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## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Youth theorizes; age factualizes.  
Sin causes smart men to make bad bargains.  
When you win your spurs, let them spur you to high achievement.  
Do you vote as you pray, or pray as you vote? There's a difference.  
Love drew the best of heaven to earth; and draws the best of earth to heaven.  
Education may cost \$500 or \$1,000 a year, but its real value is estimated in power, not in dollars.  
The calendar counts time, but does not reveal your age; that is discovered through your conduct.

## WAKE UP, GOOD PEOPLE!

In the Manufacturers Record of Nov. 24 is an editorial on the "Danger of Red Teachings in Our Schools," in which is quoted an extract from a letter of a business man who travels much and studies all phases of American life. It is as follows: "Mississippi, Florida, Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri, in particular, are in a very bad way; teachers in the public schools are teaching Bolshevism and similar heresies, and Bolshevism is rampant." The editor comments thus: "We are not surprised by this statement. We have long seen indications of spirit of this kind in parts of the South. In some public schools in the South, as well as in colleges, there is a pronounced spirit of socialism, or communism, or Bolshevism. But, even worse than that, there are indications here and there that in some Southern colleges are found conditions somewhat similar to those which are commanding such serious thought of serious-minded men and women as to what is taking place in many Northern colleges, and more especially, we believe, in colleges for young women. . . . In some of our educational institutions rank atheism is taught. Some of the professors are rank atheists. Young men and women at an impressionable age are sent off to school, and, coming under the teaching of such men, necessarily are impressed by the doctrines taught, and many of them lose all the faith in which they had been reared at home."

On another page may be found an article by Georgia Robertson, who is a writer of wide experience and observation. She calls attention to the definite and aggressive efforts that are being made by the "American Association for the Advancement of Atheism" to destroy faith in religion and the Churches.

On previous occasions we have commented on the activities of certain publishers of atheistic literature, and we know that an immense amount of their noxious stuff is being circulated and read, and that comparatively there is very little genuinely religious literature read by our people, who are so overwhelmed with secular reading matter that they have neither time nor taste for the higher kind of reading. Unfortunately there are among us a few brethren who think that the Church itself is going to destruction, and these men are weakening the Church in its ability to resist these really dangerous influences. The chief weakness of the Church is not in harboring doctrinal heresies, but in having a vast body of members who are so poorly informed and so slightly attached to the Church that they are not aiding the Church in its attacks on the subtle forces outside the Church that are seeking to undermine and overthrow confidence in all that the Church believes and supports.

We do not believe that the conditions in the schools of the South are as bad as suggested in the articles quoted; because we know that, relatively, there are more Christian teachers in the Southern schools than in the schools of any other section in our land. Indeed, it is rather a rare thing for a teacher in our public schools and certainly in our Church schools not to be a member of some Christian Church; and we believe that in our state schools a vast majority of the teachers are Church members. Nevertheless, in view of the pernicious

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activity of those who are definitely organized to "put Christianity out of business," our people need to be on guard and the governing boards should be particular about the character of those who teach in all of our schools.

All of this suggests the importance of strengthening our Christian colleges and our Sunday Schools and utilizing the Christian press to expose and overcome these hurtful forces. It matters not how good the secular press and schools may be, the religious press and denominational colleges are needed to do some things that secular agencies cannot be expected to do. Shall Christianity, that first utilized the printing press, surrender it and leave it largely in the hands of those who are indifferent or antagonistic? It is time for our good people to wake up and frankly face the situation.

## AN INSPIRING OCCASION

I closed my last article on the General Missionary Council at Jackson, Miss., with a brief resume of the address of Dr. Cox, chancellor of Emory University. He is a layman and his address was intended to promote activity among the laity of our Church. It would be profitable if he might be heard in many laymen's meetings. His words were truth and wisdom.

Following Dr. Cox came Bishop Cannon, who has not yet fully recovered from the dangerous illness contracted in Africa, which almost cost him his life. He had only recently returned from Brazil where he had held the Conferences, and had been hard worked at Washington in the National Anti-Saloon Board meeting. He shows signs of hard work and illness, and should now take a rest until he recovers more fully. He read a paper, using as a text John 3:14-19 & 36. In a very frank way he recounted his early experiences in the religious life, and indicated that in his youth the preaching emphasized the fact of sin and the need of salvation from sin. Coming from a man who thoroughly believes in social reforms, this message had a fine effect. He argued that a Gospel which merely stands for reforms in social and political life is not enough. In present-day preaching there is often a lack of emphasis on man's relation to God. The tendency is to minimize the Gospel and magnify philosophy. Our Gospel is not a system of ethics and philosophy, but of personal faith in Jesus Christ and his atoning blood. An uncompromising but loving Gospel is the only Gospel that really grips men. The personal relation to God should be presented, and men urged to get right with God. Our Gospel alone gives the answer which men seek for the ills of the world. In preaching reform instead of salvation from sin we may be burying our talent in a napkin. The Bishop has seen the wickedness of the world in every continent, and is convinced that what the world needs to save it from its awful wickedness is the pure Gospel of Jesus Christ whose blood takes away the sin of men who repent and believe on him. We have refused to obey his orders. We are spending millions on ourselves in wasteful self-indulgence and a pittance to carry out our Lord's command. We must so pray and preach as to arouse our people from their selfishness and self-satisfaction. We must show them a world lying in sin and under condemnation and Jesus Christ an all-sufficient Savior. Unless we are loyal to him, our organizations and our spending on big buildings are in vain. The world needs our missionaries and we have the men and women of faith who will go;

but how can we send them if we have no funds, and how can we get the funds if our people spend all on themselves?

Dr. J. W. Perry, home missions secretary, discussed the "Need of a Revival of Religion at Home." In March, after the special period of cultivation for the freewill offering, the Board of Missions will endeavor to promote a revival. In preparation the pastors should write for survey cards, and get their people to read a chapter every day from Matthew and John and John's Epistles. The American Bible Society will furnish these Gospels for one cent each. The coming three years are 1900 years after the three years of Christ's personal ministry, and it seems proper to remind ourselves of that fact. Then there should be much prayer in preparation for evangelistic work. In the round of Missionary Institutes emphasis is to be laid on evangelism. The Protestant Episcopal Church has established a department of evangelism, and that Church is gathering the preachers into quiet places for prayer and preparation. Surely Methodism that started with revivals cannot now ignore the need and opportunity! Our Bishops are leading in this and the pastors will surely follow. The Lenten period is to be used for deepening the devotional spirit of our people. If we are to have a real revival there must be repentance and reconsecration in both pulpit and pew.

Bishop John M. Moore spoke on the "Need of a Safe and Sane Revival." He referred to his visits to England and interest in seeing the places connected with Wesley and his work. Wesley's preaching was a protest against the wickedness of his day. He understood theology, philosophy and the science of his day; but in his preaching he went direct to the hearts of the people and stirred them in a marvelous way. The men of Wesley's day who reached the people had a strong message, like that of John the Baptist. They had such faith in God and in Christ that they were able to preach a whole Gospel. They were new creatures in Christ and felt that it was their duty to "spread Scriptural Holiness throughout the world." They created a desire among their hearers to "flee from the wrath to come and be saved from their sins." Methodism won then by the positive preaching of essential principles. Methodism has always been concerned about the life of the people and this has kept it out of heresy trials. Methodism's greatest success has been among English-speaking people, and consequently our methods have been those which have been adapted to these people. In other lands these methods have not always been so successful. Today the evangelists are not getting results as formerly, partly because they are depending on more or less sensational methods. The weakness of present-day evangelism is its shallowness. It merely produces ripples where we need great waves. We need conversion of minds as well as of emotions. Christ is at the center of thinking as well as feeling, and the will itself must be reached to get results. God must be presented as he was shown by Christ. For safe and sane evangelism, we need safe and sane men and the proclamation of Jesus Christ as the Savior from sin. The evangelist can get a crowd by preaching on card-playing and dancing; but he must have a stronger appeal to secure conviction of sin and faith in Christ. We should preach repentance and sanctification, and let men know that by faith in Christ they can be kept from all sin. When the Church is normally Christian it is evangelistic. The question is not one of methods but of life.

Rev. Arthur Moore, pastor of First Church, Birmingham, spoke along somewhat similar lines that he followed at Camden; hence I need not report. He is always interesting and edifying, and I enjoy hearing him again and again on the same subject.

Bishop W. A. Candler, in his inimitable manner, continued the discussion of Evangelism. The basis—  
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## PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS

### DEATH OF REV. Z. T. BENNETT, D. D.

After our forms were closed and the paper was closed to go to press a telegram was received announcing that Rev. Z. T. Bennett, D. D., former editor of this paper, had passed away on Jan. 10 at his home in Fort Smith. The funeral was to be Thursday.

Comes a dainty card announcing the birth, Jan. 3, of Franklin Elmer, son of Rev. and Mrs. Vernon E. Chalfant of Gentry.

It is to be hoped that all pastors have read to their congregations the Address of the Bishops on Church Literature. It was in this paper last week.

Instructions for the pastors in making the canvass for subscribers have been mailed. If any pastor failed to get his copy, he should drop a card to this office asking for it.

Dr. P. C. Fletcher, long-time the beloved pastor of our First Church, Little Rock now pastor of Laurel Heights Church, San Antonio, Texas, received as a Christmas gift from his members a master-six Buick car.

Rev. Fred R. Harrison, pastor of Mabelvale and Primrose, called Monday and reported a good start on his charge. He has been on the ground only three weeks, as he remained at Southern Methodist University to finish his course.

The friends of Mrs. Irvin, wife of Rev. M. K. Irvin, Magnolia, will sympathize with her in the loss of her father, Mr. J. H. Naler, who died at Mena, Dec. 23, and was buried there Dec. 25, Rev. J. A. Parker conducting the service.

The Journal of the last session of the North Arkansas Conference has been received. We have not had time to study it; but it looks like a nice piece of work, and it seems to be unusually complete. The able editor is Dr. F. M. Tolleson, the secretary, and the printing was done by the Russellville Printing Co.

In response to our request sent out Saturday for information from the pastors about plans for circulation campaign the cards are pouring in on every mail. The first card received was from Rev. J. M. Cannon of Eudora. All who have not yet mailed replies are earnestly urged to respond promptly so that the office may know just what to expect. The spirit of those received is fine, and

we count on the greatest circulation campaign this year that has ever been made by our pastors. They can do it and we believe they will.

The friends of Mrs. Roebuck, wife of Rev. F. G. Roebuck of Prescott, will be in sympathy with her on account of the death of her father, Mr. T. J. Stokes, a retired merchant of Humphrey, who passed away at his home on Dec. 29.

Five years ago there were fifty popular story magazines. Today there are over three hundred. But we can take no pride in this fact. Most of these new ones are frankly designed to appeal to depraved tastes and the morbid side of human nature. —Nuggets.

Rev. L. C. Gatlin, pastor of our Community Church at Lockesburg, is making a fine beginning of his fourth year. On Christmas Day he received twenty members, on New Year's Day one, and last Sunday twelve. That is 33 members already. That is good work.

Mr. J. B. Paxson, superintendent at Knoxville, writes: "I notice in last week's paper the contribution for Knoxville Sunday School read Lamar Circuit, and it should read Dover Circuit. Please correct the error. The money was sent by Mrs. N. B. Carey."

Mr. A. L. Dietrich, recording secretary of the Board, writes that the executive committee of the General Sunday School Board has named April 18 as the date for the annual meeting this year, and that the meeting will probably last through the 19th. The member of the Board from our territory is Mr. C. E. Hayes of Little Rock.

The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, Jan. 23-24. The editor is a member and would like to attend, but the work of the office at that time will make it practically impossible. Bishop John M. Moore of our Church is the presiding officer at all of the sessions of the Church Comity Conference which meets at the same place.

A card from Rev. S. F. Goddard, who last year was our pastor at Mena, requests that his paper be sent to him at Honolulu, Hawaii Islands, Apartment 23, Edgewater Beach Apartments, where he will for some time visit with his son, O. F. Goddard, who is an accountant in the employ of the government. We shall expect him to write for the paper about his experiences and impressions in our island territory.

Governor-elect Theodore Bilbo, of Mississippi, announces that he and his wife will not attend the inaugural ball on Jan. 17, because the Baptist Church, to which he belongs, does not approve of dancing. That is a fine decision, and it should be followed by many other public men. Those who belong to Churches that do not approve of dancing should not be expected to attend public balls. We honor Governor Bilbo for this decision.

According to action of the Conferences the pastors are requested this year to arrange with the manager of this paper for the date of the circulation campaign. All are requested to fix a date that is satisfactory at the earliest possible day. It is important to get the paper into all Methodist homes at the beginning of this year. This is going to be the best year in the history of Southern Methodism and all of our people will want to read about it.

The St. Louis Christian Advocate reports that on Jan. 1 the Northern and Southern Methodists at West Plains, Mo., united, and that the action was taken under the direction of Commissions of the two Churches and approved by Bishops McMurry and Waldorf; but it is not clear in the report to which denomination the united church belongs. However, we infer that it became a Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The membership is 531. Rev. J. F. E. Bates is the pastor of our church.

On another page may be found a call for a Nation-Wide Conference in the interest of the observance and enforcement of laws sustaining the 18th Amendment. Practically all prohibition organizations are joining in the call and will be represented. If there are those from our state who can go they should do it. The editor regrets that as a representative of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League he can not go; but he has neither the time nor the funds at this time for such a trip. That date is Jan. 26 and the place Mayflower Hotel, Washington, D. C.

The editor spent a delightful day at Houston and Perry last Sunday, but will not report on the visit until next week. He expects to be in Danville next Sunday.

The Methodists of Arkansas appreciate the fact that one of our own men has produced a book that has been officially approved for the Bible Study Course in the W. M. Societies throughout our Church. Many of the best Societies in both Conferences of Arkansas are now using the book. Many others will adopt it this month and next. However, societies that intend to use the book, "Jesus Our Ideal," should remember that the only way to get it at 75 cents in lots of six or more is to send to the author, Rev. W. P. Whaley, Searcy, Arkansas.

The Arkansas History Commission, of which the editor is a member, had its annual meeting last Saturday. Secretary D. T. Herndon made a very interesting report showing constant additions to the collection which the Commission is making. The Commission has in its rooms at the State House a really wonderful collection of books, papers, documents, arms, pottery, pictures, and other historic objects. Visitors to the city should take time to see these objects. A day may be profitably spent examining the collection. Readers who have historic material of any kind or who know of such material should correspond with Secretary Herndon about it. If they are unwilling to donate such material, it can be deposited in the rooms for safe keeping and taken out if the owner wishes.

Dr. McGlumphy, N. Ark. Conference treasurer, writes thus: "Rev. J. T. Willcoxon and the church of which he is pastor, Osceola, are expecting the greatest year yet. They have sent a handsome-sized check to the Conference treasurer on the 'Claims', and intend sending another very soon. They will keep at it until they have paid in full. That will from all indications, be long before Conference. One of the small churches of the Helena District has the honor of sending the first check on the Conference Collections from that District. What is still better is the fact that it is paid up to date. Best of all is what the pastor, Brother J. W. Harger, writes, 'They plan to pay monthly.' All honor to the Methodists of Bird Eye! Brother Harger thinks that some of the other churches of his circuit, Vandalia-Cherry Valley, will make monthly payments. That way lies victory! Paying by the month is spreading through the North Arkansas Conference. Brother A. L. Riggs, pastor of Monette Charge, Jonesboro District, sent last week a check covering the first month's quota of the Monette Church's Conference Claims assessment. Monette Circuit made a fine record last year under Brother Riggs' leadership. 1928 will be still better if there is anything in signs."

## PRIZES! PRIZES!

Nearly a year ago the story, "Lydia of the Pines," was started in these columns, and a Ten-Dollar Prize was offered to the youth between fifteen and eighteen who should write the best 1,500 word outline of the story. A Ten-Dollar Prize was also offered to the mother who should write the best 1,000 word criticism of the same story.

During this month the story will be completed, and we urge our youth and the mothers to prepare themselves to write for these prizes. We suggested that all who were expecting to write preserve the files of the paper so that they would be ready, as we cannot agree to supply copies. Let us have some good articles. The winners will be published,

## SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT ESSAY CONTEST

Rev. H. Lynn Wade, chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Finance, has arranged for prize articles to stimulate interest in Superannuate Endowment.

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. Lynn Wade;  
Second Prize, \$2.50, given by Rev. J. W. Moore;  
Third Prize, \$1, given by Rev. W. F. Blevins.

Prizes will also be given for the best article by the wife or widow of a superannuate preacher. Subject, "My Most Trying Experience as Wife of a Methodist Preacher."

First Prize, \$5, given by Rev. S. M. Yancey;

Second Prize, \$2.50, given by Dr. F. M. Scott;  
Third Prize, \$1, given by Dr. J. M. Workman.

Articles should not exceed 1,000 words and should be plainly written on only one side of paper, and should reach the Arkansas Methodist office by February 12. The editor will select the judges and publish the articles before March.

#### THE CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

Since the last issue the following subscriptions have been received:

Manning, H. B. Chandler, 8;  
Hot Springs Circuit, Rev. H. A. F. Ault, 1;  
Evening Shade, Rev. H. W. Jett, 5;  
Imboden, Rev. G. A. Burr, 1;  
Mabelvale, Rev. F. R. Harrison, 1.  
Many others are promised soon.

#### SUNDAY AT BELLEVILLE AND OLA

Accepting an urgent invitation from Rev. C. L. Franks, the faithful pastor, I spent Sunday, Jan. 1, in his pleasant charge. Saturday night the train was late; hence I arrived about bed-time at Belleville, and was taken to the fine little hotel run by the Pledgers, where under a mountain of covers I managed to keep warm in spite of the almost zero weather.

