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## PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

A hard task is a holy challenge.  
If you continually hate you will shrivel; but if you love you will expand.

Is the God whom you worship the God and Father of Jesus Christ, or is he the malevolent and vengeful deity of Paganism?

If a man has no job and is not looking for one the devil will soon find one for him; but on such a job he will work his way to hell.

It is comparatively easy to use great powers for a great purpose; but the man deserves more credit who uses his small powers for a great purpose.

You may not win heaven with work or buy it with gold; but you cannot be kept out of heaven if you love God supremely and your neighbor as yourself.

## BE ON GUARD

Representatives of an organization which is seeking to overthrow nation-wide prohibition of the liquor traffic, are in our state securing signatures to some kind of petitions. That is their legal right; but those who believe in prohibition should discourage the signing of such petitions just as they would the signing of petitions for liquor license, as the ultimate object is the restoration of the liquor traffic.

These people do not expect immediate results, but are seeking to create the impression that a considerable number of people are in favor of repeal of the Volstead Law and the 18th Amendment. Well, what of that? After we had state-wide prohibition, the liquorites initiated a repeal bill, but it was defeated by a vote of two to one. That was a great victory for prohibition; but there were many thousands who voted for the law. It is probable that most of those are still against prohibition, and hence it will be easy to get several thousand signatures on these petitions. Friends of prohibition should not feel that the presence of these men indicates anything more than that a considerable number of people who never did want prohibition are still of the same mind. Still it is necessary to be vigilant and ready for action. The Anti-Saloon League is the organization that opposes all these nefarious movements. Let us support it with our money and influence. The other crowd is spending money freely; we must be willing to spend enough to combat the evil influences.

## EDUCATION'S VALUE

Under the caption above the Supreme Council (33 Degree) Bulletin asks the following questions: "What is America's greatest asset? Is it wealth? Man power? Industry? Natural Resources? State-manship?"

Then the following comment is made: "If a national vote were taken on the above questions many seemingly differing, but actually correlated, opinions would be given. If these were culled, the most logical accepted, fused and by a process of reasoning reduced to a fundamental state, the word 'Education' would appear in letters of fire. Education creates wealth, assures man-power, stimulates industry, develops natural resources and fashions the statesman. Furthermore, education assimilates the raw material that enters this country through the gates of Ellis Island, purifies it by enlightenment and welds the heterogeneous mass into a solid, unified frame of Americanism. This New Year should witness a decided impetus in education for the purpose of solving the ever increasing problems that present-day conditions raise."

As an illustration of the value of education in Americanizing the foreigner, we have the results of a thoroughgoing experiment in the Hawaiian Islands. In the January Country Gentleman, E. V. Wilcox, who had been in those islands thirteen years ago, writes illuminatingly of present conditions. He says: "Thirteen years ago I could recognize Japanese, Chinese, Koreans, Filipinos and

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other races by their national costumes on the streets of Honolulu as far as I could see. In 1914 my ears were assaulted by a babel of Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Portuguese, Spanish, Korean, Russian, Hindustani and other languages in walking three blocks along King or Fort Street. Today I hear only English with an occasional splash of pidgin or Oriental language by some of the older generation. In 1914 there were strong daily papers in Portuguese, Hawaiian, Chinese and Japanese, as well as English, and the proceedings of the territorial legislature were published in Hawaiian. Today Portuguese papers are no more. Chinese and Hawaiian newspapers are moribund and even the Japanese papers are printed in English on the first two pages, while legislative sessions are also in English. In the same interval the young generation of Japanese and Chinese have forgotten how to read or write their own languages while learning to handle English as well as the pupils in the schools of Buffalo or Chicago. . . . Going back thirteen years again, I distinctly remember that leaguers in Hawaiian business, politics and social affairs looked forward with fear and uncertainty to the time when the younger generation should come to voting age. Would they turn these balmy flower-spangled islands over to the domination of Japan, swamping in an alien social system the American minority who have for the past century guided the destiny of Hawaii? Nothing of the sort has happened. The young Japanese have learned baseball and American politics. The 200 or fewer Japanese voters who have already joined the electorate of 35,000 in the whole Territory are divided among our political parties. No racial blocs are in sight. I can find no evidence of the nondescript political hash which had been feared. There are no Japanese, Chinese, Portuguese and Hawaiian parties to muddle the civic situation and obscure the future."

