Methodistic and we have courage to believe that this shall be the greatest year in our history. I am hoping to see the Arkansas Methodist put into all our homes which we believe will help us in our program as much as any other thing.—J. L. Dedman, P. E.

CENTER POINT

I thought a year ago when I landed at Center Point and the good people stormed us one night with such good things that it could not have been any better, but on last night I heard a noise and on opening the door people began to march in and after a great crowd had passed to the dining room and placed their gifts on the table we spent a very delightful time together for more than an hour. The Bible was then handed to Bro. C. C. Anderson who turned and read the first Psalm. Prof. L. O. Lee led in prayer then little five year old Brutestine Gardner sang, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

The people then began to leave for their homes. May heavens blessings be upon us all this year.—A. J. Bearden, P. C.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS

We your committee to examine the District Conference Records beg leave to report that all the records, except from Conway District, have been before us and have been examined.

The records of Fort Smith, Helena, Jonesboro are well kept.

Batesville; beautiful script, well kept, no marginal index. Paragould; Well kept, no roll, no marginal index. Fayetteville; Well kept but some scratching, no roll. Searcy; fairly well kept, no roll, no marginal index. Booneville; the most beautiful record we ever saw, loose leaf, typewritten, no criticism.—Edward Forrest, Chairman; F. M. Daniel, Sec-

retary.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Whereas, the pastor and great hearted people of Searcy (including the membership of all churches who have offered their churches for the use of our Conference) with unstinted hospitality have thrown open their hearts and homes to this Conference and have so well entertained us; and,

Whereas, the Railroads have shown the ministers many courtesies and,

Whereas, Mady Armstrong who has for over eight years not failed to decorate this Church with flowers and has furnished many beautiful flowers for us; and,

Whereas, the Boy Scouts and automobile owners have been so kind and courteous to us; and,

Whereas, Galloway College through its officers, faculty and students has given us so pleasant a reception; and,

Whereas, the officers of this Conference have been so courteous and efficient;

Therefore, Be it Resolved that we extend to them our hearty thanks and pray the blessings of our Father and the guidance of His Spirit upon them.—F. M. Daniel, W. C. Davidson, T. E. Wilson.

SPIRITUAL STATE OF THE CHURCH

Though our increase has been small we are pleased to note that there has been a forward move in our evangelistic work resulting in a small net increase in membership. We would emphasize revivals for the coming year. As an aid to the deepening of the

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spiritual life of our people we would stress the reading of the Gospels of Matthew and John in the months of January and February in keeping with the National Program for deepening the spiritual life of America. We also wish to emphasize the Jubilee Campaign projected by our women.

Family worship and religion in the home is the crying need of our day. We would call special attention to the move of our laymen to develop the stewards of the Gospel, and we hereby pledge our support to the good men.—G. C. Johnston, Chairman; J. M. Workman, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE EPWORTH LEAGUE BOARD

We had great pleasure in the visit of Dr. F. S. Parker, General Secretary of the Epworth League Board, to our Conference. He brought to us a fresh view of the magnificent field of service in our Church, and his wise council and affectionate fellowship have charmed and helped us.

In this day when there is so much being said about the revolt of youth we are happy to reaffirm our faith in the young people of our Church and our utter trustfulness in the force of a Christian faith as affording secure foundation for the life of youth. Our Epworth Leaguers by the thousands are demonstrating the power of this faith, so that the beauty of their

character is in sharp contrast with those who are left alone to the idleness and dangers of the other thousands who have not so anchored themselves to reality.

Again we call upon our pastors and presiding elders to use this well proven agency for the salvation of our untold wealth in the energies of our younger members.

The Young Peoples' Revival, an agency set going in the Epworth League, has brought new vitality to hundreds of our churches and has demonstrated to the young people who have been led to carry on this activity their own usefulness in the Kingdom program. Evangelistic forces are started here which promise untold benefits in personal training and enlarged boldness for the Master's work.

We are delighted to note the effects of the work of our assemblies at Galloway College here in Searcy and at Mt. Sequoyah. The hundreds of young people who attend these assemblies return to their home churches with an enlarged vision and a quickened zeal for the work of the Church.

We commend most heartily the work which is being done by our Conference Organization and view with assurance the steady growth of the missionary spirit and the devotion to genuine instruction along with the inspirational features of these young peoples' activities.—B. C. Few, Chairman; Roy M. Black, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

As you know the General Conference has directed the work of our Board along four main lines—the promotion of full payment of the Benevolent Claims, Christian Stewardship, Men's Work through the Wesley Brotherhood, and Co-operation with the other agencies of the Church.