After a fine breakfast, such as one gets at the small hotels in the villages, I went to the church and sat in with the Sunday School. Supt. D. F. Montgomery, who is also the capable superintendent of the Belleville schools, has a good Sunday School, but on account of the extreme weather the attendance was meager. At eleven I preached to a small, but attentive congregation.

A year ago a new church building was occupied. It is a very substantial brick with a big basement. The auditorium is large and unusually well lighted. When all partitions are in there will be 12 class rooms. The cost was about \$20,000, of which Rev. I. N. Martin, an aged local preacher, and wife contributed \$6,000 and the building is called "Martin Memorial." The debt is only \$2,500, and it is to be paid in annual installments of \$500; hence it is not embarrassing. The old church property in the north part of town has been sold and the new house is south of the railroad. It is a building of which our people and the community may well be proud.

Our membership there is about 240. The official board with Mr. J. L. Harrod as chairman is a capable organization. Mrs. W. H. Melton is president of an active W. M. Society. Claud Hill is president of the Senior League; Mrs. Ada Bowden is superintendent of the Juniors; and Miss Pearl Dyer has charge of the Intermediates. All are active and efficient.

Belleville is a nice town of some 600 population, lying in the broad valley northwest of Danville with a fine view of the mountains on both sides. It has substantial business houses and a good school of twelve grades. It is a pleasant community in which to live, and our church, under the care of Bro. Franks, is prospering.

A most excellent dinner, prepared by the mistress of the parsonage, was enjoyed with the pastor's family and Rev. J. C. Weaver, who lives there in the superannuate home. His health is better and he preaches once a month at a country appointment where he held a successful revival last year. Mrs. Weaver is teaching a country school. Bro. Franks' oldest son, a sprightly young man, is a student at Henderson-Brown College, where he is working his way.

After dinner, in a neighbor's car, Bro. Franks and I went to Ola. It was a cold trip; but we did not suffer. As Bro. Franks had to preach at Belleville that night, he left me in good hands at the excellent hotel near the railroad station, where I had an appetizing supper and a comfortable bed. With Bro. Daniels I went to the church at 7:30, but found only the Epworth Leaguers, as the weather and condition of the house kept the elders away. The Leaguers, a fine body of youth, remained and listened to an address on "The Youth of Today." Monday morning early I took train and returned.

While Ola is a town of some 1,000 population, our church is very weak numerically. On account of this and because the parsonage at Ola is more commodious and comfortable, Bro. Franks will soon move his family to Ola. The town, situated at a railroad junction and the crossing of important highways, soon to be surfaced, is improving and seems to have a bright future. It is hoped that, living there, Bro. Franks may be able to strengthen the church. He will divide his time equally between the two towns.

Mr. Tom Daniels is chairman of the official board. Mr. G. W. Tippin is S. S. superintendent.

Frank James is president of the Senior League, and Mrs. Gladys James is superintendent of the Intermediates. These organizations are all doing good work. There is no W. M. S. at present. The church building is large, but in bad repair. There is a good high school building and a good school is maintained. Under his wise leadership Bro. Franks may be expected to greatly improve conditions at Ola, and the two churches will become a strong charge. Arrangements will be made to put the Arkansas Methodist into practically all the homes in the two churches.

In spite of the severe cold I had a pleasant time and hope to go back when conditions are more favorable and visit the schools and see more of the good people.—A. C. M.

#### MILLSAPS COLLEGE: A STRONG INSTITUTION

Many years ago it was my privilege to visit Millsaps College. It was founded under favorable auspices. Bishop Galloway, seeing the need of a strong college in Mississippi, encouraged a movement to establish one under the care of the two Conferences. Before it was located it had a considerable endowment, and it secured a good building and fine campus from Jackson; hence it has always been in position to do the work that it was expected to do.

It was a great pleasure to visit the college again while I was in attendance at the Missionary Council. Most of the editors were entertained at dinner in the dining-hall and enjoyed the opportunity to test the fare, which they found excellent, and to meet members of the faculty and some of the students. Under the direction of Dr. D. M. Key we inspected the plant and found it good.

About a mile north of the State House is the beautiful campus of 100 acres, secured partly by donation and partly by purchase of the property of a negro institution. A high ridge runs through and gives a fine view of the environment. It is in an attractive residence section of the rapidly growing city of Jackson. There are seven substantial buildings, which with the campus and equipment, are worth \$660,000. The endowment is \$920,000 and there is no debt. The annual income is about \$112,000. There are 22 teachers and 450 students. It is one of the few denominational colleges that has a Carnegie Library. In fact, few of our church schools have any library building. A movement has been started to secure \$600,000 with which to build a larger Science Hall, more dormitories, and a gymnasium and stadium.

The college is rated high by the standardizing agencies. It is a member of the Southern Association of Colleges, the Association of American Colleges, and the American Council of Education. Recently an official survey was made of education in Mississippi, and Dr. O'Shea of the University of Wisconsin, who made the survey, says: "Turning now to Millsaps, it can be seen that the students rank higher in ability than do students in any other Mississippi college, or the university. . . . It is practically certain that Freshman students in Millsaps stand out distinctly ahead of students in the other colleges and in the university. It appears that Millsaps has secured a reputation for high scholarship and thorough training and the effect is to attract students of superior ability to do college work of a literary, linguistic, and mathematical type. . . . Millsaps students are distinctly in the lead in educational achievements, as well as in intellectual ability."

President Key, in answering a questionnaire of Dr. Stonewall Anderson, in which he asked for the elements that make for Christian character in our colleges, wrote: "The physical hardships and self-denial of present-day students are one of the most significant forces for character. These young people have seen a vision. Over sixty per cent are earning a part of their expenses. Students work all night in the express offices. They rush from class-room to the store and warehouse. They dress well and make a brave show with their loud ties and socks, but there is the iron of self-denial and self-sacrifice in their hearts. The other day our college physician called for some boys for transfusion of blood in the hospitals and over forty boys clamored for the opportunity. Do you think that young men who will buy life training with their very life blood are frivolous? Millsaps was founded for poor boys. It has never been an industrial school, but it does give the poor boy the very best chance. Through various loan funds every student who does thorough work and who proves his honesty and industry can borrow about half the amount to pay his expenses. If he is industrious and persistent he can earn the rest and pay his own

way through Millsaps."

Since 1920 there have been 252 graduates. Of these 34 have been preachers and 161 have been teachers. 97 per cent are church members in their communities, 91 per cent are at work in the Sunday Schools, and 46 per cent are officials in church and Sunday Schools.

Millsaps College was named for Major R. W. Millsaps, whose great gifts made possible its location, foundation, and steady growth. Like Captain W. W. Martin at Hendrix College, Major Millsaps stood by the college when it needed him most and it will be an enduring monument to his wisdom and liberality.

President Key is a nephew of Prof. W. H. Key who wrought so faithfully in the early days of Hendrix and was so beloved by the students. He is a B. A. of Central College, an M. A. of Vanderbilt, and a Ph. D. of the University of Chicago; and has had experience in teaching in Morrisville College, Vanderbilt, Emory University, and Southern University. He has been professor of Ancient Languages at Millsaps since 1914, vice-president during 1923-4, and president since 1924. He is demonstrating his fitness for his responsible position, and the college is moving forward under his guidance.

Prof. G. L. Harrell, professor of Physics and Astronomy, will be remembered by the Hendrix College students of 1901-02. After teaching in several institutions he came to his alma mater in 1911 and has been there continuously doing fine work and making a reputation as a scientist. It was a distinct pleasure to meet him again and to break bread with his interesting family.

Millsaps is fortunate in its location in Jackson, the capital and chief city of a growing state. It is a city with many other institutions, and, if Millsaps should ever be disposed to develop into a university, it would have the right environment. Mississippi Methodism is fortunate in having such a strong institution as Millsaps, and its future is assured. It is a striking example of educational statesmanship both of its founders and in its administration. Happy has the college been in its presidents: Dr. W. B. Murrah, (later bishop), D. C. Hull, A. F. Watkins, and D. M. Key. All have wrought well and their labors are bearing abundant fruit.—A. C. M.

#### AN INSPIRING OCCASION

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is of evangelism is found in two facts, the sinfulness of human nature and the remedy, Jesus Christ. The world has made progress as it has found Jesus Christ. Revivals have made our country. The world needs not so much reform as rescue. All revivals have been preceded by dark periods. Today is a dark period, and if we wake up and meet its issues we may have a revival. Christ is the revelation of God, and through him there will be ultimate triumph of righteousness. We need today a constitutional remedy, a regenerated world. Salvation must begin from without. Man cannot save himself. God is the author of salvation. No mongrel religion can bring the revival. It is possible to have a type of revival that is wrong. Let us not burn strange fire on the altars. We need more than a lot of pathetic stories. Commercialized evangelism that spills emotion in puddles will not save. One function of the Church is to preach an evangelistic Gospel, and there is a normal excitement in connection with that. In great crises there should be fervor, but that is not the end. As there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels when one sinner is saved, so there should be rejoicing in the Church when sinners are saved. When the Church gets thoroughly wrought up over the saving of souls there will be excitement enough.

In the closing session of the Council resolutions condemning mob violence were adopted and the report of the committee on findings was made and adopted. It has already been published.

Mrs. F. P. Stephens, president of the Woman's Council spoke. The Council has been working on plans for celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of the organization of the woman's work. An outline of its history was given. It is to be a Year of Jubilee and the subject is to be "Leaders for the New Day."

After the adoption of several minor reports and committees the meeting adjourned. Bishop Darlington was announced to speak at night; but as he was somewhat indisposed, Dr. Arthur Moore preached. I believe that all who were in attendance were impressed with the plans and will cooperate to carry them out. Let us this year do our best for Missions and Evangelism and we shall undoubtedly see a great revival.—A. C. M.



## CONTRIBUTIONS

SHALL WE ABANDON CHINA?  
By O. E. Goddard, D. D., Foreign  
Missionary Secretary

A woman—Christian, Methodist, intelligent—said to me as I was leaving for China: "I'm not in sympathy with your trip to China. They are looting and destroying property and life. I think we should withdraw our missionaries and let the Chinese go to the devil." A prominent layman said our work was done in China. A former large contributor said he did not expect to contribute any more money for work in China. Another said: "Bishop Ainsworth and Dr. Goddard are foolish to allow our missionaries to return while the dangers are so great in China."

Five missionaries who were on furlough in the United States did return. All those who had been called into Shanghai by the Consul General returned to their posts after the Annual Conference. They are now all back on their jobs and are happy in the service. There is but little danger in the zone covered by our Mission. Our work extends out from Shanghai. It is not likely that there will be any fighting in this territory. Our only probably exposed point is Changchow. There may be some looting by disloyal soldiers in our territory, but that is not likely to be extensive.

Some sort of war is likely to go on for a long time in China. There is no end in sight now. When one of the factions finally wins out, the biggest and most difficult work will then begin, i. e., to assimilate and make homogeneous these heterogeneous groups. The Chinese mind has not yet comprehended what a Federal Government is. Hence when a new China-wide government is set up, there will likely be rebellions and secessions for a generation. Hence, to say that we will close our schools, churches and hospitals and wait till there is permanent peace would likely mean to suspend operations during this generation. A tombstone will likely mark the resting place of most of our bodies before China enjoys permanent peace.

It has never been the policy of Christian missionaries to abandon a field because of persecution or prosecution. St. Paul encountered vastly more obstacles and suffered more at the hands of Europeans when he was planting the Gospel in Europe than our missionaries have suffered in China. See II Cor. 11:23-29. President W. B. Nance of Soochow University when urged to go to Shanghai by the Consul and by the Board of Missions, said he had rather stay in Soochow and take any consequences than go to Shanghai to take refuge under anybody's gun boats. This was the spirit of all our missionaries. While rioting and looting were going on in our territory, both we and the Consul urged all of them to rush to Shanghai. They went, not because they were afraid but because they consented to obey orders of representatives of the Church and the State.

Nationalism is rampant in China. "China for the Chinese" is the slogan. For this we cannot blame them. They have been exploited and dominated over by countries with big armies and monies until they are desperate. Under this overpowering emotional strain, some rash things will be done. But the Chinese are a serious and sane people. You may depend upon them finally to settle down on something that is reasonable and right. But just now they are passing through a transition period, the greatest in all history. More than 400,000,

000 people passing through not a revolution but a conglomeration of revolutions. The political revolution is so colossal that it makes the French Revolution or the American Revolution look like a kindergarten. But there are simultaneously an industrial revolution, an educational revolution, a literary revolution and a religious revolution. Nothing like this has ever been seen in all history. A congeries of revolutions all acting, re-acting and inter-acting on one another. No wonder this is a Chinese puzzle that baffles the Western mind!

To desert these people now in the midst of a situation like this would be worse than cowardice and meaner than murder. They are re-making their educational system. They have abandoned the old memory regime and are trying to make a curriculum adapted to the development of the human mind. They need our educational missionaries as never before. The day has just arrived when our educational missionaries can do their best work. All that they have done hitherto has been but a preparation for this great day. Western science is liable to loom too large in the new curriculum unless Christian educators help in making a well-balanced curriculum. The most urgent need that China ever had educationally is on now. The seasoned educationist now has such an opportunity in China as he never had before—probably will never have again—for constructive service.

The medical situation is crucial. China for all time has been notoriously insanitary. The Rockefeller Foundation and the Churches have done much to make China sanitary. A good beginning has been made, but what is this among so many? Our Church owns and maintains all or a part of four hospitals. More than a hundred thousand patients are treated in these hospitals annually who would not get treatment in any other hospital. On the streets of Huchow the writer witnessed two scenes within two blocks of each other, that impressed him deeply. The first was a woman seated in a doctor's office. She was evidently suffering from neuralgia of the face. The doctor, if doctor he may be called, stuck seventeen needles in her face so deep that each needle reached a bone. Then he put some kind of composition in the eye of the needle and lit it with a match. The poor woman, writhing in agony, sat there with seventeen torches blazing on the ends of seventeen needles made red hot by the flames. Two blocks away I saw the clinic of our Huchow Hospital. A great throng of afflicted humanity was there. Dr. Fred Mauget and his efficient corps of doctors and nurses were busy alleviating suffering in a scientific way, while the chaplain moved graciously among the suffering, pointing them to the great Physician. What a contrast!

Shall we abandon China, close our hospitals and leave these suffering millions to such quacks as is described in the incident above? Shall we? Shall we? Christ says, "No." Christ-like people say, "No." Southern Methodism says, "No." Medical missionaries have always been angels of mercy in China's afflicted millions, but they are more needed now than ever before. In addition to the unusual amount of sickness—and that is immense—they have the wounded incident to war. Both soldiers and civilians, wounded in these wars, flock to our hospitals for treatment. Let all who are hoping to support medical missionaries, thank God that they can now with their money indirectly minister to these suffering mil-

lions.

The religious revolution is on. China is breaking away from the old religions. One rarely sees a well kept Buddhist temple. Most of them look dilapidated and deserted. It was always doubtful whether Confucianism was a religion or merely a system of ethics. China's mind on religion is in a flux state. She has lost faith in the old religions and is drifting toward Atheism. It is not now a question as to whether China shall be Buddhist or Christian, it is—shall she be Christian or Atheistic? She is fast drifting toward Atheism. Her mind is mobile, plastic. If she was contented with Buddhism the situation would not be so perilous and so urgent. In this plastic state, she presents a challenge as never before. If there ever was a time when what we do should be done quickly, it is now. Last year was one of the best years we ever had in our evangelistic work in China. The ensuing year bids fair to eclipse all other years in winning souls for Jesus Christ. The Christ, the international Christ, the Savior of all men, is China's supremest need. To withhold Him from the Chinese now would be unpardonably unkind. He is their only hope. Without Him they will make shipwreck in all these revolutions. With Him as the panacea for all their ills, they will make one of the greatest nations of earth. We ought to double, yea, treble, yes, quadruple our gifts to China now. Congratulations to those who are carrying missionary specials in China now. You are doing constructive work.

Our Government has repeatedly shown itself a friend to China. Our Government kept them from being parcelled out among the nations in 1899. Some months ago when Mr. Coolidge announced that our Government would not join other nations in demanding that these provisional governments be forced to keep the unequal treaties, China at once began to recede from the Russian red influence. Americans are loved as few other foreigners are in China. Let us capitalize their good will for the Kingdom of God. Let us show them that in this time of dire need we are friends to them indeed. The faint hearted and the feeble in faith will falter, but the courageous Christians will shout—"China for Christ."

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS

By J. L. Cannon, D. D.

An alumnus, or an alumna, is any one who graduates from an institution of learning. From the beginning of the history of education, it has been the custom of those graduating from a given school to join themselves together into associations for the purpose of perpetuating the fellowships formed during their stay in those schools. This is as it should be. It may well be doubted whether those who formed the first of such associations in America had even the faintest conception of the large place their associations would ultimately fill in the future educational life of the country. But so it was to be. Not only are the graduates of our institutions of learning the best effects of the schools from which they come, but they in turn have now become moving causes in the life of their schools which constitute the chief ground of hope for the perpetuity, and larger usefulness of Alma mater. And again, this is as it should be.