While there has been some racial admixture, it is not great, and the distinct races have been preserved, but all have become good Americans, and it has been brought about largely by the influence of the stalwart Americans who began first to educate the Hawaiians and then the immigrants. The schools, the newspapers, the public libraries, and business have made Americans of all these aliens. Here is an up-to-date demonstration of Kidd's theory that a people can be changed into what you wish to make them in one generation by the process of education.

With this object lesson before our eyes, why should we doubt the value of education. Why should we hesitate to use the schools to make of the rising generation what we think they ought to be?

If we would do the rational and practical thing, we could make good Americans of all the foreigners who come to our shores. Let Congress by law provide that all immigrants when they arrive shall be taken immediately under the care of teachers who will teach them what they need to know to become good Americans—the ability to read and speak English, our laws, and our customs, and then help them to find their places in our civilization. If this were done at every port of entry, these foreigners, instead of coming ignorant and falling under evil influences, would at once fall in line and adapt themselves to our ways. As it is they now fall into the hands of people of their own race who

often exploit them and teach them to despise our government and institutions.

It would cost a few millions a year; but the cost would be trivial in comparison with the results. In twenty years, we would have no real foreign populations in our large cities; but good Americans all. The attention of Congress should be called to this method of dealing with our immigrants and the example of Hawaii should be considered.

## THE ONE NEEDED COMMODITY

Recently, at a meeting of the National Business Conference, Roger W. Babson, the famous statistician and financial expert, indicated that we are in a period of declining interest rates, which have never been followed by a panic, and at the same time in a stage of declining commodity prices, which have never been followed by good times. Among other things he said: "The reason for the above unusual situation is that there is today in the United States an excess of every thing except religion. There is an excess of gold, which is the basic cause of present dangerous inflation; there is an excess of manufacturing capacity, which is the cause of present severe competition. There is an excess of copper, lumber, oil, coal, rubber, and other raw materials, which is upsetting commodity markets. We cannot expect a panic so long as money continues easy; nor can we expect better times so long as commodity prices continue to decline. . . . We are in a period when wise manufacturers, merchants, and investors will get out of debt and store up financial, physical and spiritual resources. If enough men will do this, normal conditions will continue, and such readjustment as is necessary could be so spread out over a long period as to do no one any harm. It is for this that I am working. On the other hand, economic laws are as heartless as are physical laws. We cannot fool nature in any form. Two and two still make four; while lying and stealing are still wrong. All past, present, and future legislation cannot change either the multiplication table or the Ten Commandments. To have the world recognize this fact is the great need of 1928."

Mr. Babson is right, absolutely and fundamentally right. We are not lacking in physical resources. We never in all history had so much of the things that make life comfortable and pleasant. In this country, whatever may be true in other parts of the world, practically everyone has enough and to spare of material things. The churches are popular and men who are not religious contribute freely to church and charity; but we are too much immersed in things that perish with the using. We are willing to give out of our superabundance for good causes; but how many are willing to sacrifice for spiritual ends? How many of us are making money for the glory of God and the upbuilding of humanity? The fact that men give readily to worthy enterprises is a compliment to their sympathies and instincts; but the further fact that few deliberately plan to do business for God, is occasion for regret and introspection. The Church is maintained for the advancement of the Kingdom of God and righteousness; but how many members think of it in that light? Most of them regard it as a respectable thing to belong and a proper thing to contribute somewhat out of their abundance to its support just as they do to the many fraternal and other organizations to which they belong. But how many make the promotion of the Kingdom of God the supreme thing in business and commercial life? We are advancing in general goodness; and hence are enjoying a measure of the fruits of righteousness; but we need to get down to things fundamental and work definitely, not incidentally, for the promotion of the ends which interest our Lord. In this goodly land, where peace and prosperity prevail, let it not be said that there is "an excess of everything except religion." This is significant when coming from a man who is dealing with fi-

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## PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS

General Evangelist Mark Terrell is making his headquarters in Houston, Texas, for the remainder of the winter. His address is Box 1058.