We are glad to report progress and to call particular attention to the following features in our work for this Conference year:

The Benevolences

In view of the responsibility placed upon the Board of Lay Activities together with the Bishop, Presiding Elders, and Pastors for the promotion of full payment of the Benevolent Claims, be it resolved:

1. That the assessments, General and Conference, constitute our first and abiding obligation.
2. That the Benevolences be provided for in cash and pledges as soon as practicable after the session of the Annual Conference.
3. That at least half of these claims should be paid by the time of the District Conferences.
4. That, as far as possible, these funds be sent to the Conference Treasurer monthly or quarterly as an integral part of the local Church Budget.
5. That Boards of Lay Activities unite with the Bishop, Presiding Elders, Pastors, and other Boards of the Conference in cooperative effort to inform our entire membership of the needs represented in our Benevolent Claims, and to promote systematic, proportional, and sacrificial giving to the great causes represented in the assessments, setting as our goal 100 per cent payment on all claims for this Conference year.
6. We recommend that a Commission on Benevolences, composed of the Chairman of the Commission on Budget and the Chairman of all Conference Boards, be organized as an Advisory Council to the Conference Board of Lay Activities, to cooperate with this board in promoting full pay-

ment of the Benevolences.

Christian Stewardship

It is our conviction that the practice of the principles of Christian Stewardship on the part of the individual Christian is the most essential and fundamental need of our Church. This relates to all of life. Too much emphasis cannot be given to this phase of our work which is largely educational. For this purpose we strongly urge the organization and functioning of the Stewardship Committee in each local Church, and recommend that the month of December be observed as a special period for Stewardship education and emphasis.

The Wesley Brotherhood

For the purpose of promoting Christ's Kingdom among men through fellowship, prayer, Christian testimony, personal work, and aggressive evangelistic effort, we commend the Wesley Brotherhood and urge its organization in every Church where practicable, and recommend that we set as our goal for the year at least four new Brotherhoods in each District.

Co-Operation With Other Agencies

The Board of Lay Activities pledges whole-hearted support to all the great movements of our Church with special emphasis on Missions and Superannuate Endowment.

The Methodist Layman.

We consider the Methodist Layman, our official organ authorized by our last General Conference, our strongest and most effective agency for promoting lay activities and carrying forward the work of our Board. Therefore, we urge unusual effort to promote its circulation, setting as a goal a subscription for each member of the organization and one in addition for each Methodist family in the Conference.

We commend to our laymen the Arkansas Methodist and the Christian Advocate and our full co-operation in promoting their circulation.

Organization and Personnel of Lay Leadership.

We earnestly appeal to our presiding elders and pastors to exercise prayer and care in the selection of all lay leaders and chairmen of committees and to use every possible effort to instruct all lay boards and committees in their work with special emphasis on the Pastor's Cabinet. Literature on Benevolences, Christian Stewardship, the Wesley Brotherhood, and organization of lay Boards, can be obtained from the General Board of Lay Activities, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

We heartily concur with the plan proposed for a Unified Program of Training Work.

We desire to record our deep appreciation of our presiding Bishop, our presiding elders, and pastors in all of their labors, especially in their sympathetic attitude and active co-operation in our lay work.

We have just one desire and purpose, namely to add our contribution to the extension of Christ's Kingdom, in cooperation with our properly constituted leaders.

We nominate Judge A. L. Hutchins of Forrest City for Conference Lay Leader.—A. L. Hutchins, Chairman; Daly Thompson, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE

We have much to be grateful for as to the status of our work done along many lines of temperance and social service. Our National Prohibition laws are becoming more rigidly enforced each year and drinking and drunkenness have become the exception rather than the rule. Go where you will and you rarely see one under

the influence of intoxicants. True our court dockets are usually heavy because of violation of the prohibition laws, but this is all the greater evidence that our officers are making stronger efforts to enforce the laws.

It is deplorable, however, when we see the propaganda carried on by the liquor side to create sentiment against the Eighteenth Amendment to our Constitution, talking it in hotels, railroad stations, on the trains and in other public places, trying to discourage the law abiding citizens, creating sentiment in the minds of youth till it is frequently said by good people that drinking is worse now than in the days of the saloon. Men of national reputation in politics, namely, Alfred E. Smith, Albert C. Ritchie, Nicholas M. Butler, James A. Reed and Nicholas Longworth are outstanding in their opposition to prohibition, using their influence in every way to defeat the enforcement of this law.