Few people, in comparison with the total life of any nation, have any adequate conception of the importance of schools and the work for which they stand. If those who have attended these schools do not rally to their support, who can be expected to do it? If those groups of people who found a school do not maintain it until it is taken over by its alumni association, their work is futile in so far as permanent values are concerned. If private individuals who found an institution do not provide for its maintenance until it has had time to create an alumni association strong enough to carry the school, their labor is all in vain. Here, in the South, we got a miserably bad start in education. Our country had no John Harvards, Elihu Ycles, nor Nicholas Browns. We had politicians of international fame—more than were good for us. But not a single benefactor of education arose among us from the founding of the Virginia Colony in 1607, until within the memory of our own children. Some few grants were made to education in the South by our beneficent Northern neighbors.

These ought to have provoked a more beneficent spirit in the South toward education. But such does not



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appear to have been the case. In the north it was different. Every community that could afford a college, built one. It was not a question of support so much as it was a question of need. "Do we need such an institution?" This was the thing they had to decide. If it was found that they had the youth to be educated, or allowed to grow up in ignorance, that decided the matter. The school was built. Sometimes it got on very slowly. Its quarters were cramped, poor, and crowded.

For years after the founding of Yale University, now so mighty a factor in the life of this nation, old Abraham Pierson, first rector (president) was the sole teacher, and conducted the studies of the boys under his own roof at Killingworth, where he lived. "Despise not the day of small things." At one time the school found itself in such need that the legislature of the state made an appropriation of \$30,000, to its support. Colleges with theological schools, backed by such men as Hadley, and Timothy Dwight, do not appear to have been any bar to legislative aid on the part of Connecticut when one of her schools, which meant so much to her past and future, was in need. But all this time the alumni association was growing. Rich traditions of the college were accumulating which made the buildings and grounds of Yale sacred to those who came and went. Thus a hundred years passed; two hundred, and by this time six out of the eighteen governors of the institution were elected by the alumni association alone. Not only so, but when the school celebrated the two-hundredth anniversary of its foundation in October, 1901, the alumni association came forward with a contribution of \$1,500,000, to augment the endowment of their beloved alma mater. But that was after two-hundred years of struggle and poverty. All this to show that those who found a college must stand by it till the alumni association takes it over. Ultimately this will be done for all our schools, unless we have labored in vain.

Let me call your attention, in conclusion, to the labors of certain alum-

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ni associations of some of our American colleges. Last year the alumni association contributed to Yale University \$600,000. This would equal a liberal interest on \$20,000,000. Twenty-million dollars are not to be picked up every year for any institution. You could destroy any city on the American continent, I suppose. But you could not destroy an endowed college, or university, such as Yale. Many changes have taken place in Old England since the founding of Oxford. Her laws have changed; her government has changed again and again. Revolutions have wrought their work upon the social and political life of the nation. Foreign powers have held for a time the civil government in subjection to their powers. But Old Oxford lives on through all changes, the same fountain of life and truth. As long as men think, and show a disposition to think, no matter who comes, or goes, the people who are here will need Yale, and every other such school in all the land. They are permanent. They live in the hearts of the people of the nation. It is the business of an alumni association to see that the school it represents is not forgotten by the people everywhere, or anywhere.

The alumni association of Harvard contributed \$121,632, to it. The boys of Cornell gave to her \$225,000. Dartmouth's sons remembered her with an offering of \$110,417; Columbia University at the same time, received from her children, \$82,671; Brown University got from her boys, \$37,009; the alumni of Bowdoin had a contribution of \$65,799 ready for her at her last commencement; Rutgers at the same time got the nice little sum of \$14,844 from her children; Trinity, now Duke University, received \$41,000 from her sons; Vassar College got \$22,872 from her girls; and last, but by no means least, the daughters of our Galloway College paid and underwrote \$100,000, for her last year. There is something wrong with any man who would put a straw in the way of the future of a school like that. No school in the South has yet gripped the soul of its children as has Galloway Women's College. Why have the rest of us trailed so far behind? What has been left out of our training? Can we not learn a lesson from the Galloway women? It is not too late.

Hendrix and Henderson-Brown Colleges have sons and daughters enough in the state of Arkansas to make it impossible that either one of these schools should ever die, or be seriously threatened. If they have done their work well, and live in the hearts of their children as Galloway lives in the hearts of hers, we have nothing to fear. If they have taught that the chief thing in life is salary, income, dividends, and business success, then either, or both, ought to die, and will die. But they have nearly fifty years of history behind them, rich in magnificent tradition and college lore. It will take fifty years to rebuild another such foundation as is laid in both these schools. Should either or both of these be destroyed, who has the mind to pay the price for another two such beginnings? Boys of Henderson-Brown, and sons of Hendrix, where are you? What do you say? How do you feel? Did you get nothing out of your alma mater which has made her sacred to you? Can you find a substitute for her in some other undertaking which will do as well? Are you the products of "companionate marriages" who know nothing that was ever meant to be either sacred, or permanent? Is one altar as sacred to you as another. Then none are

worth a bean, and any appeal to you based on a sense of the sacred, is a waste of breath.

### ROBBERS OF OUR COUNTRY'S GREATEST ASSET!

By Georgia Robertson

Have you heard the story of the man who had been a helpless invalid for twenty long years, his food even having to be placed in his mouth for him. In mild weather friends wheeled his bed out under the trees before going to work, and there he would lie all day. He was horrified one day to see a snake coiled on the topmost branch directly above him. Slowly it uncoiled and dropped to the next lower branch, then to the next lower, until it hung by the tip of its tail right over him. In an instant it had dropped where he HAD BEEN lying! But he was running down the road! He had received such a powerful INCENTIVE to act that new strength went surging through those flabby paralyzed muscles and he sprang in terror and fled to safety.

"Nothing is ever accomplished without an adequate incentive." We may not be conscious of the incentive without careful search; nevertheless it is the motive power which prompts, or stays, our every act.

Recall what you did yesterday. The incentive may have been provision for the necessities, comforts, or luxuries of life; love of friends or humanity; sense of duty; or force of habit which "binds us with cords of steel for woe or weal"; love of power or position; fear; hatred; vanity; jealousy; anger, selfishness. Deeper down there was a more powerful incentive that had laid the foundation of your character, developing these better traits and curbing the baser ones. That power is belief in God and in a hereafter.

This same powerful incentive sustained our country through many dark days when nothing else could have sufficed, and enabled the founders of our Nation and their successors to carry on. That incentive, a firm belief in God and in a hereafter, is the greatest asset of our nation.

Can your imagination paint, or even your mind grasp what the result if successful would be, of that regularly chartered organization in New York whose purpose is said to be to "put over" atheism in the United States, and to undermine the churches? This society is the "American Association for the Advancement of Atheism," or "The 4 A's," as they call themselves. It was only chartered in November, 1925. An earlier effort to secure a charter had been unsuccessful; but power and influence, according to reports (World's Work, May 1927, page 18) were brought to bear on the judges until at last they yielded and granted the charter, unnoticed by the public. Already it is said to have branches organized in 20 of our colleges and universities all the way from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to the Gulf! They are also working in the high schools and in the Canal Zone, in Alaska, and on the United States steamships (the U. S. S. Whitney, a destroyer tender) in the Navy. (World's Work, May 1927, page 19). Those at the head of the organization are surprised at their success and say it is going to be much easier than they supposed.

No church is tolerated by them whether Protestant, Catholic, Jewish or Christian Science.

They are constantly agitating through their literature the following: to do away with chaplains in the

Army and Navy, in Congress, and in state legislatures; to prevent the Bible being read in the public schools, also its use in administering an oath; to do away with the Christian Sabbath, and Christian morality, and to put natural morality, as they call it, in its place with "equal rights and impartial liberty"; and take, "In God we trust", off our coins.

They publish their own large flourishing weekly paper, "The Truth Seeker." They work quietly. They find a person who does not believe in God and who is willing to work against the churches, and give him special training to help carry on the work of organizing societies, and influencing others to become atheists; or get him to distribute their literature of which they have an enormous variety, for both young and old, with illustrations ridiculing God and sacred things.

There have been a very few outstanding persons in the history of our country who claimed disbelief in God and in immortality; but never before has there been as much interest manifested in the spread of atheism. They claim in this country they have no connection with politics but accept persons of every political belief in order not to hamper the spread of atheism. There are and have been for some time, we are told, regular Bolshevik Sunday Schools teaching Bolshevism to our little children.

Many of the young people of today present a fertile field for this kind of propaganda. The lack of parental supervision; freedom to do as they please; their jazz; their motor cars; their cigarettes; their contempt for modesty and conventionality; their restlessness and desire for self-expression, and to shock their elders; and for some new sensation, some new thrill, certainly make them susceptible to the teaching of this organization. In the Junior Atheist Leagues they have debates on various subjects, such as marriage which some already scoff at and would abolish. The boys and girls discuss marriage relations freely with each other.

They are encouraged in selecting such names for their societies as "God's Black Sheep", "The Damned Souls", "The Circle of the Godless", "The Legion of the Damned", "His Satanic Majesty".

These Junior Leagues are for those from 7 to 17. They have picnics, outings and entertainments. Those over twelve receive instruction in oratory from their orator.

There is also an Anti-Bible Society organized in New York City. Its object is to discredit the Bible. They plan this year to spend \$83,000.00 in tracts and literature that is anti-Biblical.

In less than ten years from now the boys and girls in our high schools and colleges will, to a very great extent, influence the policies and make the laws governing our country. What will the trend of those policies and laws be if those making them have no belief in God and a hereafter, and declare that "this life holds all there is, so get all you can out of it."

Would you like to live in such a country? Would you feel that life and property were safe? Would you like to bring up your children in such an atmosphere? Would you feel public officials who had no belief in God or in a hereafter would be true to their trust if pressure were brought to bear on them? Would you feel that justice and fair dealing would prevail in our courts?

We are told that the people have a right to protest against the formation or continuation of charters for atheistic, bolshevistic, or radical organi-

zations which will undermine the Government.

Is there not something you can do in your community to protest against the spread of atheism.

The list of the colleges and universities in which the "4 A's" are said to have regular organized societies for the advancement of atheism contain names of those that were founded by various church denominations, and also names of many State Universities for which the funds for building and maintaining were, and are, raised by public taxation. What right have state legislatures to allow atheism to be propagated in institutions of learning supported by public taxation?

We are also told that the atheists have quietly "planted" atheistic teachers and professors in our public schools and higher institutions of learning. It is also said that student atheistic clubs sometimes meet in the homes of the professors.

Miss Christine Walker is represented in the Herald Tribune of September 18th to have said, "We shall make a poll of the schools and institutions in the country to determine how many Atheists and Agnostics there already are, and then send literature to them, showing what religion really is. Of course, we work secretly in many cases, because if we didn't we'd be stopped off short".

How much thought and attention are people of great wealth giving to finding out just what the trend of teaching is in those colleges and universities to which they are contributing such magnificent gifts? Might they not discover that they are "financing their own ruin" in many cases, if instructors in those very institutions are teaching atheistic and bolshevistic principles. Would it not be worth while for those who help support these institutions of learning either directly by their gifts by state taxation to investigate the matter and find out. Should not the trustees of institutions of learning be informed in no uncertain tone that atheistic and bolshevistic teachings among the students would not be tolerated, and also should not a movement be started for weeding out the teachers and professors who have a baneful effect on the youth in these institutions. Will you call this to the attention of the church organizations and clubs to which you belong?

It is quite enlightening to see a chart showing the interlocking directorates of many nationally known organizations with those of pronounced destructive socialistic organizations! This interlocking should be rectified by those organizations themselves if they hope to retain the confidence and financial support of Christian and patriotic persons.

Belief in God and in a hereafter was, and is, the very foundation stone of our Government.

Will you sit idly by and do nothing, or will you tell others who may not know of these conditions and try to arouse them? Let everyone of us do our part to stop this fight against our God and our country.

#### A MEETING AND A CALL

Constitutional government in America is confronted by a crisis. Such a crisis demands a national offensive organization and plans must be made adequate for the occasion.

Prohibition is not a theory; it is a fact. The practicability of its enforcement where not defeated by corrupt politics, has been proved. That it is a good law has been demonstrated. By it labor has been enriched, business enlarged and the public's savings vast-

ly increased. Morally it is the greatest reform ever achieved by a free people. At its worst prohibition is immeasurably better than legalized liquor at its best, and it is the settled conviction of a large majority of the nation's voters that it shall be carried into full effect.

We stand for enforcement of all law. Today the issue joins in the Eighteenth Amendment. The personal liberty argument is specious. Personal liberty must wait on public weal, and walk with law. To concede that enforcement is impracticable is to concede nullification. The alternative is ordered government, or anarchy; the Constitution of the United States is not a jest. Law must be enforced by officials chosen by the people. The people act through political parties.

The friends of prohibition law enforcement demand positive declarations in party platforms. They will strive to defeat office seekers who are either negative or silent. We call upon the American people to repudiate all state and national party platforms that deal only in glittering generalities with law enforcement. We will oppose and vote against candidates in all parties whose promise is fair and dry but whose official performance is wet.

The matter is more than a domestic issue. The hope of every other people awaits the outcome of our struggle, and the organized "trade" abroad unites with the illicit traffic at home to destroy our achievement. In this, when we strengthen America, we serve the world.

Let propaganda be answered with truth. Release the facts. Let complacency make way for militancy. Mobilize the public conscience. Then shall Lincoln's aspiration become a reality in government and "reverence for law the political religion of the nation."

Upon these principles and for the accomplishment of these ends, we the undersigned hereby issue a call for a national conference to be held in Washington City, Thursday, January 26, 1928, for petitioning all political parties to include in their platforms, a definite declaration for the enforcement of the Eighteenth Amendment and all supporting legislation, and to nominate candidates thoroughly committed to this policy, by their utterances, acts and records, and for laying plans to secure the election of such a candidate supported by such a platform.—James Cannon, Jr., and Others Representing the Temperance Organizations of America.

#### THE NATIONAL ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

Dr. Francis Scott McBride, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of America, speaking at the annual election of the Anti-Saloon League of the District of Columbia at the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, summing up the action of the Biennial Convention of the Anti-Saloon League of America said:

"The big notes sounded by the Convention were: A more militant enforcement of the prohibition laws through Constitutional Government and an educational program. Contrary to many press statements, which were based evidently on rumors contrary to fact, the Convention was marked by unanimity of action in the election of officers and the adoption of resolutions. All the chief national officers were nominated and elected by unanimous vote, the only contests arising, making it necessary to ballot, were in the election of the members to sit on the executive committee from the First and the Fifteenth

Districts. While these positions were sharply contested, the issues involved were many and varied.

"The resolutions passed at Winona Lake in August were in substance reaffirmed. They followed the historic policy of non-partisanship and oppose reopening the question as to the PRINCIPLE of prohibition. A militant note in addition was sounded on behalf of the ADMINISTRATION of prohibition, which leaves the way open for the League to participate in whatever efforts its governing committee approves concerning party platform planks on law enforcement. Only candidates whose records and declarations are satisfactory on the enforcement issue will be supported for either nomination or election. All others will be aggressively opposed. These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

"The sole contest as to League issues was on rotating on the executive committee members who are paid workers of the League. An amendment to the bylaws passed by a close vote makes salaried workers ineligible for a second re-election to this committee.

"What really was accomplished at the Convention of the constructive nature was the following:

"First—A new department of Education, Publicity and Research was established with headquarters at Washington, D. C. Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington was unanimously chosen director of this department.

"Second—The headquarters of the Anti-Saloon League of America will be at Washington, D. C., the general superintendent's main office to be in Washington with a branch office in Westerville, Ohio. The office of attorney, a position Dr. Wayne B. Wheeler held for some twelve years, was given to Attorney Edward B. Dunford, who has been Dr. Wheeler's legal assistant for six years. His office will be at the National Headquarters in Washington. The office of legislative superintendent, the other one

of the two offices held by Dr. Wheeler, was left vacant with the understanding that it could be filled by the executive committee later on, the duties of this office falling in the meantime to the general superintendent, in connection with his other general duties. He will be aided in this work by Dr. Wheeler's two legislative assistants, Messrs. Ira Champion and T. B. Jarvis.

"An administrative committee, headed by the League's president, Bishop Thomas Nicholson, will represent the executive committee between meetings. The executive committee represents the Board of Directors between sessions of that Board which has general charge over all offices including that of general superintendent. These provisions conform to the former regulations of the League, the administrative committee being similar to the headquarters or executive committee of the state leagues.

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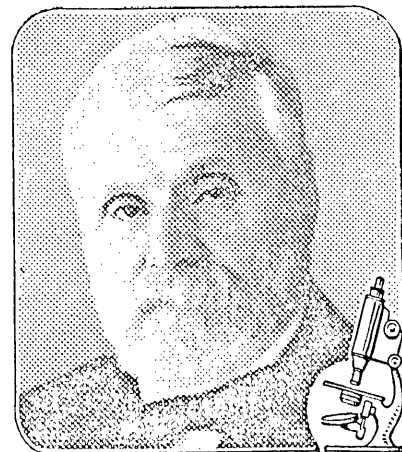
## Doctor Found What is Best for Thin, Constipated People

As a family doctor at Monticello, Illinois, the whole human body, not any small part of it, was Dr. Caldwell's practice. More than half his "calls" were on women, children and babies. They are the ones most often sick. But their illnesses were usually of a minor nature—colds, fevers, headaches, biliousness—and all of them required first a thorough evacuation. They were constipated.

In the course of his 47 years' practice (he was graduated from Rush Medical College back in 1875), he found a good deal of success in such cases with a prescription of his own containing simple laxative herbs with pepsin. In 1892 he decided to use this formula in the manufacture of a medicine to be known as Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin, and in that year his prescription was first placed on the market.

The preparation immediately had as great a success in the drug stores as it previously had in his private practice. Now, the third generation is using it. Mothers are giving it to their children who were given it by their mothers. Every second of the working day someone somewhere is going into a drug store to buy it. Millions of bottles of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin are being used a year.