Rev. S. L. Russell, pastor of Beebe Circuit, sending a 100 per cent list for Cadron Chapel, writes that work on his charge starts well and outlook is good.

Rev. J. W. Thomas, our new pastor at Smackover, is starting off well. Last Sunday he had a great day, receiving into the church 31 members. The prospects for the year are good.

Rev. C. F. Hively, pastor of Jelks Charge, writes that everything starts nicely. His people gave him a fine pounding on arrival. The outlook is hopeful. Bro. Hively's postoffice is Patterson.

Subscribers should renew and get the travel-accident insurance policy which in the event of the death of the insured pays from \$1,250 to \$7,500, and yet will cost only 75 cents in addition to the regular price of the paper, \$2.

Rev. J. H. Barrentine, superannuate of North Arkansas Conference, writes that his health is poor. He is temporarily at his daughter's in Memphis, but will soon return to Holly Grove, Ark., where he will make his home.

While at Brinkley last Monday the editor met Rev. G. W. Pyles, our pastor at Clarendon, while he was awaiting the arrival of Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker of First Church, who was going to Clarendon to make the address at a Chamber of Commerce banquet.

Her many friends among the old students of Hendrix College will be pleased to know that Mrs. Ellen C. Millar, the editor's mother, on Jan. 23, celebrated her ninety-first birthday at his home. Her general health is good and she is able to do much reading and takes a lively interest in the affairs of the day.

Sending his check for a large club of subscribers at Sparkman Church, Rev. S. B. Mann, pastor at Sparkman, writes: "I am getting along finely. The people have given us a good pounding. They are fixing to recover the parsonage. They will do anything I ask them to do. You cannot find a better people anywhere."

Rev. C. L. Franks, pastor of Ola-Belleville Charge, sending in a good list of subscribers and promising another soon, writes that he has moved to Ola and is delighted and thinks that the people are in danger of spoiling him because he is the only resident pastor. He mentioned a pleasant occasion when he baptized the grandson of "Uncle" Gib Dyer who is 90 years old and confined to the house on account of an injury.

The booklet, "The Fellowship of Prayer for the Lenten Season, Feb. 22 to April 8," has been prepared by a committee of the Commission on Evangelism and Life Service of the Federal Council of Churches. Any pastor who will send his name to the Commission will receive a copy by return mail. It is a fine bit of devotional literature and should be generally used. Address Commission on Evangelism and Life Service, 105 E. 22nd St., New York City.

The First volume of "Jews and Christians" has been received. It is a periodical devoted to the creation of a better understanding between Jews and Christians, edited by B. A. Schapiro, and published by the Hebrew-Christian Publication Society, Inc. 405 Bible House, New York City, price 50 cents per copy. To those who are interested in a better understanding this magazine will prove very interesting. In it are many articles of great value which our people should read. Send for a copy.

On Jan. 14 a dastardly attempt was made to destroy the radio broadcasting station of Trinity Church, Los Angeles. Doubtless this was done because of the fact that the pastor, Rev. R. P. Shuler, is constantly attacking the evils of the city and the corruption of certain elements. It is believed that an effort is being made to get the Radio Commission at Washington, D. C., to eliminate the station. Friends of civic righteousness may render a service by protesting against such action to the Radio Commission. This broadcasting station, KGEF, is doing valiant service for the enforcement of our prohibition laws.

On Thursday, Jan. 19, the executive committee of the Western Methodist Assembly met in Fayetteville, and, after hearing reports from Supt. S. M. Yancey, authorized him to raise funds and build eight four-room cottages, and 10 one-room tent cottages, and to make other improvements. There is great interest in a hotel, but not yet sufficient funds in sight to justify undertaking to build this year. Bro. Yancey reports fine programs in preparation and a large attendance in prospect. He visited eight of the patronizing Conferences and found great interest. He is now spending his Sundays in different charges giving publicity to the Assembly, and is getting fine co-operation.