We are also informed that home brew is made and used in many homes, members of the church, some officials, using it, seemingly without conscientious scruples. We, therefore, recommend:

First: That the North Arkansas Conference go on record as being opposed to the use of alcohol in any form as a beverage and that all our people be total abstainers.

Second: That a school of temperance be conducted at Mt. Sequoyah next summer by the Anti-saloon League of Arkansas, and that all our pastors attend this school and take back to their congregations the

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Third: That this Conference go on record as being unalterably opposed to the election of any wet candidate to any office from sheriff of a county to President of the United States, and that we use our influence in every way expedient to elect men to all our offices who are openly dry and opposed to any modification of our prohibition laws now on our statute books.

Fourth: That all our preachers and people condemn both publicly and privately the dance evil, also, that we oppose mixed bathing the consequences of which at least are suggestive of evil.

Fifth: That all our preachers remember their vows and refrain from the use of tobacco in any form especially from smoking cigarettes.

Sixth: That we recommend that B. L. Wilford, M. N. Johnston, E. W. Faulkner, A. H. DuLaney, A. L. Hutchins, and D. L. Ford be elected trustees of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League from the North Arkansas Conference for the ensuing year.—S. M. Yancey, Chairman; A. H. DuLaney, Secretary.

REPORT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Board of Missions has had under consideration the general missionary situation of our Church and especially our responsibility in the annual missionary cultivation campaign to be observed in January and February in accordance with the discipline. We rejoice in the success of the campaign last year. Its educational and spiritual aspects were eminently successful and the freewill offering was liberal. The final reports are expected to bring the total to over \$750,000. While this is below the objective set by the General Conference, it has enabled us to conduct our work through the year without deficit or retrenchment although we have been able to make no advances.

We rejoice in the showing of our Conference in this offering and heartily commend our missionary secretaries, presiding elders, pastors and laymen who rendered cooperative service in the campaign. The educational work accomplished and the unanimity of interests manifested convince us that our Conference is missionary at heart and will be more successful in the future.

The most notable feature in our present missionary situation is that we have adopted a policy of evangelism around the world. "The very small increase in membership for the past year in our Church is a matter of great concern," says the General Secretary in his report to the General Board. The revival fires should be rekindled throughout Methodism, at home and abroad. Especially in our foreign fields should we plan for a definite and sustained effort of preaching the Word to the hungry multitudes, and push out the borders of the Kingdom. This is the policy our Church has been wanting and we should pledge ourselves to support it to the utmost.

But how shall we accomplish this aim with our income strained to the breaking point with maintenance items which cannot be delayed or denied? The Board of Missions has placed in its budget an unappropriated item of \$150,000 for evangelism during 1928; \$100,000 to be expended abroad and \$50,000 to be expended at home. This money will be spent if secured above the sums necessary for maintaining our work in the field. This means that if the free-will offering of the church in January and Feb-

will be made. Otherwise it must wait. In that situation there can be no two opinions as to what we should do. We must bear no responsibility for the failure of evangelism. We must raise not only what we raised last year but at least our part of the additional money needed; Therefore, Be It Resolved:

First: That this Conference commend and endorse the policy of promoting evangelism all over the world.

Second: That we enter heartily into all the educational and spiritual phases of the missionary cultivation campaign in January and February, 1928.

Third: That we assume and pledge our best efforts to raise as a free-will offering for missions during the coming year the same amount that was accepted as our pledge last year, and also our share of the \$150,000 needed for the evangelistic campaign.

Fourth: That we recommend the selection of Rev. J. F. Simmons as Missionary Director for the two Conferences of Arkansas.

Fifth: That we recommend the appointment by the Bishop of R. E. L. Bearden as Missionary Secretary for this Conference, and that he act as assistant Missionary Director.

Sixth: That we request the presiding elders to fix the dates and places of their District Missionary Institutes as provided in the Discipline and announce them before they leave the Conference.

We gladly note the increased collections on the Conference Claims, our regular source, and urge that every effort be put forth to continue this increase until we have reached 100 per cent on collections in our great N. Arkansas Conference.

We rejoice in the work that is being done at Valley Springs Training School and heartily commend Prof. M. J. Russell and his cause to our people. We also rejoice in the splendid work done by Rev. James W. Workman, our former University pastor at Fayetteville, and now being carried on by Rev. H. M. Lewis. We wish Brother Workman success in his new field of labor and assure Brother Lewis of our hearty cooperation and support.