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## FOR YOUTH.

## THE COMING YEAR

What shall I wish thee for the coming year?

From toil—say cease?

A bliss unmingled? From all care and fear

A sweet release?—

No path on earth is but with flowers strewn;

No human heart, secure upon its throne,

Holds perfect Peace.

What shall I wish thee for the coming days?—

Friends, loyal and true,

Who ne'er will fail thee in the devious ways

Thou travellest through?—

On these we may not count, for it may be,

With the tomorrow's sun that sets on thee,

These vanish, too.

What shall I wish thee for the coming days?

Wealth? honor? fame?

The tribute, dear to most, of well-earned praise

A lauded name?

Ah! these are fleeting treasures, and their worth

Must perish with the perishable earth

From whence they came.

What shall I wish thee for the coming year.

A spirit strong.

A faithful heart. A conscience light, and clear

From sense of wrong.

A hope that soars beyond the bounds of Time—

That finds its fruitage in a purer clime

The ages long.—Francis Ridley Havergal.

## LETTERS FROM A FARM MOTHER TO HER SON AT COLLEGE: TO THE CLASS PRESIDENT

Skylight Farm.

Dear Boy o'Mine:

I was quite overwhelmed by the news you have been elected president of the freshman class and by the sight of your picture in a big city daily. My first impulse was to feel as complacent as old Tabby seems when you praise her kittens. At last merit had been recognized, and my duckling had proved to be a swan. But Dad, you know, isn't the least bit vain-glorious, and positively refused to be elated. So I had to take another think. As usual, I've come to look at it from his viewpoint. When we begin an argument he might well say to me, "Eventually. Why not now?"—but I'm glad he doesn't.

I am confident that you are a true son of your father, so that I can, without fear of wounding your pride, talk quite frankly about this rather accidental honor that has come your way, and about prestige and prominence in general. For of course you haven't been there long enough really to have won any solid footing of distinction. Evidently you have, at least socially, got off on the right foot. Aside from that your election is probably mostly a political accident. It is well to remember at the start that there have been presidents before who were political accidents, and that some of them have proved splendidly adequate and some have not. For those that have not, it might have been better if a millstone had been hanged about their political necks before the accident.

I think I'm not a very timid person, but I confess that there are two things of which I am desperately

afraid. One of them is prosperity, and the other popularity. Both may be valuable assets, but neither is a safe goal. Popularity, of the sort that is worth having, is, like happiness, always a by-product. Our Lord recognized its dangerous nature when he said, "Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you!" I have known a few people who went to the opposite extreme and seemed to court antagonism. They may have achieved prominence by their very perverseness, but they got little else. I believe the best course is to ignore popularity altogether. Even if one has it, it is so frail a thing that it may vanish.

Setting quite aside, then, the question of how much this position may have been a reward of merit, what are you going to do with it? I hope it may have somewhat the same effect as did your being appointed to the student council in high school. I remember how your deportment grades shot upward at that time. Noblesse oblige. Every official position makes one just a little more the guardian of the school honor. Take your job seriously. Go about it conscientiously if not gracefully. You haven't had much parliamentary drill. It's quite possible, as you say, that you may "pull some awful boner," at least one, that seems awful at the time. Study to show yourself approved; but if you make some blunders, be big enough not to nurse your wounded pride. I find it very restful, when I'm tempted to be either complacent or discouraged about myself, to give up self-appraisal altogether and look away to One who is always altogether lovely. Study his personality for a while, and your own blunders or achievements soon lose their magnitude, and somehow, by a strange alchemy, self comes out a finer, cleaner thing for being ignored.

Now I want to confide to you a valuable secret, knowing full well that you won't get its full import now. Perhaps twenty years from now you may remember that I said it and agree with me. It is this. When in the years to come you look back now and then and review your school days, as you will never tire of doing, the things that memory will set forth as a true index to what kind of fellow you really were will not be the occasions when you fell short of or succeeded in winning some outstanding triumph. You'll go over and over those times, too. But it will be some hidden moment when you either did or did not measure up to your own standard of a gentleman or a friend.

If ever you break training and give way to some impulse that your instinct tells you is a little off color, do not comfort yourself with the popular assurance that it will make no difference a hundred years from now. I can't speak experimentally of a round century, but I can promise you that it may rise up and mock your self-esteem twenty or thirty years later. My roommate and dear friend once criticized my playing in chapel. I flared up with resentment. A moment later I was ashamed of my silly egotism and set to work honestly to correct the fault. But I thought the incident too trifling to warrant a frank apology. I never dreamed that ten years after her death it would still mar the pleasant retrospect of an almost unblemished friendship.

There are two pictures that often recur to me against the background of the old seminary where I prepared for college. One of them is of a girl named Eunice who came one year for the fall and winter terms. Her figure was tall and angular, her face and

hands were weatherbeaten. I remember her in a skirt of vivid green with a purple waist, on her head a hat of strange design that seemed some two sizes too small. I'm sure I pitied her oddity, but I don't recall any personal contact with her except for one incident.

When after the holidays I first entered the big lower hall, she rushed up, threw her arms around me, and kissed me. I passed on into the library where two of my boy friends, convulsed with laughter, said, "We didn't know you and Eunice were such chums." There the picture fades out. I know I was ordinarily a rather haughty young person and that I always hated kissing. I'd give a good deal now to know that I didn't wound her feelings. I've gone far out of my way in later years to try to smooth the difficulties of queer, "impossible" people, but I've never had so good an opportunity as that. She disappeared after the Easter vacation. The students said she had gone home to do the spring plowing. Oh, but youth can be cruel!

The other picture is of a young Scandinavian. His name was Anton. His hair always made me think of molasses taffy, and a pair of very pale, very fond blue eyes that seemed to have a certain adhesiveness in their glance. When he looked at me I always wanted to peel off his gaze and get out of range. In my class there happened to be an equal number of boys and girls. The boys planned a very grand social function in honor of the ladies. It was one of those affairs where the ladies' names are put into a hat and fate decides whom your escort is to be. Anton drew my name—and I did what looks to me now as almost the smallest act of my life; I refused to go. Anton laid it to the jealous disapproval of my regular beau and wrote me a gracious note commending my "womanly compliance" in his wishes. Whereas I felt smaller and more jaundiced than ever.

Very little was preached in those days about sportsmanship, especially for girls. We were still reading about anemic heroines who glided into a room and at the slightest provocation swooned or burst into tears. But my instinct told me I had been what the young person of today would call a mighty poor sport. Yet I never dreamed that twenty-five years later I should be just as much ashamed of my selfishness as I was then.

Drop the word popularity from your lexicon for a while, but, Boy of mine, be kind—kind—kind. Not because you are a personage and can afford to be, but because kindness is the normal expression of a Christ-filled life.

As for recognition of one's merits, you'll find the world a capricious mistress. Some very trivial service may bring returns quite out of proportion to its value, while years of devotion to duty may seem to go unheeded. How much happier we should all be if we could forget the grandstand and simply go in to win the game. Among my many clippings from the Sunday School Times, some of them yellow with the years, is a little poem, two lines of which are most suggestive.

Weakness fretting to be great,  
Self-consciousness with sidelong eye.

Some day you'll encounter just that in a person you had thought to find really great, and your disappointment will be keen.

If, however, your frail human nature sometimes grows hungry for ap-

## FOR CHILDREN

## UNAFRAID

Who's afraid of a cow!

They're so gentle and kind

You can go up quite close and they none of 'em mind,

But I wish, oh, I wish they was furr-der away!

Pooh—who's afraid?

They're as good as can be,

An' one's a child cow that is younger than me.

An' they give us good milk—an' there's nothing to fear—

But I wish, oh I wish, that my daddy was here!—Ex.

## THE STRANGE BEDFELLOW

In the night Dana had a bad dream. He dreamed that he was sleeping with an iceberg and that he shivered and shook as his feet touched the cold wet ice. He did not wake but only snuggled down closer under the warm bedclothes and tried to sneak away from the iceberg, but it seemed to keep coming closer and closer. Then he fell sound asleep again and did not wake until the sun shone in his window bright and clear.

"Why—What—Who are you?" he said as he saw a bundle of gray clothes with a dark head sticking out of the bundle. "How did you get here?"

"I don't know?" said a little voice from the bundle. "Who are you?"

"I'm Dana Blake, and I went to bed alone last night. In the night I had a bad dream and thought an iceberg was sleeping with me."

"I'm Richard Limes and I live in the big house down the street—the home where boys and girls live who have no fathers and mothers," said the stranger. "I don't know how I came to be here."

"I'm going to get up and dress and ask mamma all about it," said Dana climbing out of bed.

"I'd get up, too, but I don't see my clothes," said Richard.

"Come on! You can have some of mine. I'll put on my old shoes and you can have my new ones."

So they ran down stairs and found Mrs. Blake just coming in the door looking tired and sad. "O, children, the big home for orphan children was damaged by fire last night, and we have all been working hard so that no one would be chilled and ill. Papa brought this little boy home all cold with his feet wet from pattering in the water and tucked him in with you, Dana. The other orphans are scattered all around the neighborhood. Nobody was injured, but it will be a long time before the big building is ready to move into again," she said.

"I don't care how long it is," said Dana. "I have a boy to play with now. Mamma, do we have to eat breakfast? I want to show him all my playthings and Spot and the rabbits and everything."

"I don't care either," said Richard. "I like this house and this suit and everything. I'd like to live here always."

But when daylight came and the workers examined the big house look-

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plause I'll tell you where to seek. It will always be hard for me when I see you walk across the campus to realize that there are several hundred mothers to whom some other boy must look as fine and handsome. Keep a straight course, do your best, and don't get chesty, and one person, at least, will always be proud of your smallest achievement. It is

Your Mother.

—Sunday School Times.

ing sullen and dark from the smoke, it was found that people had been more frightened in the night than necessary. There was a great deal of cleaning to be done and new bedding and furniture bought, but with painting and repairs the Home would be ready in six weeks at the most. Everybody helped and before long it began to look as if the fire had been rather a good thing, as the old things could be thrown away and new paint and repairs helped the building greatly.

"Mamma, you're not going to let Richard leave me, are you?" said Dana one day when Richard had gone over to the home in company with some of the other children to see the new schoolroom. "He doesn't want to go, and I don't want him to. It's the nicest thing in the world to have a bed fellow and we have such good times in the play room. Mrs. Smith has four boys and it seems to me we might have two."

Dana saw something bright in his mother's eyes, and presently a little wet spot was on his cheek as she held him close to her. "Are you sure you can share everything with Richard—take him for your very own brother?" she asked in a voice that trembled a little.

"Why, mamma, I've done that already," said the little boy. "I'll give him more than half if you'll let him stay."

A little later Richard came soberly up the front walk. "What do you think Miss Helen told us?" he said. "There are six boys and girls who will not come back to the Home at all. They are going to stay in the very homes where folks carried them the night of the fire."

"Not six, but seven," said Dana, unable to keep still any longer. "O, Richard, and you're going to be my bedfellow for always. I'm so glad."—Herald of Gospel Liberty.

#### A MAINE DOG WHO EARNS HIS "KEEP"

This is the story of "Peggy," a beautiful collie dog who receives an annual salary as herd dog, earns extra bits by catching woodchucks on the side, and out of her earnings pays her board and other expenses.

Peggy lives at "The Willows," the farm owned by E. C. Patten in Topsham, Maine. She pays her way every year and has a small balance left. She gets 20 cents a week for driving the cows to pasture twice a day, and twenty cents for each woodchuck she brings in. In the fall of each year she gets an extra fifty cents for driving the farm cattle to Topsham fair.

Against Peggy's income a charge of \$5. per year is made for board, and she is also debited with the cost of her annual license. She is able to buy herself a new collar every year and frequently spends some of her money for candy, of which she is very fond.

She is a busy dog, as most useful dogs are. Besides looking after the cows and sheep, she watches the Patten house against intruders, and any tough looking individual who tries getting into the house while the men are away had best beware.

Peggy frequently goes with the men to work on the roads or in the woods. Then she has her dinner put up in a pail just as the men do. Her sandwiches are every bit as good as theirs, and her frosted cake is cut from the same loaf. There have been times when some of the men in the crew have thought Peggy got a little better usage than they did in this respect.

The Patten farm also has a knowing

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"Sing to the great Jehovah's praise!  
All praise to him belongs,  
Who kindly lengthens our days,  
Demands our choicest songs:  
His providence hath brought us through  
Another various year;  
We all with vows and anthems new  
Before our God appear."  
—Charles Wesley

#### THE YEAR OF JUBILEE HAS COME

For the W. M. S. this is a Year of Jubilee—a time for remembering past achievement and for high resolves to go forward with deep gratitude for the manifold blessing of the past fifty years. In May, 1878 the General Conference of our Methodism organized the womanhood of the Church in work for Missions in foreign fields—following the lead of small groups of our devoted women who were already banded together to send the Gospel of Christ to heathen lands. One of the very first of these groups was organized in Warren, Arkansas in 1873 under the leadership of our sainted Mrs. H. D. McKinnon the Founder of the Little Rock Conference W. M. Society. The Golden Jubilee of that society was beautifully celebrated in Warren in 1923, and we were then permitted to see several of its charter members face to face and to catch new inspiration from them.

And now comes the greater celebration of the Jubilee of the organized womanhood of Methodism in which women of China, Cuba, Mexico, Korea, Japan, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Brazil, Siberia and the United States will unite in prayer, praise and thanksgiving as they start afresh in this work for our Lord and Master.

Let us follow the programs of the Missionary Council and indeed make this a memorable year in Methodism.—V. C. P.

Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Cor. Sec. L. R. Conf. W. M. S. has been quite ill in Columbus, Ohio, where she is visiting her daughter. Many collaborators and friends will be glad to learn she is improving as they unite in the hope for her speedy restoration to health.

Read Mrs. Turner's interesting account from the King's Messenger of Happenings on Mount Sequoyah and begin now to plan so that Arkansas may be well represented in that delightful assembly next summer.—V. C. P.

#### ASBURY AUXILIARY

The Woman's Missionary Society and the Young Matron's Missionary Society of Asbury Church began the

cat, "Joe" by name, who is very fond of clams. A neighbor who knew of his fondness for them was at the farm one day and said: "Joe, we are going to have clams tonight at our house. Better come up and have some."

Sure enough, when the family were at supper, they heard a scratching noise at the door and there stood Joe. He got the clams.—Our Dumb Animals.

Jubilee year's work with a large enthusiastic attendance at a joint luncheon, with Rev. F. A. Buddin & Homer T. Atkins speakers. Separate meetings of the two Societies followed.

The W. M. S. officers serving this year have Mrs. R. M. Shelton, Pres., Mrs. H. Bale, Treasurer, and Mrs. W. H. Garner for Rec. Sec. The drawing and forming of circles for the year completed the program.—Mrs. Hal Bailey, Pub. Supt.

#### HELENA DISTRICT

In looking over the books for 1927 it gives the Treasurer great pleasure to see that nearly all the places that have promised on the Deaconess salary or car have paid in full. Some of the places have paid a month or two on the new year, 1928. When the Deaconess work was started it was hard to collect by the month but now it seems to be a pleasure to send the money in advance. We have paid for the new Ford car and sent Mrs. Hall her salary every month. In behalf of the members of the Deaconess Board I wish to thank every one. Also, we wish to thank the Council for help they have given the Helena District.—Mrs. J. L. Hare, Treas.

#### WYNNE

The W. M. S. of Wynne and Sunday School class recently entertained at the Methodist Church. In connection with their party they had a surprise gift-shower for our Deaconess, Mrs. Virginia Hall. "A little bird" had sent word of the shower to other parts of the Helena District, so the shower came from friends over the entire District.—Mrs. Hare.

#### BEARDEN

The Woman's Missionary Society of Bearden has fifty-six members with an increase of fifteen last year, practically every member active and willing to do her part. They are divided in three circles. All come together the first Monday in each month for business and on the third Tuesday for the devotional and social hour.

They made a quilt last year with names of donors embroidered on it which brought them \$1,135 which they paid on Church debt. They sent Conf. Treas. \$239.65 for dues and pledges. Sent \$47.00 to a former pastor who was in the flood district. Spent \$75 on rugs and stove for parsonage. Total spent \$1,766.41. They still have money in the Treasury. May God bless them in their great work. I enjoyed their association last year.—Mrs. B. Frank Fitzhugh.

#### HAPPENINGS ON MT. SEQUOYAH

It seems a bit queer to be writing of a summer resort on this bleak, cold January morning, but Mother Johnson demands that I send a contribution to The King's Messenger for the North Texas Conference issue and says that "an article on Mount Sequoyah would be fine."

The Western Methodist Assembly successfully passed its fifth annual session during the summer of 1927, closing on Sept. 1. The usual conferences and training schools were held

with the usual splendid faculties; the usual certificates and diplomas were awarded; the usual sacred concerts on Sunday afternoon were given; the usual (and some unusual) forms of entertainment were enjoyed, such as picnics, hikes, wienie roasts, conference rallies, state club meetings, the weekly meetings of the Mt. Sequoyah Woman's Club (formerly the Woman's Auxiliary to the Western Methodist Assembly); the usual great sermons by Bishops, D. D.'s and other ministers; the usual splendid service in the cafeteria; the usual greeting of old friends and the forming of new friendships—these are some of the enjoyments on Mt. Sequoyah.

The second Leadership Training School for Sunday School Workers enrolled more students than a similar school at Lake Junaluska. Considering that Lake Junaluska assembly has been in operation almost a score of years and draws its patronage from twenty conferences while Mt. Sequoyah has been in operation less than five years and draws its patronage from thirteen conferences the leaders of the Mt. Sequoyah Training School were justly proud of their record. Friendly rivalry is wholesome and stimulates interest and enthusiasm.