Dr. George McGlumphy, N. Arkansas Conference Treasurer, writes: "East Side Station, Paragould, Rev. J. L. Shelby, pastor, and First Church, North Little Rock, Rev. A. E. Holloway, pastor, R. J. Rice, treasurer, have paid their second month's installment on the 'Claims.' Marianna, Rev. W. L. Oliver pastor, R. E. Wild, treasurer, has begun the new year with a fine check on the 'Collections.' Everything starts well, with Brother Oliver beginning his second quadrennium as pastor. Eureka Springs, Rev. R. S. Hayden, pastor, Mary Lena Barnes, treasurer, is the first church of the Fayetteville District to remit to the Conference treasurer. This is Brother Hayden's third year."

While various movements for the betterment of mankind are being sponsored throughout the nation, it has remained for a group of Rock Island Railway employees at Shawnee, Okla., to start something in a personal way by the organization of a "Don't Swear" Club in their home town. The first meeting to organize the initial group, which it is hoped will spread among railway employees generally, as scheduled was held in the Supreme Court Room of the City Hall at Shawnee, January 20. Commenting on the new club, Dispatcher Coss, who is the sponsor for the movement, says: "In the early days of railroading, it was presumed that swearing was an important requirement. But times have changed; we are all more enlightened now, and this unnecessary part of speech is being fast eliminated, although there is still room for improvement. We know that swearing is not necessary in our every-day work on the railroad, and certainly it does not sound well and often is embarrassing. In my opinion, a 'Don't Swear' club will meet with the approval of a vast number of

railroad employes, and be applauded by a multitude of the general public."

Two illicit lovers who had committed a brutal murder suffered the death penalty in New York a few days ago. It was just that they should forfeit their lives. They both expressed remorse and hoped that their sad end might be a warning to others. Governor Smith refused to intervene, and his reasons were sound. He deserves credit for standing firm. Life in New York should be a little safer because of this denouement. While we deplore the sensational manner in which murder trials are featured in the daily press, nevertheless we believe that the account of the last hours of this dastardly couple as reported in the Arkansas Gazette will make for better thinking and living.

The Commission on Interracial Cooperation, with headquarters at 409 Palmer Building, Atlanta, Ga., announces the offer to American high school students of three prizes of fifty, thirty, and twenty dollars, respectively, for the three best papers on "America's Tenth Man", submitted on or before April 1st, 1928. The purpose of the offer is to interest students in a brief study of the "Negro's Part in American History," which, according to the Commission, has been much more interesting and creditable than is generally supposed. The Commission has prepared suggestions and data for the use of those desiring to submit papers, and invites inquiries from principals, teachers and students who may be interested.

The Boy Scouts of America, Feb. 6-12, inclusive, celebrate the eighteenth birthday of the establishment of that great movement in the United States. It has shown a lusty growth. Year by year it has progressed, almost beyond the hopes of those who established it upon American soil, until today more than 625,000 boys are enrolled and with them 185,000 men as volunteer leaders,—a group of 800,000 boys and men united in a common and great objective. The Boy Scout Movement has left its impress upon three million American boys since 1910. One boy in seven of Scout age in this country has learned the Scouting lessons of character building and training for the duties of citizenship. Its effort is to serve the other six as well.

The United States Senate has refused to give Smith of Illinois his seat in the Senate because of the large amount of money used in the primary election and the sources of some of the campaign funds. It is well enough for the Senate to try to keep its membership clean; but it is exercising an authority in depriving a state of its representation which may honestly be questioned without condoning the corruption. The Southern senators have, with few exceptions, voted to exclude Smith; but the senators of a former generation would not have been willing to surrender this invasion of the rights of a State. Sometimes we may be so straight-up that we lean backwards. Senator Reed of Missouri led in this fight but in his case, it is like "the pot calling the kettle black."