We pledge our cooperation and support in the proposed unified program of training work in the Conference as proposed by the Sunday School Board.

We make the following appropriations for 1927-1928:

Valley Spgs. Training School	\$ 500
Student pastors at Fayetteville	400
Religious Education at Conway	200
Prison and Jail Work	200
Arkansas Methodist	290
Printing of Minutes	170
Exp. of Missionary Council	50
	\$1,810

Batesville District:—	
Bexar Ct.	100
Melbourne Ct.	180
Mt. View Ct.	150
Calico Rock Ct.	120
	\$550

Booneville District:—	
Rover Ct.	100
Scranton	150
Adona Ct.	200
Sanitorium	100
	\$550

Conway District:—	
Washington Ave.	250
Plumerville	200
Greenbrier	100
Springfield	50
	\$600

Fayetteville District:—	
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Berryville Mission	250
	\$550

Ft. Smith District:—	
Midland Heights	100
Second Church	100
Hackett	100
East Van Buren	100
	\$400

Helena District:—	
West Helena	150
Hulbert-West Memphis	150
Haynes-Lexa	100
Turner Ct.	200
	\$600

Jonesboro District:—	
Lake Street Blytheville	\$360

Paragould District:—	
Imboden	200
Biggers-Success	100
Piggott Circuit	100
	\$400

Searcy District:—	
Marshall	300
Center Hill	100
Gregory	100
	\$500

—R. E. L. Bearden, Chairman; Jefferson Sherman, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD

We have had before us the report for the General Hospital Board and also a report from the Trustees of the Memphis Hospital, an address by Dr. F. W. Brandon, assistant secretary and Treasurer of the General Hospital Board.

The high points in the General Hospital Board's report are the following:

1. The Church now owns eight hospitals with a total value of \$8,000,000; also, two other hospitals are

approaching completion, viz., the Dallas (Texas) Sanitarium and the Fort Worth, Texas Methodist Hospital. All the above hospitals are continually being enhanced in value by additions and improvements.

2. Since the close of the General Conference our Church has put or is now putting into service hospital properties worth around \$2,500,000. These hospitals now have in use a thousand beds; they treat 23,000 patients a year; and have a gross income of \$1,500,000.

3. There are eight Nurse Training Schools, where 450 young women are being trained for this noble Christian service.

Our Methodist Hospital at Memphis
The Trustees' report of this hospital gives the following salient facts:

Dr. Henry Hedden is the superintendent and Dr. Battle Malone is the chief of staff. Under their leadership our hospital has been kept in the forefront, showing the following results:

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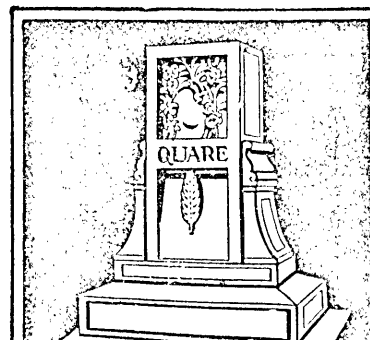
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The Board makes the following recommendations:

1. That we faithfully represent the Golden Cross Society in our several charges by observing hospital week between the second and third Sundays of May.

2. That the Board accept membership in the Southern Methodist Hospital Association and elected Rev. F. E. Dodson to represent this Board at the General Board's next session in St. Louis in April.

3. That we request the same assessment of \$5,000 as last year.

4. That the vacancies on the Board be filled by Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Chas. Foster and Ed McQuiston.

5. That we look with favor on the project of a convalescent sanatorium in the Ozarks presented to us by the letters of a number of the leading citizens of Bentonville and through their pastor, Rev. W. T. Thompson, and that we send them our sympathetic co-operation in this matter.