Hitherto the Northwest Texas people have thought Mt. Sequoyah too far from their territory. This year a large delegation came from the Panhandle, several pastors with their wives, families and church leaders. They went away promising an even larger delegation next year. Most of them came by auto.

For beauty of scenery Mt. Sequoyah is unsurpassed! The first view of the city of Fayetteville and the surrounding country from Mount Sequoyah by a new arrival never fails to elicit a series of exclamations such as, "How wonderful!" "Isn't that grand!" "What a glorious sunset!" etc. There is a "tang" in the atmosphere, too, that puts "pep" into the lowlander, quickening his gait and energizing his thinking apparatus. One has the de-

## WOMAN COULD NOT SLEEP

### Her Mother-in-Law Knew A Remedy

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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sire to do things on Mt. Sequoyah.

On account of accessibility Mt. Sequoyah has gone beyond her prescribed borders and has attracted patrons from East Tennessee and Mississippi Conferences.

Former patrons missed the familiar figures of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bond who, up to this season, had been in charge from the beginning. Mr. Bond returned last spring to his long-loved school work which, naturally, deprived us of the presence and services of Mrs. Bond. Rev. Jas. M. Workman served as temporary superintendent and left at the close of the season with his lovely wife and two babies to assume his duties as student pastor in connection with the McFarlin Memorial Church at Norman, Okla.

The Board of Commissioners at its annual meeting elected the Rev. Sam M. Yancey, of Conway, Ark., to succeed Mr. Bond as superintendent. Bro. Yancey, his charming wife, son and daughter, 13, and 11 respectively, constitute an interesting family. Bro. Yancey assumed his duties on Sept. 1. Many will recall having heard him present the claims of the Assembly at the recent session of the North Texas Conference at First Church, Dallas. He visited all the Conferences in this area and is enthusiastic over the future of the Assembly.

The Western Methodist Assembly, located on beautiful Mount Sequoyah at Fayetteville, Ark., the "Queen City of the Ozarks," is the logical summer playground of its constituency. The advantages of Mt. Sequoyah should and do make a special appeal to North Texans who have neither seashore or mountains within their borders. It is easily accessible by railway or automobile and accommodations are less expensive than at most summer resorts. The influences on the grounds are wholesome, the fellowship enjoyable and the entire program uplifting. Where else can the Methodists of the Central Western Conferences find so many advantages for a vacation?

Mount Sequoyah needs increased accommodations. The housing capacity has been doubled since the opening in 1923. The capacity of the cafeteria has been increased by the addition of an "annex." The Epworth Leaguers have a building that, when finished, will add materially to the equipment on Mt. Sequoyah. At this writing the Leaguers are expending several hundred dollars on a permanent roof and other improvements to their building.

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During the last session the "Arquoyah Club," composed of visitors from the two Arkansas Conferences, raised a substantial sum for an Arkansas building which they hope to have in place and ready for the Assembly of 1928. The foundation for the Woman's Building is in place and the steel for the superstructure is on the ground. It is planned to resume work on the Woman's Building about Jan. 15. A number of the conference Women's Missionary Societies have completed their quota for one dollar per member for this enterprise—among them Texas, Southwest Missouri and Little Rock Conferences—and others are engaged in collecting funds for that purpose. The building is designed to be a cultural and religious center for the women of the Southwest and to represent the place of womanhood in the development of the Western Methodist Assembly. This building was not simply to be a better lodging place for women but a real monument to woman's work. In view of this fact the Assembly Board of Commissioners gave to the women a choice of sites. Having chosen the most beautiful site available the Board of Control of the Woman's Building set themselves to the task of erecting on this site a building that would be creditable to the missionary women of the Southwest—a building in which they might have a pardonable pride. Several handsome gifts have been received from people who were interested in the project. One dollar from each member of the Woman's Missionary Societies in the twelve contributing conferences will erect and equip the building and it is hoped to have it ready for the season of 1928.

A Conference on City and Rural Missions has been a feature of the Assembly program annually from the beginning. This conference is composed of representatives of City and Rural Boards of Missions, deaconesses and other workers and conference officers who come from Kansas City, San Antonio, St. Joseph, Houston and intervening territory. The program for the 1927 session was built around "The Home" as the central theme and the session consumed three days.

One word more concerning the Mt. Sequoyah Woman's Club. This organization at its birth in 1925 was christened "The Woman's Auxiliary to the Western Methodist Assembly" and, as its name implies, was designed to aid the Assembly in providing additional comforts for its guests. A small membership fee was assessed and voluntary contributions are happily received. Weekly meetings are held during the season and good social times are enjoyed. During the three years of its life the auxiliary has quietly added so many conveniences and comforts to the Assembly equipment that when a report was made to the Board of Commissioners they were so agreeably surprised and gratified that all who were present became honorary members paying one dollar each for the privilege!

In 1925 the total enrollment in the Woman's Auxiliary numbered twenty-five. The next year the enrollment reached sixty-one, and in 1927 the high-water mark of one hundred and eighteen active and thirty-one honorary (men) members were enrolled. The auxiliary voted last August to change its name from the involved and cumbersome original to the simpler form of "Mount Sequoyah Woman's Club."

Let the readers of The King's Messenger begin now to include a vacation on Mt. Sequoyah in their plans for the summer of 1928.—Mrs. Jno. S. Turner in The King's Messenger.

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### FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

#### Little Rock Conference For December Second Report

Second report of fourth Sunday Missionary offerings in Little Rock Conference reported for the fourth Sunday in December.

##### Arkadelphia District:—

Traskwood .....	\$ 1.50
Bethlehem (Dalark) .....	2.95
Carthage .....	4.50
Previously reported .....	12.47

9 schools, Total .....

Camden District:—

Strong, (Nov., Dec.) .....	7.50
Fredonia (Nov., Dec.) .....	5.00
Previously reported .....	27.05

9 schools, Total .....

Little Rock District:—

Hunter Memorial .....	2.65
Previously reported .....	38.27

11 schools, Total .....

Monticello District:—

Dumas .....	5.00
Monticello .....	7.51
Previously reported .....	21.84

7 schools, Total .....

Pine Bluff District:—

Rison (Nov.) .....	2.51
Rison (Dec.) .....	8.83
First Church, P. B. ....	18.86
Gould .....	4.91
Whitehall .....	2.00
Previously reported .....	35.15

16 schools, Total .....

Prescott District:—

Washington .....	2.50
Delight (Oct., Nov.) .....	9.59
Previously reported .....	20.26

11 schools, Total .....

Texarkana District:—

Cove .....	1.98
Dallas (Nov.) .....	1.24
Dallas (Dec.) .....	1.51
Mena .....	10.15
Hatfield .....	3.27
Previously reported .....	38.93

14 schools, Total .....

#### Standing by Districts

Arkadelphia .....	9	\$ 21.42
Camden .....	9	39.55
Little Rock .....	11	40.92
Monticello .....	7	34.35
Pine Bluff .....	16	72.26
Prescott .....	11	32.35
Texarkana .....	14	57.08

77 \$297.93

—C. E. Hayes, Chm.

### KINGSLAND COKESBURY SCHOOL

Met with the workers at Kingsland Sunday, January 1, and organized a Cokesbury School to be held March 26-29. Rev. O. C. Birdwell is the pastor. Mr. J. E. McCoy is the superintendent at Kingsland and Mr. J. L. Mitchell is the superintendent at Camp Springs. They expect to invite some other churches to come in with them.—S. T. Baugh.

#### GET YOUR REQUEST IN EARLY

Requests for Cokesbury Schools are coming in right along now. Get your request in early. We want to hold as

many schools in January and February as we can, for many of our approved instructors will be away for the summer. We have a limited number of approved instructors when they are all available.—S. T. Baugh.

### LITTLE ROCK TRAINING SCHOOL, MARCH 12-16

The date for the State-Wide Training School annually held at First Church, Little Rock, has been fixed for the week of March 12-16. Let all planning to attend the school this year, please keep this date in mind. An unusually strong faculty even for this great school has been secured and we expect the greatest session we have ever had.—Clem Baker.

### PINE BLUFF TRAINING SCHOOL, FEBRUARY 5-10.

The Pine Bluff District Training School will be held at First Church, Pine Bluff, the week of February 5-10. Unusual interest was shown in our organization meeting there last Sunday afternoon and we believe that the number of credits this year will greatly exceed that of any previous year. This is a District-wide School and Pine Bluff is inviting representatives from all over the District to attend the school. Entertainment on the bed and breakfast plan will be provided for out of town delegates.—Clem Baker.

### HOPE TRAINING SCHOOL, FEBRUARY 12-17.

The Prescott Dist. Standard Training School, postponed from last fall, will be held at Hope the week of February 12-17. Among the fine instructors secured for this School we have Prof. Barnett of Scarritt College to teach a New Testament course. This also is a District-Wide School and it is expected that every charge in the Prescott District will be represented by credit pupils. Hope will again provide entertainment for out-of-town guests on the Harvard plan.—Clem Baker.

### TEXARKANA TRAINING SCHOOL, FEBRUARY 19-24

The Texarkana District Standard Training School will be held at First Church, Texarkana, the week of February 19-24. This year the Texas Side Methodists, the Arkansas Side Methodists and the Presbyterians are all joining in a co-operative School which we expect to be the greatest ever held in Texarkana. Among other great instructors for this school we have secured Dr. Wade Crawford Barclay of Chicago and Dean R. E. Smith of Shreveport. Following our usual custom Texarkana will provide entertainment for out-of-town credit students. All of Texarkana District

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charges are expected to be represented.—Clem Baker.

#### A CHRISTMAS PRESENT MAILED ALL SUPERINTENDENTS THIS WEEK

This week we are mailing to all Sunday School superintendents in the Little Rock Conference a beautiful "Methodist Worker's Guide" which is a pocket-size Superintendent's Sunday School Guide for 1928. This has been printed and furnished free for all our superintendents by our Publishing House. We expected to mail this out in time for a Christmas present but our supply was delayed in shipment. Write us what you think of it.—Clem Baker.

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR ORPHANAGE COMING IN FINE

Dr. Thomas reports that he has already received \$3,700 for the Orphanage from the Little Rock Conference. The total for last year from this Conference was \$4,157. We have information that leads us to predict that this amount will be exceeded when all offerings for this year are in.—Clem Baker.

#### EVANGELISM IN THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

According to the plan of our Church we are now in the midst of our three months campaign of Evangelism in the Sunday School leading up to Easter Sunday. We trust that all our fine pastors are already lined up with this campaign. No matter what else is on we can not afford to neglect this. All pastors and superintendents are receiving literature from our General Offices at Nashville. Additional literature can be secured for the asking.—Clem Baker.

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### EPWORTH LEAGUE

#### ORATORICAL CONTEST

We are to have another, and better, Oratorical Contest. The subject for the present contest is very appropriate. It is "Know Missions." It is in keeping with the plans of our Church to spread Missionary information throughout the membership and friends of the Church.

The rules of the Contest will be announced later. The Chapter contests will be held in April. District and Conference Contests later in the spring.—S. T. Baugh.

#### MONTICELLO DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS

Arrangements have been made for four Group Meetings in the Monticello District, as follows: Dermott, Monday evening, January 23; Hamburg, Tuesday evening, January 24; Monticello, Wednesday evening, January 25; Thursday evening, January 26. Program begins 7 P. M. and closes at 9 P. M.

We are fortunate in having on the program Dr. E. R. Steel, presiding elder, Dr. James Thomas, Miss Ruby Suitt, District secretary, Rev. B. F. Roebuck, Mr. C. Ray Monk, Conference president.

All pastors, all Epworth League officers, and all interested young people who might become officers, are expected to attend the meeting which it is easiest for them to reach.

Entertaining churches will serve a light lunch at 6:30 p. m. to delegates to enable them all to be there on time.—S. T. Baugh.

#### SUMMER ASSEMBLY

The date for our Summer Assembly of the Little Rock Conference Epworth League is June 18-22, 1928. Keep this date open and watch for further announcements.—S. T. Baugh.

#### MABELVALE LEAGUE

The Epworth League of the Mabelvale Church enjoyed a very fine "watch-night" social at the parsonage on Dec. 31. About 35 of the young people braved the zero weather for the party. Mrs. H. I. Anderson was in charge of a most interesting and enjoyable program of games. As the old year slipped out and the new one came in, the Leaguers, led by the pastor, held a devotional and consecration service. Refreshments of hot chocolate and cakes were served.

The Leaguers at Primrose also held a splendid "watch-night" social.—Fred R. Harrison, P. C.

#### MID-YEAR CABINET MEETING N. ARK. CONFERENCE

The annual mid-year cabinet meeting of the North Arkansas Epworth League Conference was held Saturday, January 31, at Gardner Memorial church, North Little Rock. The business sessions began at 9 o'clock and lasted throughout the day with adjournment at 5:30 p. m. Vernon E. Chalfant, president, presided over the sessions.

The officers were guests of the Gardner Memorial League at the dinner.

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### NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

#### A CALL FROM VALLEY SPRINGS SCHOOL

Dear Brethren: Something like a year ago I came to you with a call for one dollar from each of the readers. At that time we were trying to start work on the building that had been abandoned for some two years. You sent us quite a sum of money, and now we are coming and asking that you do the noble deed that many of you did last year. We are now trying to finish the building, or if we can get enough money to put in the doors and windows and do some other needed work, we can get into the building, which will be far better than where we are now.

Surely there is no one who believes in the Methodist Church and reads the paper who will not send to their own school the sum of one dollar. If you are a Methodist and do not read your paper I am sorry for you. I can not see how a Methodist can live and not read the paper that is put out by his own Church. I love to read the daily papers, and I read other Church pa-

per hour Saturday evening. In the evening a program was planned in their behalf beginning with an address by Bishop H. A. Boaz at 8 p. m. A musical program followed this. Later a recreational hour was enjoyed. Just before mid-night a "watch party" was enjoyed lasting through the mid-night hour. Miss Marie Howard from First Church, North Little Rock, spoke on "The Old Year" and Miss Hettie McCaul of Gardner Memorial League spoke on "The New Year." In spite of the cold weather a large crowd greeted the visitors. A hot lunch was served.

The following officers and delegates attended: Rev. Vernon E. Chalfant, Gentry, president; Rev. Ira A. Brumley, North Little Rock, vice-president; Mack Lindsey, Batesville, secretary; Mrs. J. C. Salmon, Jr., North Little Rock Conference editor; S. B. Wilford, Conway, Conway District secretary; Beverly Rakes, Rogers, secretary Fayetteville District; Essie Ford, Pocahontas, secretary Paragould District; Grace Hardy, Jonesboro, Treasurer; Marcelle Phillips, Booneville, secretary, Booneville District; Mrs. Gladys James, Ola, Junior and Hi League superintendent; Lyman Gray, Batesville, Era Agent; Rev. H. A. Stroup, Judsonia, secretary Searcy District; Rev. B. C. Few, Newport, Conference Epworth League; John McPaul, Helena, secretary Helena District.

During the morning session reports from the various officers were read. Each showed much good work in progress in all the Districts. The president appointed a committee to arrange for a bulletin to publish news of the Conference to come out quarterly.

The cabinet voted to meet at Gardner Memorial church in January, 1928. Besides the good fellowship which was enjoyed a day of pleasure was spent. The local Leaguers enjoyed the honor of entertaining the Cabinet and is anxious to be hostess to the Cabinet again next year.

#### LEAGUE TO PRESENT PLAY

The Senior Epworth League of Gardner Memorial Church North Little Rock will present a four-act comedy-drama at the church February 17. Practice will begin Monday. Miss Ehrline Rowden is directing.

The Epworth Hi League of the church is being re-organized with Mrs. J. C. Salmon as counselor.

pers, but the Arkansas Methodist is the food of my own home, the property of my own Church, the one that gives the acts and work of my own brethren, and I can not live spiritually without it. I am sure that you will appreciate your Church in its effort to help the mountain boys and girls to get an education to the extent of sending the sum of one dollar. If every Methodist would respond to this noble work with a one-dollar offering, we would be in our new building in less than thirty days. Last year some even went far beyond our asking. They sent as much as ten dollars. Now please listen to Valley Springs cry, and send a dollar now. Once a month the names and amount will come out in the Methodist. Let's make the first list the largest that has ever been printed in this paper for a call for help.

One of the greatest leaders of our Church said to me this week that the work that we were undertaking at Valley Springs, was the greatest work the Church has ever undertaken.

We are looking forward to the most liberal offering for the School that we have ever had. Don't disappoint us.

When you have read this call, please lay aside your paper right then and send us a check, or the one dollar in money. Make all checks payable to the Valley Springs School and send same to W. M. Edwards, at Batesville.

#### LOCKESBURG COMMUNITY CENTER

I was graciously received for my fourth year. They gave us a good pounding. These are a most loyal people. I have never served a truer people as their pastor. Their love for their pastor is manifested upon all occasions. They are good workers in the church. We have some mighty fine young people. They are always ready to help you in anything they can do. We have a Senior and Epworth Hi and a Junior Society.

Dr. E. R. Steel preached to a full house 4th Sunday in November. This being his childhood home it was much appreciated—a wonderful sermon. On December 18 Weldon Gatlin preached his first sermon to a large crowd. He is attending Hendrix College.

From 4th Sunday in November to, and including 4th Sunday in December 932 attended preaching services. This with three services called in. We are having some wonderful services. On Christmas day twenty were received into the church, three by vows and seventeen by baptism. On New Year's day one by certificate and on 2nd Sunday, our first anniversary of entering the new church, we received twelve more, three by baptism, one by vow and eight by certificate. And this is not the end. We are expecting the greatest year of the four. Pray for us.—L. C. Gatlin, P. C.