In the January Country Gentleman are the following articles of such unusual worth that all should read them: "Hawaii, U. S. A." This tells of the transformation of these new possessions into an integral part of the United States and of the results of scientific corporation agriculture. "The New Agriculture" shows the tremendous possibilities of applying business methods to farming, and indicates the way out of much of our present agricultural bog. It is demonstrated that the problem is not a political one, but one of methods. Then the article on "Tightening Up Corn-Belt Farming" throws further light on farming by pointing out the folly of speculating in farm lands and how many of our farmers got in trouble. The story, "Men Who Make New Land From Old," is an account of the activities of scientific men in helping the farmer, which is as thrilling as romance. It is indeed a story of adventure and pioneering that should interest the reader more than any fiction. Get this copy of the Country Gentleman, and read these stories, and you will get a new vision of agricultural possibilities.

Dr. O. F. Sensabaugh of the Central Texas Conference was recently appointed by Bishop John M. Moore as commissioner of the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University. He has moved his residence to Dallas and is rapidly developing his plans. He will work under a special committee appointed by the Board of Trustees composed of Bishop Moore, Dr. James Kilgore, and President

Charles C. Selecman. This year he will undertake to raise scholarships for theological students, asking each Presiding Elder's District in the territory assigned to Southern Methodist University to support, or endow, one or more scholarships at a minimum of \$200 per year.

The Chicago Daily News, in a recent article by Jessie G. Donahue, calls attention to the fact that society leaders of the sound old families are not drinking and that their women are not smoking. "Smart aleck" drinking is emphatically a parvenue characteristic. Wealth which has lost its novelty, is usually accompanied, by breeding and culture. And breeding and culture always mean a sense of patriotic responsibility. Such a sense does not lead to defiance of the Federal Constitution.

The Religious Telescope, organ of the United Brethren Church, during the past year has used 2,000 travel accident policies as premiums, and there have been six accidents among the holders for which claims have been paid by the insurance company. This is the same company which issues the policies that we offer. It is wise to carry this kind of insurance. It is the cheapest possible, and helps in time of unusual need. Any reader of this paper can get the policy by paying the regular price of the paper and adding 75 cents.

"The university of the future should leave the task of preparation to the high school and the college," Dr. Hubert Work, Secretary of the Interior, said in a recent address. Once this is done, according to Dr. Work, the University should "be able to rid itself of unwieldy masses of unfitted students and perform its proper function in the fields of professional training and the discovery of new truths." He stated that lacking definite purpose, and with only vague objectives, students are "herded" through some of the big institutions with little contact with instructors or thought for the future's demands. The flood tide of students toward universities is directly the result of an era of unprecedented prosperity, even if one takes for granted a new intellectual interest, according to Dr. Work.

#### BOOK REVIEWS

**Rob and His Friends;** by John Brown, M. D.; published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, price \$0.75.

This story of a dog's great love for his master is one with which all children should be familiar. It is worthy of a place in the Lippincott's Children's Classics. It is a most pleasing gift volume. The print is excellent, the illustrations in color by Gayle Hoskins add greatly to the charm of the volume. The style is simple, clear and direct. It is a book that will be appreciated by all the family.

**Across Seven Seas;** by E. Koble Chatterton; published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia; price \$1.75.

This is the story of the adventures of two boys, who, with their uncle undertook to deliver a small yacht from England to one of the remote islands of the Pacific. The journey is to be a race between their boat and a larger boat owned by a great criminal and his picked crew. Many and exciting events crowd every league of the way, but victory crowns the efforts of the boys and their uncle.

**Red Beard Of Virginia;** by Rupert Sargent Holland; published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia; price \$2.00.

The early days of our nation's history hold a charm for us all and romance and stirring adventure lend color to this tale of the days of Nathaniel Bacon. The story has a tang of the sea and a taste of the wilderness and the hardships of the early pioneers and through it all runs a wholesome and very refreshing love story. The characters are well drawn and the hero and heroine are just such young people as you would like to know. The book is one you will enjoy putting into the hands of your young people and one they will thoroughly enjoy reading.