6. That the Executive Committee of this Board look carefully into a proposition for a small hospital offered by the Trustees of this Hospital located at Paragould, Arkansas, and that this ad interim report be made to the next Annual Conference.—F. E. Dodson, Chairman; J. T. Willcox, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE

TREASURER

Receipts

Bal. from last year\$ 1,025.54
Pre-Conference Collections . 23,032.21
Conference Collections 51,666.53

Total\$77,724.28

Disbursements

General Boards

Missions\$11,021.47
Negro Work 826.63
Church Extension 2,521.27
Education 1,777.09
Theological Schools 1,102.18
Finance 2,631.31
Epworth Leagues 647.63
Sunday Schools 2,631.31
Bishop's Fund 3,099.65
American Bible Society 638.72
General Conference Expense 551.09
Temperance & Social Serv. 330.71
Federal Council 137.92
Lay Activities 688.72
Hospitals 688.72

Conference Boards

Sunday Schools 5,057.13
Finance 12,643.30
Christian Literature 1,011.53
Epworth Leagues 1,011.52
Orphanage 2,528.57
Missions 6,827.65
Church Extension 2,521.04
Education 10,620.26
Pastors' School 758.52
Lay Activities 506.09
Hospitals 3,540.07
Exp. of Treasurer's Office 853.93
Balance in First National Bank, Ft. Smith, Ark. 500.32

Total\$77,724.28

I desire to express my appreciation of the many courtesies shown me in my work as treasurer by the bank of Searcy. I desire to make special mention of the kindnesses of the cashier, H. K. Wood.—George McGlumphy, Treasurer.

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

CAMDEN DISTRICT

(First Round)

Buckner at Mt. Ida, Dec. 3.
Taylor at New Hope, Dec. 4, 11 a. m.
Waldo, Dec. 4, 7 p. m.
S. El Dorado at Parkers Chapel, Dec. 10.
Strong, Dec. 11, 11 a. m.
Huttig, Dec. 11, 7 p. m.
Hampton, Dec. 13, 11 a. m.
Fordyce, Dec. 18, 7 p. m.
Kingsland at Kingsland, Dec. 25, 11 a. m.
Beardon, Dec. 25, 7 p. m.
Thornton at Thornton, Jan. 1, 11 a. m.
Lounan, Jan. 1, 7 p. m.
Wesson at Wesson, Jan. 8, 11 a. m.
Junction City, Jan. 8, 7 p. m.
El Dorado Ct at Ebenezer, Jan. 14.
Norphlet, Jan. 15, 11 a. m.
Smackover, Jan. 15, 7 p. m.
McNeil-Emerson at McNeil, Jan. 22, 11 a. m.
Magnolia, Jan. 22, 7 p. m.
Buena Vista at B. V., Jan. 29, 11 a. m.
Stephens, Jan. 29, 7 p. m.
Chidester, Feb. 5, 11 a. m.
Camden, Feb. 5, 7 p. m.
El Dorado, Feb. 12, 11 a. m.
District Stewards meet at Camden, Wednesday, Dec. 14, at 10 o'clock.—J. J. Stowe, P. E.

CONWAY DISTRICT

(First Round)

Washington Ave., a. m., Dec. 11.
Gardner, p. m., Dec. 11.
Cato at Cat, Conf. 2 p. m., a. m., Dec. 18.
Levy, p. m., Dec. 18, Conf. after church.
Lamar, p. m., Jan. 1, Conf. Sat. p. m. before.
Dover-Knoxville, p. m., Jan. 1, Conf. 2 p. m.
First, N. L. R., p. m., Jan. 4.
Springfield at Springfield, a. m., Jan. 8, Conf. 2 p. m.
Plumerville, p. m., Jan. 8.
Atkins, a. m., Jan. 15.
Morrilton, p. m., Jan. 15.
Jacksonville, a. m., Jan. 22, Conf. 2 p. m.
Cabot, p. m., Jan. 22.
Conway, First, p. m., Jan. 23.
Vilonia at Vilonia, Jan. 28-29.
Salem at Graham's Ch., p. m., Jan. 29, Conf. 2 p. m.
Quitman at Q., a. m., Feb. 3, Conf. 2 p. m.
Greenbrier at Union Grove, Feb. 4-5.
Pottsville at P., a. m., Feb. 12, Conf. 2 p. m.
Russellville, p. m., Feb. 12.
Rosebud at Mt. Vernon, Feb. 18-19.
Holland-Naylor at N, Feb. -9, Conf. 2 p. m.
Scotland-Morganton, Feb. 26.
—J. M. Hughey, P. E.