#### HUGHES

Who-o—Who-o-o.  
The north winds do blow,  
There is no snow,  
We have five above zero.

Dr. F. H. Cumming came into the pulpit this morning with a Happy New Year greeting, wishing everybody a prosperous year and God speed. His face fairly radiating the spiritual and consecrated life that he lives daily.

Scripture lesson 1st Timothy, chapter 4, insisting that we apply ourselves he placed on the blackboard an example showing average life of man. Few of us ever stop to think of the little service that we give. Statistics show average life 48 years. Infancy takes 6 years, School days take out 15

years. Sleep required to sustain life 16 years. Total 37 years. 48—37 leaves 11 years of service for the good or bad as we choose to do. So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom.

Sunday at 7 o'clock as the presiding elder failed to come, Dr. Cumming brought us a message, reading from Romans 10: 1-12. Brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel is, that they might be saved.

Paul was a Jew preaching to the Christians at Rome. Born of the tribe of Benjamin, strictest sect of the Pharisees, and his heart's desire was not to go back to former things but that his people might be saved.

So the work of the church today is the salvation of men.

Dr. Cumming, always in translating the Greek, makes his statement clear and easily understood. His heart's desire was that men be saved, and he wished that he had the knowledge, that the people of this church were all saved.

I trust that on the 2nd Sunday which is Communion Day, every member of this church will come to hear the wonderful message our beloved pastor always brings.—Reporter.

#### A NEW CHARGE

Since the Annual Conference I have picked up a little mission work. I did not take any work at the Conference. My wife has been in very poor health. I found four churches that have been left out for the past two or three years, and since visiting them and making a survey of them I find about 40 Methodist people that belong to these churches. So I have decided to look after them and do the best I can to keep them alive till grass puts up, and I believe we can get through till berries comes in, and then I believe we can get by till fall. By close investigation I find some mighty good people. I hope to be able to build these neglected places up, and make a good charge out of them.

I will preach for them as often as I can and try to work at something else to get support. I have to be at home a good deal of the time. Some of these places are on the railroads, and the others are near the railroads.

It is an old saying that you can't keep an honest man down, and I am about to believe it.

One of these churches is Fulton which was once a station and supported one of our preachers. There are now about 18 Methodists there.

I hope to be able to build up this work until it will be self-supporting. I served this work as mission two years, and after that it was put on two different circuits, and finally died.

I am going to try this time to build me a circuit that no one will want. I will start out on my Mission January 1, if nothing hinders me, and will try to get some new subscribers to the Arkansas Methodist.

It greatly hampers any one when they have afflictions in the home, especially when in the work of the Lord.

Wishing you and Dr. Millar much success for the coming year, 1928.—J. A. Hall.

#### OZARK

After four years at Atkins it was deemed wise or otherwise that I should move. So the Bishop read us out to Ozark.

We arrived here on the morning of the first day of December. While we were busy about the neat and clean parsonage Bro. J. E. Bryan, president of the board of stewards, came in and took us to his home for dinner. Mrs. Bryan served us a good meal in a tasty manner and we were delightfully refreshed and entertained in this good home for an hour or two.

We are now very much at home among a very fine people. They have shown us every kindness and consideration.

We are considerably advanced in our plans for the new year's work.

In a meeting with our Workers' Council and Board of Stewards we have set goals as follows:

1. To enroll all our constituency in the Sunday School.
2. An average attendance of 70% of the enrollment.
3. To bring to an acceptance of Jesus Christ as personal Savior and Lord every one above the primary age.
4. All finances in full.—Grover C. Johnson, P. C.

#### MINISTER'S BROTHERHOOD

The monthly meeting of the Methodist Ministers' Brotherhood of the Little Rock District was held Monday morning, January 9, in the chapel of First Church, Dr. James Thomas, presiding. After a helpful devotional service, conducted by the chairman, Rev. Stanley T. Baugh, rural extension secretary of the Conference Sunday School Board, was introduced and spoke on training work and evangelism. He urged the pastors to put on schools in every church where at all possible, and also emphasized the importance of evangelism in the Sunday School. He pointed out that too few children and young people are being brought into the church through the Sunday School on profession of faith. Rev. Clem Baker followed this talk offering some helpful suggestions in making the Sunday School more effective as an evangelistic agency. He requested the pastors to make the January Dual-Mission-Special Offering as large as possible to offset the decrease in December. He called attention of the Brotherhood to the approaching annual session of the Little Rock Leadership Training School which will open March 11.

Dr. Thomas expressed the hope that every pastor would put his shoulder to the wheel and co-operate with the Conference Sunday School officers in their plans for the year, and also emphasized the love-offering for Missions. He entertains no doubt that the District will meet its quota (\$7,000) plus, as it did last year.

Rev. F. P. Onsted, pastor of White River Circuit, with his residence at DeVall's Bluff, was introduced. This is a new charge, being organized since conference, and has four preaching points. The presence of two laymen from the Austin Circuit, Mr. A. B. Cross and R. L. Powell, was noted. Mrs. J. T. Rodgers, wife of our pastor at Lonoke, was introduced. Rev. J. P. Lowry, an honored local preacher, was presented, and given an opportunity to address the brotherhood on evangelism and revivals.

Rev. D. H. Colquette, known as "the man with the Bible," was presented and spoke feelingly of the work that he is doing as agent of the American Bible Society and superintendent of the Hospital-Prison Mission work, recently committed into his hands.

Rev. F. A. Buddin, by request of the chairman, offered a special prayer in behalf of M. F. Cox and S. B. Lasseter, two prominent laymen in the District, who are critically ill.

There being no further business, the meeting closed informally, after a few minutes' social intercourse.—J. C. Glenn, Sec.

#### HENDRIX COLLEGE TAKES NOTABLE STEPS FORWARD

Along with announcement of dedication of the new library building on January 12, Hendrix College today made public an expression of thanks to constituents who assisted in making 1927 one of the finest years in the history of the institution. Despite the generally adverse conditions prevailing in its territory, the college made substantial advances during the 12 months, and the library dedication will to some extent reflect its application of the many good deeds performed in its behalf.

Dr. J. H. Reynolds, president of the college, said that Hendrix not only maintained its attendance during the 12 months, but has registered a slight gain as compared with the 1926-27 session. In its finances, Hendrix received about \$30,000, the amount includ-

ing gifts to the library building. This was done without any active solicitation as the institution has had no agent in the field. One Christmas gift was a check for \$5,250 from a friend who remembered the college in this way.

Announcement was also made by Dr. Reynolds that Audrey Shields McIlwaine, at present an instructor in the English department of the University of Chicago, will on February 1 become assistant in English at Hendrix, succeeding Ray M. Lawless, who recently resigned to accept a position in Wesleyan University, Mitchell, S. D. Mr. McIlwaine is a North Carolinian, a graduate of Southwestern University when the institution was located at Clarksville, Tenn. He is also a master of arts graduate of the University of Chicago and has for some time been a member of its faculty.

The Hendrix faculty has during the past few years increased its reputation for scholarship, particularly in the field of research. Dr. Robt. Lee Campbell, professor of English, was accorded a place of distinction when he was selected by the University of Chicago to collaborate with Dr. John Matthews Manly, professor of English there, in compiling an authoritative work on Chaucer. Dr. Lewis Edgar Winfrey, until recently professor of modern languages at Hendrix, has received a similar distinction from the Chicago institution in his selection to undertake the same type of research work in modern languages. Dr. Winfrey is this year professor of modern languages in the University of Oklahoma at Norman and was recently granted six month's leave to undertake the investigations.

Dr. E. J. Petry, professor of biology at Hendrix, spent Christmas week at Nashville, Tenn., to attend conventions of various national scientific bodies. He won distinction as a biologist in his service with the United States department of agriculture and his studies of plant life are now being pursued in Arkansas. Dr. Petry is a member of a dozen or more associations of scientists. Dr. Campbell, who also holds memberships in several national organizations, spent the holidays in attending the annual meeting of the Modern Language Association, which met this year at Louisville, Ky.

In addition to the library building, Hendrix has also devoted much effort to beautification of the campus and the spring months will witness a great transformation. Equipment needed in instruction has not been overlooked. For example, the departments of chemistry and physics have been im-

#### Middle Aged Folks Attention

Nearly every man and woman who reach "middle age" are bothered with bladder trouble of some sort. Frequent urination is necessary, pains in the back or loins occur, highly colored urine is noticed and it is necessary to get up often during the night.

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proved 100 per cent and more in the equipment at their disposal.

G. L. Bahner, treasurer of the college, has literally accomplished wonders in expenditure of the comparatively small sums available for improvement. He also originated the library project and with the appreciated assistance of several dealers in building materials has completed the structure at only a small cost to the college. His wise administration has attracted much attention to Hendrix and particularly with members of the executive committee of the trustees, who are closely in touch with affairs there. S. G. Smith, Conway merchant and a member of the committee, thinks Mr. Bahner's administration has been remarkable.

"Bahner somehow has the knack of making Hendrix dollars do double duty," said Mr. Smith. "He spends a little here and a little there, but the results look all out of proportion to the amounts expended. I know of no business man who handles money more wisely than Bahner."—Conway Log Cabin Democrat.

#### MABELVALE-PRIMROSE

Even though we have been on the ground in this delightful appointment only three weeks, we are convinced that it will be a fine place to work during the year. The people have received us with open arms and manifested a great spirit of co-operation and loyalty. We are looking forward to a great year's work and solicit the prayers of all friends for the advancement of God's Kingdom here.—Fred R. Harrison, P. C.

#### REPORT ON LYNCHINGS

I send you the following concerning lynchings for the past year as compiled by Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research. I find there were 16 persons lynched in 1927. This is 14 less than the number 30 of 1926, 1 less than the number 17 for 1925, the same number 16 as for 1924 and 17 less than the number 33 for 1923, 12 of the persons lynched were taken from the hands of the law, 6 from jails and 6 from officers of the law outside of jails. 4 of the persons were burned to death, 2 were put to death and then their bodies burned.

There were 42 instances in which officers of the law prevented lynchings. 8 of these were in Northern states and 34 in Southern states. In 24 of the cases the prisoners were removed or the guards augmented or other precautions taken. In 18 other instances, armed force was used to repel the would be lynchers, 68 persons, 15 whites and 53 negroes were thus saved from death at the hands of mobs.

All of the persons lynched were negroes. The offenses charged were: murder, 7; attempted murder, 2; rape, 3; improper conduct, 1; charge not reported, 1.

The states in which lynchings occurred and the number in each state are as follows: Arkansas, 3; Kentucky, 1; Louisiana, 1; Mississippi, 7; Missouri, 1; Tennessee, 2; Texas, 1.—R. R. Moton, Principal.

#### 1927 BUSINESS YEAR ONE OF PROSPERITY ABOVE THE AVERAGE

Business has been as recorded by The Business Weather Map in THE MAGAZINE OF BUSINESS for January, experiencing a period of readjustment. However, despite it—and as well—floods, unfavorable weather, the Ford shut-down, and the coal strike—1927 ends with a record for

general activity fully justifying the outlook signaled by The Business Weather Map last January. The year closed, while not equalling the banner year 1926, has been one of above average prosperity.

The readjustment which has been experienced shows signs of drawing to a close. While taxing profits, it has been creating the foundations for renewed prosperity through driving consumption hard on the heels of production—inventories are low and well in hand. Consumptive power is strong, and has been further strengthened by the improvement in the position of the farmer. As a matter of fact, the balance between agriculture and industry is better than it has been for some time—the purchasing power of farm products in terms of non-agricultural goods is again well over 90.

Money remains easy, and there is nothing in the outlook to indicate stringency. Never before in the history of the country has credit been so abundant.

Conditions overseas are indicative, on the whole, of more favorable opportunities for export trade. In some European nations the record in fact shows remarkable openings developing for our products.

#### A RARE NOVELTY IN PLEASANTRY

A rare novelty has appeared—dominoes without spots! This popular game played all over America will now take on new significance, and gain a new impetus. It is one of the games that does not wear out. Up to now its playing has yielded only the past-time pleasure of a moment. But

the students of John Brown College will give the game a new meaning in America. In this self-help institution the boys and girls operate a big printing plant, and make the games, now five in number, with seven others to bring out later, for distribution throughout the nation for student profit, not only, but also that the young people of the nation may have better games—wholesome, clean, uplifting games. "Laugh and learn" is the adopted slogan, or entertainment wed to instruction, is the idea. A nationally known minister has devised the games after a quarter of a century of association with young people all over the United States.

The new dominoes are larger than the ordinary sort, or  $1\frac{1}{4} \times 2\frac{1}{4}$ , and 36 to the set, rather than only 28. Each domino has some number on its ends, and also a quotation from literature or the Bible, and the matching is done by placing number to number. This combination of pleasure and profit should make a great "hit." We understand leading men and magazines in the country have given their endorsement of the movement to furnish the young with better games—games that have all the thrills of the older ones, plus the spear thrusts of helpful quotations. Those interested may address National Good Games Co., of John Brown College, Department A, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. The price is only 50 cents, prepaid, with special price on lots.

#### IS BUSINESS MAN A GAMBLER?

The average business man would resent being called a "gambler," yet, says T. C. Bridgeman in THE MAGAZINE OF BUSINESS, "in the credit

and collection end of his business he takes chances that the professional gambler would hesitate to consider."

"There are thousands of merchants and business men who will jump at the opportunity to gamble their capital away on questionable credit risks with the odds always against them. In the name of business, and for the sake of sales promotion, they will take reckless chances without making the slightest inquiry into the character pedigree of credit-seekers.

"They often refuse to consider unfavorable credit data when placed before them in black and white. They readily dispose of the matter by recalling that misleading axiom 'take a chance at anything once' or 'we need the business and must take a few chances.'"

#### THE HIGH SCHOOL IN THE HILLS

Carrying a full-page feature story of Folsom Training School, at Smithville, Okla., a recent Sunday edition of the DAILY OKLAHOMAN, the largest newspaper in the State of Oklahoma with a circulation of more than 100,000, paid tribute to this "fine high school in the hills," the Southern Methodist mission school for underprivileged whites and Indians living in Southeastern Oklahoma and the neighboring districts of Arkansas.

In preparation for the writing of this story about Folsom, the OKLAHOMAN sent to Smithville a special, feature-story writer, who spent several days at Folsom studying the working of the school, taking pictures of the buildings, and interviewing the president, the faculty members and

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some of the 150 students.

The OKLAHOMAN gave high praise to the work of the president and founder of the institution, Rev. W. B. Hubbell, and his wife, both of whom have been with Folsom since the beginning. The paper also paid tribute to "those Methodist crusaders against ignorance" who during the time of the great Centenary movement donated \$150,000 for the founding of Folsom Training School, and since that time have contributed liberally each year to its support. Mention was made of the fact that very few of the supporters of the school have ever been in the State where the institution is located; their donations have been made from purely altruistic motives to help young people who otherwise would never have a chance.

Here in the heart of the Kiamichi Mts., in an area embracing three of the largest counties in Oklahoma in which there is not another high school and very few district schools, the Board of Missions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, determined to found a school, not only for the white children of this region but also for the Indian boys and girls, who were growing up in ignorance all around. The school is located fifty miles from Broken Bow, the nearest railroad station in Oklahoma. The surrounding country abounds in bobcats, wolves, deer, bear, wild turkeys, and moonshine stills—particularly stills. After a few clashes with Mr. Hubbell, however, the moonshiners moved their stills back a respectful distance into the mountain fastnesses and left the Methodists in possession of the field. Local Folsom enthusiasts enumerate with pride the nineteen stills that have moved away since the coming of Folsom.

Out of the 150 students enrolled at Folsom, more than twenty per cent are paying for their education, either wholly or in part, by working in the dairy, on the farm, or in some other capacity. Money is not plentiful among the young folks of the Kiamichi Mountains, and even the small per cent that pay their tuition seldom do so in cash. Two brothers in the school paid their expenses with 250 gallons of sorghum molasses; two sisters, who are studying to be teachers, met their expenses with a herd of goats which they had raised themselves. Another boy walked in from his mountain home and sold his crop of corn to Mr. Hubbell to pay his tuition.

It is a matter of pride at Folsom that not a single graduate of the school has failed to make good at any institution of higher learning to which he or she has gone. The OKLAHOMAN hunted up the records of some of those students who had graduated from Folsom and found that in the University of Oklahoma City today there is a splendid girl student who milked cows for four years to pay for her tuition, board, and clothes at Folsom; in the University Hospital there is a nurse with a fine record, who gained her academic training by working her way through Folsom; and in the district schools in Southeastern Oklahoma, where teachers formerly refused to accept appointments, there are 72 qualified teachers, products of Folsom Training School, who have come back to teach among their own

people.

Honor to whom honor is due. Truly the great Oklahoma daily did well to devote a whole page and more in one of its most important editions to this Methodist institution of learning, which with the help of the "Methodist crusaders against ignorance" is training American boys and girls of all denominations for citizenship and service.

#### "WHY CUBA."

"Why do we send missionaries to Catholic countries?" This question is often asked by Protestants in the United States, who picture Catholics in foreign countries as thinking, speaking, and acting just as do their Catholic neighbors next door or their Catholic friends who live just up the street. They cannot conceive of the ignorance and superstitions prevalent in Catholic countries in Latin America or Europe, but Miss Kathleen Bardwell, daughter of the Rev. H. B. Bardwell, president of Candler College in Havana, who has lived a large part of her life in Cuba, can. Therefore, she endeavors to answer this oft-propounded query, "Why send missionaries to Catholic countries?" in her missionary playlet, "Why Cuba?"