**A Practical Faith;** by Harold Anson; published by the Century Co., New York; price \$1.25.

Perhaps in no way can you get a clearer idea of the nature and purpose of this book than by reading selections from its author's introduction. He says: "The object of this little book is to provide for those who cannot read ponderous and very learned treatises a simple introduction to the practice of religion. Christ's teaching has about it the feeling of simplicity and extreme lucidity which

impresses us in all great works of art. . . . It is so easy, so obviously right. And then we try to copy it, and we see how infinitely hard it is—hard, just because it is so wonderfully simple; and yet, though it is so hard a way, we feel 'nothing else is worth while; no other life is worth living.' So many people today want to find the secret of living manfully and well; we feel that Christ possessed the key to the secret and could use it at will." In this book the author has done much to point the way to the true practice of religion.

**The White Flower;** by Grace Livingston Hill; published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, price \$2.00.

In this story the author develops her favorite theme that all things work together for good to them that love the Lord. The hero and heroine are fine, wholesome young people who find it necessary to work themselves out of a series of very unusual circumstances. The villains are villainous to the last degree, but are finally brought to justice. The story is full of action, and interest is added by a most pleasing romance.

#### SUNDAY AT DANVILLE

Danville, at the junction of Petit Jean and Dutch Creek, is the ancient capital of the County of Yell, which is an empire in itself, as one discovers when he has traveled through it as I did in days of yore. Some thirty years ago I came into this town by the back door. I had attended a District Conference at Rover and afterward had gone on to Wing, Gravelly, and back to Bluffton. Then I returned to Rover and climbed over the intervening mountain and came down into Danville from the south. When I departed I went to Chickalah and lectured and then walked into Dardanelle. In those days Danville had no modern conveniences and no sidewalks and was either dusty or muddy according to the weather.

Now one enters and leaves on a fine Rock Island train and has good sidewalks and electric lights, and there are modern-looking stores and residences and even the venerable court-house has been repainted and improved until it looks almost new.

When I arrived Saturday night, Jan. 14, I was met by Mr. Compton, county treasurer, who is the son of Judge Compton, one of the best citizens any community ever had and who had entertained me years ago at Wing when Rev. W. T. Martin was teaching there. I was soon in the parsonage with Rev. J. L. Pruitt and his interesting family. After a substantial supper I spoke at the Court House on "Forest Conservation."

Sunday morning, in the absence of the capable teacher, Prof. J. W. Hull, who had been unexpectedly called away, I lectured to his fine class of men, and then preached to a fair congregation. Bro. Pruitt and I enjoyed a fine dinner at the hospitable home of my long-time friend and former student, Chancellor J. E. Chambers, who is one of the most useful and influential citizens of the county. After dinner we drove out three miles to Corinth school-house, where I preached to a small congregation. It was not a regular appointment and an all-day singing at another school took most of the people. Mr. Hill of Danville is the teacher and has a good country school. He is proud of the piano which the school owns. At night I enjoyed the program of the Senior Epworth League and preached on "National Prohibition," it being the eighth anniversary of nation-wide-prohibition. At the close I was assured by some stalwart men that they would not support a "wet" candidate for president, and I find that sentiment is wide-spread. If either party wants a split among its followers, let it nominate a known "wet."

Under the pastoral care of Bro. Pruitt who is entering his second year, our Danville Church is prospering. Last year his salary was raised and it and all collections were paid in full, and the same is expected this year. There were 27 additions last year, and the membership is now 173. It is a fine working body. Bro. Pruitt is praying and working for a revival that will reach the whole community.

Judge Chambers is the chairman of a very efficient official board which looks after all finances. The church building is an excellent frame with several rooms for Sunday School work, but additional space is needed, and there is talk of an educational building on a lot across the street. Under the guiding hand of Supt. Odell Moudy the Sunday School is well organized and flourishing. Last year it made 100 per cent as a C type. The W. M. S. with Mrs. V. L. Keathley as president is doing fine work, as

is the Y. W. M. S. under the presidency of Mrs. S. J. Morse. Miss Grace Gatlin is president of the Senior League; Mrs. J. T. Williams has charge of the Intermediates, and Miss Audrey Lee Keathley has the Juniors. All are active and progressive. Bro. Pruitt has nothing but warm praise for his people and they seem to reciprocate his opinion. In addition to the church house, there is nearby a large roomy parsonage and ample garden space which the pastor uses to advantage.