JONESBORO DISTRICT

(First Round)

Leachville 11 a. m., Dec. 11.
Manila 7 p. m., Dec. 11.
Brookland all day, Dec. 14.
Blytheville Ct at Promised Land, 11 a. m., Dec. 18.
Luxora 7 p. m., Dec. 18.
Bono 11 a. m., Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
Fisher St. 7 p. m., Jan. 1.
Trumann 11 a. m., Jan. 8.
Marked Tree 7 p. m., Jan. 8.
Luxora Ct. at Hightower, all day, Jan. 11.
Wilson 11 a. m., Jan. 15.
Joiner-Keiser at Joiner, 7 p. m., Jan. 15.
Blytheville, First 11 a. m., Jan. 22.
Blytheville, Lake St. 7 p. m., Jan. 22.
Nettleton-Bay at Nettleton, 11 a. m., Jan. 29.
Hantington Ave. 7 p. m., Jan. 29.
Monette 11 a. m., Feb. 5.
Lake City 7 p. m., Feb. 15.
Marion 11 a. m., Feb. 12.
Osceola 7 p. m., Feb. 12.
Lepanto 11 a. m., Feb. 19.
Tyrone 7 p. m., Feb. 19.
Jonesboro, First, 11 a. m., Feb. 26.
—Fred R. Hamilton, P. E.

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-Tomblerlin at Keo, 11 a. m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.
Lonoke Sta., 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, Dec. 7.
Hazen-DeVails 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.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

(First Round)

Paragould, First Church, Dec. 4.
Marmaduke 7 p. m., Dec. 4.
Walnut Ridge, Dec. 11.
Hoxie 7 p. m., Dec. 11.
Lorado-Stanford at Warren's Chapel, Dec. 17-18.
Paragould Ct. at Pruitt's Chapel, 3 p. m., Dec. 18.
Paragould, East Side, Dec. 25.
East Side Circuit at Old Friendship, 3 p. m., Dec. 25.
Black Rock Ct. at B. R., Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
Portia Ct. at Portia, 3 p. m., Jan. 1.
Biggers-Success at Biggers, Jan. 2.
Peach Orchard-Knobel at P. O., Jan. 7-8.
Corning 7 p. m., Jan. 8.
Maynard Ct. at Maynard, Jan. 14-15.
Pocahontia 7 p. m., Jan. 15.
Gainesville Ct. at Gainesville, Jan. 21-22.
Rector 7 p. m., Jan. 22.
St. Francis Circuit at Pollard, Jan. 28-29.
Piggott 7 p. m., Jan. 28.
Ash Flat Ct at Ash Flat, Feb. 4-5.
Hardy-Willford 3 p. m., Feb. 5.
Smithville-R. Spgs. Ct., at Smithville, Feb. 11-12.
Imboden 3 p. m., Feb. 12.
Salem, Feb. 18-19.
Mammoth Spring 7 p. m., Feb. 19.
—Wm. Sherman, 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.
Alzheimer-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.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT

(First Round)

Bingen Ct. at Bingen, Dec. 11, 2:30 p. m.
Center Point Ct. at Center Point, Dec. 12, 2:30 p. m.
Mineral Springs Ct., at Mineral Spgs., Dec. 13, 3 p. m.
Washington, at Washington, Dec. 14, 7 p. m.
Emmett, at Holly Grove, Dec. 18, 2:30 p. m.
Spring Hill at Hopewell, Dec. 17, 2:30 p. m.
Prescott Ct. Dec. 31-Jan. 1.
Blevins, Jan. 1, 7 p. m.
Amity, Jan. 7-8.
Glenwood-Rosboro, Jan. 8, 7 p. m.
Okolona at Okolona, Jan. 15, 2 p. m.
Gordon, Jan. 15, 7 p. m.
Mt. Ida-Norman at Norman, Jan. 20, 7 p. m.
Oden-Mauldin at Oden, Jan. 21-22.
Nashville, Jan. 29, 11 a. m.
Murfreesboro-Delight at Murfreesboro, Jan. 29, 3:30 p. m.
Prescott, Feb. 5, 11 a. m.
Hope, Feb. 5, 7:30 p. m.
—J. L. Dedman, 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.
Denard, 11 a. m., Jan. 8.
Marshall, 1 p. m., Jan. 7.
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.
Lockesburg 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. 29, 11 a. m.
Stamps, Jan. 29, 7 p. m.
—Francis N. Brewer, P. E.

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Protection Against Old Age

LYDIA OF THE PINES

By Honore Willisle

(Continued from last week)

"It seemed for a moment as if he must gather the slight little figure to his heart, but he set his teeth.

"If that darned prom means as much as that to you—" he began, but Lydia interrupted him.

"It doesn't any more, Billy. I've learned a lot of things since I've been sick. I was a little idiot to work so hard for clothes! But I don't think it was all clothes. I wanted to be like other girls. I wanted to have the man that took me proud of my appearance."