There are six characters in this playlet—two Cuban girls, two women, one young man, and a missionary. With one exception, they are dressed in just such clothes as one might see anywhere in America, for there is no typical Cuban dress. One woman is clothed in a dark, one-piece dress, high in the neck and with long sleeves, and tied at the belt with a black ribbon—a very ugly, unattractive costume. The missionary carries a Cuban flag, banner of our little sister republic, home of a warm-hearted and impulsive people, and a Bible, that book practically unknown in Catholic countries.

"Why send missionaries to Catholic countries?" Listen to these Cubans as they tell of the darkness and despair in their souls before the coming of Protestantism and the light. One girl describes a long journey on bleeding hands and knees to the shrine of the Virgin and her sobbing pleadings that she might intercede for her at the throne of grace; now she has learned that bodily suffering is not necessary to appease an angry Deity. The other girl gave hundreds of dollars to the priest and spent hours in prayers to the saints in the hope, of releasing her mother's soul from purgatory—her mother who was the purest and best woman she had ever known. "Oh, you who know that your loved ones are with God, consider the suffering of those who are taught that their departed must be tortured in purgatory."

The Cuban woman wears her hideous costume in fulfillment of a vow to the Virgin, who had saved her child from death, for she had been taught that the Blessed Mother would be pleased to see her in such an ugly gown. The second mother was tortured for years by the thought that her child who had died unbaptized must be deprived of heaven and spend eternity in Limbo because of her own neglect. She had never known peace until she learned of a Jesus who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me."

The young man had cast aside all religion. Disgusted by the prayers and penances of his mother and sisters, he thought religion only for the weak, until he found in Protestantism a God of strength, that could make a man strong to do right—"the God that Cuba needs."

"Why send missionaries to Catholic countries?" That men and women may realize God's abounding love, his tenderness to little children; that they may be freed from the fears of purgatory and made strong to stand for the right. "Why Cuba?" Why not all Catholic countries?

#### PROMINENT EDUCATORS WOULD EXCLUDE FROM COLLEGES ALL BUT TRUE STUDENTS AND LEADERS

In the judgment of two eminent college deans, Dean Mildred Thompson of Vassar, and Dean Ernest Wilkins of the University of Chicago, only those who show a marked aptitude for study and who possess the qualities of leadership, should be admitted to our already over-crowded American colleges.

Writing in the July issue of "Children, The Magazine for Parents," both present their views on the question of "Who Shall Go To College?" While Dean Thompson holds that college is a place only for boys and girls who like and know how to study, and who have an impetus within them to go to college, Dean Wilkins would admit only potential leaders. He says that potential leadership may be judged on the following essentials: Technical ability (workmanship, dexterity); power of expression, accuracy of observation; perseverance; power of concentration; sense of proportion (including a sense of humor); intellectual curiosity; power of initiative; ability to reason; health of body; appearance; manner (bearing); attractiveness (charm); ability to co-operate; moral cleanness; honesty; faith in knowledge; purposefulness; vision and social mindedness.

Dean Thompson writes: "There are some kinds of young people who, undoubtedly, would better receive their further education in the types of work more closely connected with technical or manual occupations. Unless the mind is of the type that can deal with ideas, it will be much happier outside of college where it may deal simply with concrete material."

#### BISHOP E. R. HENDRIX Administrative Committee Federal Council of Churches Pays Tribute

I am conveying the following resolution prepared by Rev. Frank Mason North, a former president of the Federal Council of Churches, and adopted by the Administrative Committee with reference to our dear friend and brother, Bishop Hendrix:

"The Administrative Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America records with profound feeling the fact that no longer in its counsels will be found the inspiring personality of the first president of the Council, Bishop Eugene R. Hendrix, D. D., LL. D. He passed on to the wider field of glorious service on November 11, 1927, from his home in Kansas City, Mo.

"Bishop Hendrix's early leadership in the Council was significant in many ways. His election to the presidency was the normal recognition on the part of his comrades in service of his outstanding interest and activity in the field of Christian cooperation. From the earliest days in the movements which led to the organization of the Federal Council in 1908, he was a wise and inspiring participant. The friendships of college and theological school had kept him in touch with men who were themselves related to the more definite plans for securing a firm basis for co-operative work

amongst the churches, and his representation both in person and officially of a great section of the country less immediately in touch with those movements, and his leadership in one of the great progressive denominations as well as his winning personality and his intellectual outlook, commanded without opposition the franchise of his brethren in the choice of him for the presidency of the new churchwide organization.

"Bishop Hendrix brought to the new movement represented by the Federal Council the treasures of a well-furnished mind, the vitality of a progressive spirit, the spirituality of a convinced and devoted servant of Christ. He seemed to find no strain between loyalty to the great denomination in which he was a leader, and the broader fellowship of all denominations in which he was a trusted comrade. The widening ways of the Council's experience are possible, in part at least, because of the irenic spirit, the practical goodwill and the unflinching fidelity of its first president.

"This Committee shares, with all who feel the loss of this noble man, the sorrow that time can break the continuity of the visible fellowship but rejoices in the confident hope that those who come together because they are one in Christ Jesus cannot be separated in that eternal kingdom where He forever is Lord and King."

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## OBITUARIES

**HARRIS.**—One of God's noblemen went to his reward in the passing from this life of Rev. H. M. Harris, who recently was buried at Morning Star cemetery on the Benton road. Sixty years before, and after he had served the South in the Civil War, he settled in this vicinity, and went to preaching the gospel of Christ to the people. His field was the hills and valleys of this section. Sixty years ago there were no automobiles, no paved highways, and few methods of communication. Rev. "Mitch" Harris was accustomed to the disadvantages of pioneer life. His horse, and his saddlebags, with a light lunch on one side and a copy of the Holy Bible on the other, were his equipment.

Hardships were to be endured. There was no compensation save that of service to the God whose cause he had undertaken. Into the remoteness of the hills and mountains he went, preaching to the little, and often disappointing numbers, that had gathered.

Few people in busy progressive Hot Springs knew "Mitch" Harris. His aim was not to preside over the templed edifices of the city. His ambition was to carry the word to the people in those remote sections where it would not have been heard save for some one willing to make great sacrifices. But the country knew him and loved him.

The saddlebag minister is a thing of the past. In his time he was a builder. In his time he helped materially in the construction of the civilization that exists today. He received no reward either financially or in appreciation of the devotion to his cause. But he was laying in store for the days to come. "Mitch" Harris with more than sixty years spent in

carrying the gospel to the mountains, baptizing the little ones, marrying the young folks, burying the dead, comforting the bereaved ones, has earned a great reward.—Sentinel Record, Hot Springs.

**TAYLOR.**—J. R. (Rufe) Taylor died at the home of his son, M. L. Taylor, at Cypress Junction, near Little Rock on December 5, 1927. "Uncle Rufe", as he was familiarly called, was born in North Carolina, Feb. 2, 1838. Came to Arkansas in early life, and was married to Miss Sarah Riggan. They settled on a farm just north of Leola where he reared his family, only two of whom survive: M. L. Taylor of Cypress Junction and Miss Pinkie Taylor of Little Rock. He served throughout the Civil War in the Confederate Army. Early in life, he united with the Methodist Church and served as steward for about 40 years. He was a devout Christian, a good citizen, a devoted father and husband, liberal in his views, charitable to a degree above the ordinary, and loved by the entire community. His body was laid to rest in the cemetery near his old home beside his wife and other loved ones who had preceded him to the Home Eternal. The entire community and the members of the Farm-Labor Union, of which he was a valued member, resolved that, in the death of Bro. J. R. Taylor, the Church, the Farmers' Union, and the entire community have lost a beloved brother, a faithful citizen, and a man whose presence and influence will be greatly missed. To the loved ones who survive him, we extend our heart-felt sympathy and trust that they may so live that they may meet again.—S. R. Parnell, W. V. Jackson, O. C. Dial, N. S. Phillips, Committee.

**NALER.**—James Howard Naler was born in Dalton, Ga., June 24, 1851, and died at Mena, Ark., Dec. 23, 1927. He was the son of Wm. and Jane Naler. He moved to Texas, Dec. 16, 1870; was married to Miss Elizabeth Moore at Waco, Texas, March 5, 1878, who passed to her reward at Mena, Ark., Sept. 3, 1912. To them were born eight children, five of whom survive: Mrs. M. K. Irvin, Monticello, Ark., H. Frank Naler, Colorado Springs; Mrs. T. G. Green, Wilburton, Oklahoma; Mrs. Beatrice Mulkey, Nashville, Ark., and Miss Lura Naler, Magnolia, Ark. On Nov. 3, 1913, Bro. Naler was married to Miss Jonnie Dunbar who survives him. Bro. Naler professed faith in Christ years ago and joined the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and lived a consistent Christian life until his death. The common saying of the people who knew him, was that he was a good man. His conversion was genuine, his life consistent, and his end peaceful. He has gone to his reward. Among his last words were these line of poetry: "Remember, man, as you pass by; as you are now; so once was I. As I am now, so you must be, prepare for death to follow me." He was buried by the writer at Mena Dec. 25.—J. A. Parker.

**STILL.**—Mrs. Alva Still was born April 3, 1872; died Dec. 3, 1927. She was married to Jonathan Grant Still, about 35 years ago, and unto this union were born 8 children, four boys and four girls. Four still live to mourn the death of their mother. Sister Still had two brothers and two sisters, and three step-children, besides the grand children, and a host of other relatives and friends. She goes to join her husband and four of her children in the other world. Sister Still was a loyal member of the Methodist

Church at Doyle, on the Bingen Ct. Before she died she called all her children that were present to her bedside and gave them her farewell advice as to how to bring up their children. The night before she died she called her son Mack to her bed and asked him to read her favorite Scripture. He inquired which Scripture. She said: "Open the Bible, you will find it." But Mack never could understand just what she wanted read. She told her children and brothers and sisters that she would meet them all in the Glory Land, and praised God that she lived to see all of her children Christians and in the church save the baby boy. Sister Alva Still was a good neighbor, and in her life time was just as attentive to the sick of the neighborhood as she could be. She did all she could to be a blessing to the poor and needy. A faithful mother and sister as well as a loyal Christian has gone to that land of the Unclouded Day. She was buried Dec. 4, 1927, in the cemetery at Doyle. Services were conducted by her new pastor whom she never got to meet.—S. W. Johnson, Pastor.

**SEIGLER.**—M. B. Seigler was born Oct. 13, 1867, in Webster County,

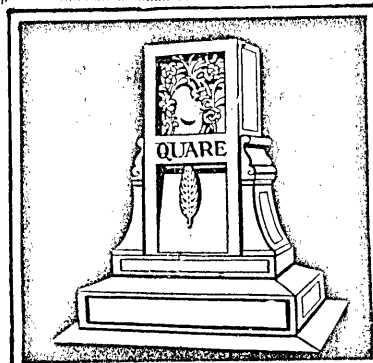
Mississippi, and died at Emmett, Ark. Dec. 20, 1927. He was converted in early life and joined the Methodist Church, South. At the age of seven he came to Arkansas, bringing his religion and church membership with him. The church soon recognized his worth and elected him a steward in which capacity he served for more than thirty years. He was also a Charge Layleader for a number of years. Here was a man to whom many a preacher is indebted for kindness and co-operation. He stood behind the preacher and the church when there were but few to bear the burdens. As he grew older he became more fervent and zealous, never looking backward to the good old days, but keeping pace with the movement of the church and her program. He did not hesitate to leave his business to attend conference because he felt that Methodism and the Kingdom of God were world institutions. The church and community shall miss him, but his influence abides to bless the church and those who knew him. He leaves his wife, five daughters, three sons and one brother to mourn his going. There is no doubt that they know where to find him.—J. L. Dedman.

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 Primary Dept., First Church, Paragould ..... 6.50  
 Hickory Ridge, Jr. and Sr. Lgs. Marguerite Clifford Class, Winfield Church, City, for special Circle No. 12, First Church, City, for special ..... 10.00  
 Elizabeth Monk Bible Class, Fairview Church, Texark. .... 2.00  
 —Jas. Thomas, Supt.

## ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

This is the second report that I have made of the Sunday School Christmas Offerings for the Orphanage received this year.

## Little Rock Conference

**Arkadelphia District.—**  
 Benton S. S. and Church ..... \$ 48.07  
 Butterfield S. S. Friendship Ct. C. O. Rusher ..... 2.95  
 Hickory Grove S. S. Traskwood Ct. by Miss Myrtis Shepherd, Treas. .... 1.00  
**Camden District.—**  
 Strong Ct. Rhodes Chapel S. S. Strong Ct. Strong S. S. .... 15.50  
 Strong Ct. Bolding Chapel S. S. Bearden S. S. by T. C. Dawson, Supt. .... 4.50  
 Macedonia S. S. Princeton Ct. by H. B. Chandler, Supt. .... 41.10  
 Fordyce S. S. by Mrs. B. M. Bowe, Treas. .... 5.80  
 Waverly S. S. Princeton Ct. by J. R. Lawrence ..... 25.90  
 J. R. Lawrence ..... 2.35

**Little Rock District.—**  
 Austin Ct. Mt. Zion S. S. by J. O. Bennett, Supt. .... 7.75  
 Austin Ct. Smyrna S. S. by Mrs. O. L. Thompson, Supt. .... 5.00  
 Austin Ct. Mt. Tabor S. S. by W. H. Smith, Supt. .... 10.00  
 Bauxite S. S. by H. M. Rogers, Sec. .... 62.03  
 Hunter Memorial S. S. City, by Miss D. Smith, Treas. .... 3.70  
 First Church, City, by H. D. Knickerbocker, P. C. .... 582.42  
 Winfield S. S. and Church by Mrs. C. B. Meyers, Supt. .... 125.00  
 Winfield Junior Church, by Mrs. C. B. Meyers, Supt., City. .... 5.00  
 Highland S. S. City, additional gift, by J. H. Cummins, P. C. .... 1.00  
**Monticello District.—**  
 Rock Springs S. S. Wilmar Ct. by H. B. McKeown, Supt. .... 12.50  
 Dumas Junior Dept., by Mrs. W. I. Fish ..... 18.00

**Prescott District.—**  
 Nashville S. S. by H. A. Price, Sec. .... 30.00  
 Bingen Ct. McCaskill S. S. by Mrs. Bert Scott ..... 6.40  
 Bingen Ct. Doyle S. S. by Mrs. M. Jackson, Treas. .... 1.00  
 Prescott S. S. by C. D. Calhoun, Treas. .... 10.00  
 Delight S. S. by C. A. Kizzia, Supt. .... 20.94  
 Hope Church by Mrs. W. P. Agee, Treas. .... 35.00  
 Spring Hill Ct. Fairview S. S. by E. Jones ..... 1.00  
 Emmett Ct. Rocky Mound S. S. by G. W. Robertson, P. C. .... 1.50  
 Washington S. S. by E. R. Timberlake, Supt. .... 27.00  
 Blevins S. S. by Mrs. Carl Brown, Sec. .... 45.00

**Pine Bluff District.—**  
 St. Charles Ct. Prairie Union S. S. by G. K. Alter ..... 10.55  
 Carr Memorial S. S. Pine Bluff, by J. T. Thompson, P. C. .... 23.40  
 Sunshine S. S. Sunshine-Humphrey Charge ..... 1.00  
 First Church S. S. Pine Bluff, by C. A. Hing ..... 100.00  
 Swan Lake S. S. by Mrs. L. W. Clement, Supt. .... 6.40  
 Wabbaseka S. S. by A. J. Christie, P. C. .... 11.60  
 Good Faith S. S. Pine Bluff Ct. by Mrs. N. H. Wilson ..... 4.00  
 White Hall S. S. Pine Bluff Ct. by R. H. Gandy, Supt. .... 2.70

**Texarkana District.—**  
 Foreman S. S. by Fred Gantt, Supt. .... 25.00  
 Mena S. S. by Guy G. Beavers, Sec. .... 36.11  
 Dallas S. S. Hatfield Ct. by O. B. Heath, Supt. .... 4.50

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 Dierks S. S. by W. C. Pettus, Treas. .... 10.72

## North Arkansas Conference

**Batesville District.—**  
 Melbourne S. S. by J. T. Byram, Supt. .... 3.35  
 Central Ave. S. S. Batesville, by C. F. Jones, Treas. .... 15.55  
 Mt. Home S. S. by B. F. Love, Treas. .... 20.00  
 Moorefield S. S. by M. Moore, Supt. .... 6.00  
 Moore's Chapel, Wiseman Ct., by Rev. L. L. Langston ..... 1.00

**Booneville District.—**  
 Salem S. S. Rover Ct. by T. A. Watson, Supt. .... 1.50  
 Huntington S. S. by Mrs. J. H. Wilkinson, Treas. .... 7.35  
 Plainview S. S. by H. Shelton, Supt. .... 25.00

**Conway District.—**  
 Gardner Mem. S. S. N. L. Rock by J. L. McCormack, Treas. .... 14.06  
 Lamar S. S. by W. J. Spicer, P. C. Jacksonville Ct. S. S. by Miss S. Stone, Treas. .... 3.50  
 Mt. Vernon S. S. Rosebud Ct. by R. F. Harper, Treas. .... 9.25  
 2.15

**Fayetteville District.—**  
 Parkdale S. S. by Mrs. Will Drain, Supt. .... 2.00  
 Central Church S. S. Springdale, by Miss Funk ..... 37.34  
 Elm Springs Ct. Harmon S. S. by Miss Mitchell, Treas. .... 2.08  
 Eureka Springs S. S. by Miss Mary L. Barnes, Treas. .... 5.00

**Fort Smith District.—**  
 Midland Heights S. S. Ft. Smith by Mrs. F. S. Elder, Supt. .... 3.75  
 City Heights S. S. Van Buren, by E. A. Swearingen, Treas. .... 1.70  
 Mulberry S. S. by J. B. Steward, Treas. .... 6.80

**Kibler Ct. Mt. View S. S. by S. McAllister, Treas. .... 4.00**

**Helena District.—**  
 Holly Grove S. S. by T. Claiborne, Treas. .... 18.00  
 Wabash Federated S. S. by J. Vogel ..... 7.25  
 Brinkley S. S. by J. D. Henley, Treas. .... 25.50  
 West Helena S. S. by J. W. Moore, P. C. .... 10.00

**Jonesboro District.—**  
 Lepanto S. S. by E. K. Sewell, P. C. .... 12.00  
 Lunsford W. M. S. and S. S. by Miss E. Johnson, rural worker Monette S. S. by A. J. Riggs, P. C. .... 1.45  
 Monette Ct. Macy S. S. by A. L. Riggs, P. C. .... 10.00  
 Bay S. S. by E. J. Wiles, Treas. .... 2.05

**Paragould District.—**  
 E. Side S. S. Paragould, by Miss W. Holfield, Sec. .... 1.34  
 Black Rock S. S. by Miss Alma Erwin, Sec. .... 3.10  
 Hoxie S. S. by Miss N. McLean, Sec. .... 25.00  
 Rector S. S. by R. T. Cribb, P. C. .... 14.00

**Searcy District.—**  
 Judsonia S. S. by P. W. Bennett, Treas. .... 8.00  
 Augusta S. S. by L. C. Berry, Sec. .... 15.00  
 Jelks S. S. by Miss Hassie Edwards ..... .92  
 McCrory S. S. by Miss Mary Raymond, Sec. .... 30.00

**Personal Gifts—N. Ark. Conference**  
 Mr. and Mrs. John Wren, Ft. Smith ..... 10.00  
 —Jas. Thomas, Supt.

## QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

**ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 Hot Springs Ct., Bethlehem Jan. 15, 11 a. m.  
 Third Street Jan. 15, 7:30 p. m.  
 Traskwood Ct., Traskwood Jan. 22, 11 a. m.  
 Benton Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m.  
 Pearey Ct., Jan. 28-29, 11 a. m.  
 Tigert-Lonsdale, Lonsdale Jan. 29, 7:30 p. m.  
 —J. W. Mann, P. E.