The two young people sat in silence, Lydia watching the snowflakes settle on the already overlaid boughs of the pine, Billy watching the sensitive lines in Lydia's face change with each passing thought.

"Billy," she said, "what would you say if next year I took the short course in agriculture?"

"I'd be speechless!" he exclaimed.

"I hate to think of teaching," Lydia went on, "and I'm carzy about the country and farming and so is dad. And there's more than that to it."

What more there was to it, she did not say then, for Ma Norton came bustling in.

CHAPTER XVII**The End of a Great Search**

Lydia returned to her college work the Monday after the junior prom, a little thinner, and her color not quite so bright as usual, but in a most cheerful frame of mind. She was feeling, somehow, a new sense of maturity and contentment.

Kent was devoting a good deal of attention to Lydia but this did not prevent his taking Margery about. He was, he explained to Lydia, so sorry for her!

"You don't have to explain to me," protested Lydia. "I want you to go with all the girls you like. I intend to see all I want of as many men as care to see me. I told you this was my playtime."

Kent's reply to this was a non-committal grunt.

It was late in May that he told Lydia what John Levine had finally accomplished, in his silent months of work in Washington. The Indians on the reservation were to be removed bodily to a reservation in the Southwest. The reservation was then to be thrown open to white settlement.

"What will poor Charlie Jackson say?" were Lydia's first words.

Kent shrugged his shoulders. "Poor old scout! He'll have to make a new start in the West. But isn't it glorious news, Lyd! The land reverts to the government and the land office opens it, just as in pioneer days. Everybody who's title's in question now can re-enter under settlement laws. Isn't Levine a wizard! Why don't you say something, Lydia?"

"I don't know what to say," said Lydia. "I'm sick at heart for the Indians. But I'm glad that the awful temptation of the pines is going to be taken away from Lake City. Though how good can come out of a wrong, I'm not sure. When will Mr. Levine come home?"

"Next month."

On a Sunday afternoon, late in June, John Levine turned in at the gate as casually as though he had left but the day before. Lydia was inspecting the garden with her father, when she heard Adam bark and whine a welcome to some one.

"Oh, there he is, daddy!" she cried, and she dashed down the rows of young peas, her white skirts fluttering, both hands extended.

John seized her hands and for a moment the two stood smiling and looking into each other's face. Except that he was grayer, Levine was unchanged. He broke the silence to say, "Well! Well! young Lydia, you are grown up."

"It's my hair," said Lydia, "and my skirts."

The two men clasped hands. "Well, Amos?"

"It's been a long time between drinks, John."

"I know it, Amos, but my chore's done. Now, I'll stay home and enjoy life. Lydia, is it too hot for waffles and coffee, for supper?"

"It's not too hot for anything on earth you can ask for," returned Lydia, beginning to roll up her sleeves. "I'll go right in and start them now."

It was an extraordinarily pleasant supper. After the dishes were washed, Levine asked Lydia to stroll up the road with him while Amos did his evening chores. It was dusk when they turned out the gate to the road, Lydia clinging to John's arm.

John put a long, hard hand over the small thin one on his arm. "Have you missed me, young Lydia?" he asked.

"Yes," she answered, "especially as you never came near us after the hearing."

"How could I come?" asked the man, simply. "You had weighed me and found me wanting. Have you forgiven me, Lydia?"

"It wasn't a matter between you and me," replied the girl, slowly. "It was between you and your conscience and if your conscience approves, what's the use of asking me to forgive you?"

"Because, I can't stand not having your approval," said Levine.

They strolled on in silence, while Lydia considered her reply. "No matter if the destroying of the Indians were right, that wouldn't exonerate the whites for having been cruel and crooked in doing it. People will always remember it of us."

John sighed, then said abruptly, "Let's never discuss it again. What are you reading now, Lydia?"

"English essayists and Emerson. I'm crazy about Emerson. I learned one thing from Friendship to quote to you. It's like you and me."

She quoted: "Friendship—that select and sacred relationship that is a kind of absolute and which even leaves the language of love suspicious and common so much is this purer; and nothing is so much divine."

John stopped and taking Lydia's face in both his hands, he exclaimed huskily, "Oh, my dear, this is my real welcome home! Oh, Lydia, Lydia, if you were ten years older and I were ten years younger—"

Lydia laughed. "Then we'd travel—to all the happy places of the world. We must turn back. Daddy'll be waiting."

Levine was very busy with the details of the Indian removal for the next week or two. The exodus was accomplished in a businesslike manner. There were some disturbances on the reservation, but for the most part, the Indians were dazed and unprotesting. Before the concentration began, the precaution was taken of sending Charlie Jackson under guard to the new reservation in the Southwest. Lydia had never seen him after her day at the hearing. She always was to carry in her memory, his handsome bronze face, too early marked with lines of despair, as she saw it while she uttered her protest to the commissioners. And it was a hauntingly sad memory to carry.

(Continued next week)

One of the minor sports of America is that of muckraking organized religion.—Professor Irving F. Wood in The Congregationalist.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.**Lesson for December 11****ISAIAH COUNSELS THE RULERS**

LESSON TEXT—Isa. 37:5-11; 14-20.

GOLDEN TEXT—Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.

PRIMARY TOPIC—God's Care for Jerusalem.

JUNIOR TOPIC—God's Care of a Nation.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—God the Ruler of Nations.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Recognition of God in National Affairs.

The committee has given as the scripture units chapters 7, 31, 36 and 37. It will materially help in the grasp of the lesson if brief attention be given to these chapters; therefore in the outline brief reference will be made to chapters 7 and 31 while confining the main exposition to chapters 36 and 37.

I. Isaiah's Message to Ahaz.

1. Prophecy concerning Immanuel (ch. 7).

The occasion of this prophecy was an invasion from the north by Israel and Syria. This invasion greatly alarmed Ahaz. To calm his fearful heart Isaiah assured him that God's purpose concerning the nation would not fail. He urged the exercise of faith in God, offering to confirm his faith by working any miracle desired. While with false humility he refused a sign the prophet announced the giving of a sign which would be the birth of Immanuel.

2. A promise of divine protection (ch. 31).

Ahaz foolishly called for the help of Assyria and Egypt against Israel and Syria. Isaiah rebuked him for this, showing him clearly that his only help was in God.

II. Judah Invaded by the Assyrians (Isa. 36).

1. Rabshakeh meets a deputation from Judah (vv. 1-21).

He represented Sennacherib, the king of Assyria, whose mission was to induce Judah to surrender. His method to accomplish this was:

(1) Intimidation (vv. 4-9).

He tried to bully them into submission.

(2) Misrepresentation (v. 10).

He asserted that it was useless for them to put their trust in God and even declared that the Lord had sent him to destroy Egypt.

(3) He tried to create a panic among the people (vv. 13-21). Fearing such a panic the deputation of the Jews urged Rabshakeh not to speak in the Jews' language.

(4) He promised them plenty in another land (vv. 16, 17).

2. The report to Hezekiah by the deputation (v. 22). They rent their garments in fear and dismay over their perilous condition, for the crisis long before predicted by Isaiah had now come upon them.

III. Hezekiah's Behavior (Isa. 37).

1. Resorted to the House of the Lord (v. 1).

This is a sure retreat for God's people in time of distress (Ps. 73:16, 17; 73:13). This action was prompted by faith, for God had promised that whoever in time of distress resorted to His house would be heard by Him (II Chron. 7:15, 16).

2. Sent to Isaiah (vv. 2-7).

The natural and logical thing for the king to do under such circumstances was to send for God's prophet.

3. Hezekiah's prayer (vv. 14-20).

Rabshakeh, who seems to have withdrawn from Jerusalem for a little while, now returned from Sennacherib with a letter warning Hezekiah against trusting God for deliverance, for no

God was able to stand against the Assyrian army. He spread the letter before the Lord and prayed.

(1) He recognized God's throne, making it the ground of his plea (v. 16).

He reposed his faith in the lordship of Jehovah, knowing that all power and authority resided in Him.

(2) He recognized the peril which threatened the people (vv. 17-19).

(3) He asked for deliverance (v. 20).

4. Isaiah's message to Hezekiah (vv. 21-35).

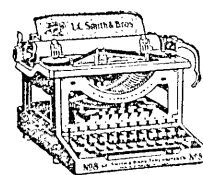
(1) That Sennacherib's sin was blasphemy against the Holy One of Israel (vv. 21-23).

(2) That Sennacherib had forgotten that he was an instrument in God's hand (vv. 24-28).

(3) That judgment upon Sennacherib was imminent (vv. 29-35).

IV. The Assyrian Army Destroyed (vv. 36-38).

The angel of the Lord went forth and slew in the camp of the Assyrians 185,000 men, so Sennacherib was turned back by the way he came.



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