**BATESVILLE DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 Bexar Ct. at Wesley's Chapel, 11 a. m., Jan. 15.  
 Wiseman Ct. at Wiseman, 7 p. m., Jan. 15.  
 Melbourne Ct. at Newburg, Jan. 18.  
 Pleasant Plains Ct. at Corner Stone, Jan. 22.  
 Stranger's Home Ct. at S. H., Jan. 25.  
 Swifton-Alicia at A., 11 a. m., Jan. 29.  
 Tuckerman Sta., 7 p. m., Jan. 29.  
 Tuckerman Ct. at Hope, Feb. 1.  
 Newport, 11 a. m., Feb. 5.  
 Newark, 7 p. m., Feb. 5.  
 Elmo-Oil Trough at O. T., Feb. 8.  
 Evening Shade Ct., at Cave City, Feb. 12.  
 Charlotte Ct. at C., Feb. 15.  
 Sulphur Rock-Moorefield at S. R., Feb. 19.  
 Batesville, Central Ave., 11 a. m., Feb. 26.  
 Batesville, First Church, 7 p. m., Feb. 26.  
 Missionary Institutes at Newport, Jan. 12, and at Mountain Home, Jan. 13.  
 —H. K. King, P. E.

**BOONEVILLE DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 Gravelly Jan. 15, a. m.  
 Rover Jan. 15, p. m.

Perry-Houston Jan. 18, p. m.  
 Prairie View Jan. 22, a. m.  
 Seranton Jan. 22, p. m.  
 Waldron Ct. Jan. 29, a. m.  
 Waldron Jan. 29, p. m.  
 Plainview Feb. 1, p. m.  
 Oppelo Feb. 5, a. m.  
 Adona Feb. 5, p. m.  
 Waltreak Feb. 12, a. m.  
 —F. E. Dodson, P. E.

**CAMDEN DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 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)**  
 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.

**FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 Viney Grove Jan. 14, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2; Jan. 15, 11 a. m.  
 Prairie Grove Jan. 15, 7:30, Q. C. after services on Monday.  
 Elm Springs Jan. 22, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.; 11 a. m., 22.  
 Gentry Jan. 22, 7:30, Q. C. after service.  
 Berryville Mis. Jan. 28-29.  
 Green Forest Jan. 29, Q. C. 3 p. m., 7:30 p. m.  
 Berryville Ct., P. Chap., Feb. 4, 11 a. m.; Q. C. 2; Feb. 5, 11 a. m.  
 Huntsville, Feb. 5, Q. C. 3 p. m.; 7:30 p. m.  
 Bentonville Ct., O. Chap., Feb. 11, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2; 11 a. m., 12.  
 Gravette-Centerton at G., Feb. 12, Q. C. 3 p. m.; 7:30 p. m.  
 Eureka Springs, Feb. 19, 11 a. m.  
 Berryville Feb. 19, 7:30 p. m.  
 Rogers Feb. 26, 11 a. m.  
 Fayetteville Feb. 26, 7:30 p. m.  
 Springdale, Mar. 4, 7:30, Q. C. after service.  
 Mission Institute at Fayetteville, 10 a. m., Jan. 4.  
 —F. M. Tolleson, P. E.

**FORT SMITH DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 Kibler Ct. Jan. 15, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m. at Kibler.  
 Second Church, Ft. Smith Jan. 15, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.  
 Mulberry Jan. 22, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2 p. m.  
 Alma & Dyer Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. 4 p. m. at Alma.  
 Lavaca Ct. Jan. 29, 11 a. m., Q. C. 2:30 p. m. at Lavaca.  
 Charleston Jan. 29, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.  
 Clarksville Ct. Feb. 4-5.  
 Clarksville Sta. Feb. 5, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.  
 Cecil Ct. Feb. 11-12.  
 Ozark Sta. Feb. 12, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. following.  
 Ozark Ct. Feb. 18-19, Q. C., Grenade Chapel, 2:30 p. m. Services Saturday evening and Sunday at 11.  
 Hartman & Altus Feb. 19, 7:30 p. m., Q. C. 4 p. m. at Hartman.  
 H. Lynn Wade, P. E.

**HELENA DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 Elaine Jan. 15, a. m.  
 West Helena Jan. 15, p. m.  
 Crawfordville Jan. 22, a. m.  
 Hulbert-W. Mfs. Jan. 22, p. m.  
 Wheatley Jan. 29, a. m.  
 Round Ponk-Heth Jan. 29, p. m.  
 Aubrey Feb. 5, a. m.  
 Brinkley Feb. 5, p. m.  
 Parkin Feb. 12, a. m.  
 Earle Feb. 12, p. m.  
 Clarendon Feb. 19, a. m.  
 Hunter-Hickory Ridge Feb. 19, p. m.  
 Turner Feb. 26, a. m.  
 Holly Grove-Marvell Feb. 26, a. m.  
 District Stewards please meet at Forrest City, 10 a. m., Jan. 3. Missionary Institute and meeting of Sunday School Staff at Wynne, 10 a. m., Jan. 9.  
 —Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

**JONESBORO DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 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.  
 Huntington 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.  
 Tyroneza 7 p. m., Feb. 19.  
 Jonesboro, First, 11 a. m., Feb. 26.  
 —Fred R. Hamilton, P. E.

**LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 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.

**MONTICELLO DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 Wilmot Jan. 15, 7:30 p. m.  
 Tillar Jan. 22, 11 a. m.  
 Hamburg Jan. 22, 7:30 p. m.  
 Wilmar Jan. 29, 11 a. m.  
 McGeehee Jan. 29, 7:30 p. m.  
 New Edinburg Feb. 5, 11 a. m.  
 Warren Feb. 5, 7:30 p. m.  
 Banks at Jersey Feb. 12, 11 a. m.  
 Hermitage Feb. 19, 11 a. m.  
 District Missionary Meeting to be held in Dermott, Dec. 21, beginning at 10 a. m. All pastors expected to be present.  
 —E. R. Steel, P. E.

**PARAGOULD DISTRICT (First Round)**  
 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-Williford 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)**  
 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)**  
 Okolona at Okolona, Jan. 15, 2 p. m.  
 Gurdon, 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)**  
 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)**  
 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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**LYDIA OF THE PINES**

By Honore Willsie

(Continued from last week)

Lydia went over and over their conversation that night feverishly before she went to sleep. She tossed and turned and then, long after the old living-room clock had struck midnight, she slipped out of bed and crouched on her knees, her hands clasped across her pillow, her eyes on the quiet stars that glowed through the window.

"O God," she prayed, "O God, if You do exist, help me now! Don't let me lose Billy's respect, for I don't know how I can get along without it. God! God! Make me believe in You, for I must have Some One to turn to! You have taken mother and little Patience and John Levine from me! Oh, let me keep Billy! Let me keep him, God, and make me strong enough to keep on accepting that three hundred and twenty acres. Amen."

Shivering, but somehow quieted, she crept into bed and fell asleep.

**CHAPTER XIX****The Youngest Scholar**

If Amos was not happy after Lydia's concession, at least she never had seen him so interested in life as he was now. Nor had Kent ever been more considerate of Lydia.

All this, Lydia told herself, should have made her happy, and yet she was not. Billy came to see her as usual, and took her to an occasional dance. But he was not the friend of old. And the change was not in any neglect of things done, it was in his way of looking at her; in his long silences when he studied her face with a grieved, puzzled look that made her frantic; in his ceasing to talk over his work with her with any air of comradeship, and most of all in his ceasing to tully her—that inalienable earmark of the attitude of the lover toward the beloved.

March was long and bleak that year, but April came in as sweetly as a silver bugle call. Lydia heard the first robin call, on her way home from college. She had walked up the road ahead of Billy, her black scholar's gown fluttering. Once he would have run to overtake her, but now he plodded along a block behind, without a sound. Lydia did not pause at the cottage gate. The call of the robin was in her blood and she swung on up the road, past the Norton place and into the woods.

There was a log at hand and she sat down, threw her mortarboard on the ground and rested, chin cupped in her hands, lips parted, eyes tear dimmed. She was weary of thought. She only knew that the spiritual rightness with which she had sustained her mind and body through all the hard years of her youth had gone wrong. She only knew that a loneliness of soul she could not seem to endure was robbing her of a youth that as yet she had scarcely tasted.

Suddenly there was the sound of hasty footsteps through the dead leaves. Lydia looked up. Billy was striding toward her. She did not speak, nor did he.

He strode to the log, stooped, and drew Lydia to her feet. Then he lifted her, scholar's gown and all, in his arms and kissed her full on the lips, kissed her long and passionately, then looked deep into her eyes and held her to him until she could feel his heart beating full and quick.

For just a moment Lydia did not stir, then she threw her arms around his neck, hid her face against his shoulder and clung to him with an intensity that made him tremble.

Billy slipped his hand under Lydia's

cheek and turned her face so that he could look into her eyes. At what he saw there his own firm lips quivered.

"Lydia!" he whispered.

Then he kissed her again.

"Now," he said gently, with a smile of a quality Lydia never had seen on his lips before, "now, sweetheart, are you going to be good?"

"Yes," murmured Lydia, with a contralto lilt in her voice. "What do you want me to do, Billy?"

"I want what you want, dearest. I want the old Lydia with the vision. Has she come back, or shall I have to look for her again?"

He started as if to take Lydia in his arms once more, but, with a sudden rich little laugh, she stepped away from him.

"She's here—oh, Billy, dearest! How could you let her wander around alone so long?"

"It didn't hurt my cause any for her to miss me," answered Billy, grimly, "though I didn't realize that till a moment ago. Stop your trembling, Lydia. I'm here to look out for you, for the rest of time."

They walked back to the cottage in silence, hand in hand. They paused at the gate and Lydia pointed through the dusk at the new moon.

"Let's wish on it," she said. "Close your eyes, and wish."

Billy closed his eyes. A kiss as soft as the robin's note fell on his lips and the gate clicked. He opened his eyes and stood looking up the path long after the door closed, his hat in his hand.

Lydia wandered into the dining room quite casually.

"For heaven's sake, Lydia!" cried Amos. "I was just going to start on a hunt for you!"

"I took a walk in the woods," explained Lydia, "and was gone longer than I realized."

"Supper's ready. Sit right down," said Lizzie, looking at Lydia intently. "Seen Kent today, Lydia?" she asked.

After a moment—"Did you speak to me, Lizzie?" Lydia inquired.

"Yes, I did. I asked if you'd seen Kent today."

"I? No, I haven't seen Kent. We had a quiz in chemistry today."

"What's that got to do with anything?" grunted Lizzie. But she asked no more questions.

Ma Norton came over during the evening to borrow some yeast. Amos was working over some figures on a bit of paper. Lydia was sitting with a text book in front of her. She had not turned a leaf in twenty minutes, to Lizzie's actual count.

"Spring's here," said Ma. "Though there's still a bite in the air. Not that Billy seems to notice it. I found him sitting on the front steps with his cigar, as if it was June."

Lizzie gave Lydia a quick look and wondered if she only imagined that her cheeks were turning pinker.

"I can't sit down," Ma went on; "I've got to set this sponge to rise."

"I'll walk home with you, Mrs. Norton," said Lydia, suddenly. "It seems as if one couldn't get enough of this first spring day."

"Do!" Ma's voice was always extra cordial when she spoke to Lydia.

Lizzie watched the door close behind the two. "I knew it," she exclaimed.

"Knew what?" inquired Amos, looking up from his figures.

"That there was a new moon," answered the old lady shortly, trudging off to her bedroom.

"Liz is getting childish," thought Amos, returning to his work.

Billy's mother went into the kitchen entrance and Lydia went over to the dim figure on the steps.

"Your mother told me to speak to you," she said meekly.

(Continued next week)

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.****Lesson for January 15****JESUS AND SINNERS**

LESSON TEXT—Mark 2:1-17.

GOLDEN TEXT—I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Forgives a Sinner.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus Heals and Forgives.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus Shows His Sympathy and Power.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Jesus' Power to Make Whole.

**I. Jesus Preaching the Word (vv. 1, 2).****1. The surging crowd (v. 2).**

So great was the crowd gathered about the house where Jesus was stopping, that there was no room to receive them. As soon as it was noised about that Jesus was in the house, the multitudes gathered.

**2. What Jesus preached unto them (v. 2).**

He preached unto them the Word of God. He always preached the Word before He wrought miracles, for to make known the will of God was His supreme mission. Miracles were not an end in themselves, but to authenticate His work. The people came, some to be healed, and some out of curiosity. He gave them that which they needed, regardless of the motive which actuated their coming.

**II. Jesus Forgiving Sins (vv. 3-5)**

The man brought to Him was suffering from the dread disease of palsy, but his most deadly affliction was that of sin. This miracle was wrought by Jesus in confirmation of His message.

**1. Faith coming to Jesus (v. 3).**

The actuating impulse of the palsied man and the four friends who carried him was faith.

**2. Faith overcoming difficulties (v. 4).**

Though prevented by the crowd from coming to Jesus, they ascended the outer stairway and let the afflicted man down through the roof.

**3. Faith rewarded (v. 5).**

No word was uttered either by the paralytic or his bearers. Their action was enough. The paralytic got more than he expected. He desired healing of the body and he got bodily healing plus forgiveness of sins.

**III. Jesus Answering the Scribes (vv. 6-10).****1. Their objections (vv. 6, 7). They asked:**

(1) Why does He thus speak? (2) Who can forgive sin?

They were entirely right in their reasonings that only God can forgive sins. Their blunder was in not perceiving Him to be God.

**2. Jesus' answer (vv. 8-10).**

He knew their inner thoughts and reasonings and manifested unto them His essential deity in that He had power to know their thoughts. He inquired, "Which is easier to say, thy sins be forgiven thee, or to say, arise and take up thy bed and walk? But that ye may know that the Son of man hath power on earth to forgive sins, He saith to the sick of the palsy, I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed, and go thy way into thine house." He was willing that His power in the invisible realm should be tested by His power in the visible.

**IV. Jesus Healing the Paralytic (vv. 11, 12).**

1. His healing was by the direct method—speaking the Word (v. 11). Christ's words are enough. With the command was given the strength to obey. That which Christ commands He gives the strength to perform.

**2. The obedience of the man (v. 12).**

He immediately arose, took up his

bed and went forth before them all. The poor helpless man walked away with his bed upon his shoulder.

3. The people were amazed, and glorified God (v. 12). They said, "We never saw it on this fashion."

**V. Jesus Eating With Publicans and Sinners (vv. 13-17).**

1. The call of Levi (v. 14). Levi was a tax-gatherer under the Roman government. As Jesus passed by, He commanded Levi to leave his business and follow Him.

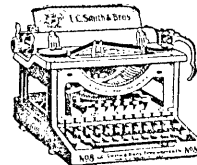
2. Jesus dining in Levi's house (v. 15). It seems that Levi, when he found the Savior, invited many of his business associates to eat with him. This gave an opportunity to Jesus to come into touch with these sinners.

3. The perplexed scribes and pharisees (v. 16). They asked, "How is it that He eateth and drinketh with publicans, and sinners?"

4. Jesus' reply (v. 17). "They that are whole have no need of the physician. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

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