The community is fortunate in having a good school house and a school of twelve grades with ten teachers. The efficient superintendent is D. F. Webb, and the active principal is Lynn Yarbrough. There is a Smith-Hughes department under the care of Mr. J. W. Hull, and it is flourishing and popular.

The weather was balmy, the company congenial, the entertainment all that could be desired; hence my last visit to Danville was an occasion of genuine pleasure, enhanced by the pastor's assurance of a 100 per cent subscription list.—A. C. M.

#### CIRCULATION REPORT

Since last report the following have reported: Beebe Ct., Cadron Chapel, Rev. S. L. Russell, 100 per cent, 6;

Sheridan Ct., Rev. Robert Beasley, 4; Wabbaseka, Rev. A. J. Christie, 100 per cent, 13; Wilson, Rev. W. W. Albright, 3; Paraloma, Rev. J. F. Taylor, 4; Belleville, Rev. C. L. Franks, 11; Fouke, Rev. J. A. Ginnings, 1; Lepanto, Rev. E. K. Sewell, 1; Leachville, Rev. H. F. McDonald, 1; Huttig, Rev. T. D. Spruce, 2; Sparkman, Rev. S. B. Mann, 16; Sheridan, Rev. W. R. Boyd, 100 per cent for Moore's Chapel, 9; Traskwood, Rev. J. O. Gold, 3; Lockesburg, Rev. L. C. Gatlin, 3; Dermott, Rev. B. F. Roebuck, 100 per cent, 42; Evening Shade, Rev. H. W. Jett, 3. This is good work. Let others emulate it. Pastors, please return the cards for our files.

#### 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 the paper, and should reach the Arkansas Methodist office by February 12. The editor will select the judges and publish the articles before March.

#### 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.

This week the story is completed and we urge youths and mothers to write for these prizes. Each essay should be written plainly on only one side of the paper, signed with a fictitious name and the real name and address inclosed in an envelope with the fictitious name on the outside. Send in large envelope to editor of Arkansas Methodist in time to reach the office by March 1. Let us have a large number of good articles. The best will be published, and others may be if good.

#### THE ONE NEEDED COMMODITY.

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nancial interests. He understands the relation between true prosperity and spirituality. He is a voice crying in the wilderness of materialism and his warning should be heeded. Let the churches work for increase of genuine religion during 1928, and God will continue to bless.



## CONTRIBUTIONS

## THE CALL OF THE BISHOPS FOR A GENUINE REVIVAL.

To the Ministers and Members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South:

We, your General Superintendents, esteem it our duty and privilege to address you concerning a matter of the greatest importance. In our opinion the time has come when all our ministers and laymen, whatever their position or field of labor, should lay particular and primary emphasis upon the promotion of genuine revivals throughout our Church in this country and in all our foreign fields. We believe that the condition of the Church and society in general calls for such emphasis at this time.

For several years we have been diligently engaged, and rightly, with our movements in behalf of missionary expansion, educational enlargement, and proper superannuate support. Large financial goals were set and the mind of the Church was greatly occupied in the continued effort to reach them. The results, while not fully up to expectation, were nevertheless quite gratifying. Not only is this true, but the new era of prosperity in this country has emboldened the Church to ask for greatly enlarged financial budgets, for local and benevolent purposes, for large sums for the erection of an unprecedented number of costly churches and parsonages, and for a dozen or more new hospitals which a sense of responsibility had already made a matter of conscience. All this has been highly commendable, but it has kept the people occupied with finances and material growth. One effect of this financial emphasis came out in our recent review of our fields of labor. We were distressed to find that our Church lost last year several thousand members because of the emphasis on finances-saving instead of "Soul saving." In many places the assessments upon charges are made upon the basis of membership as well as financial support and it gave financial advantage to a charge to drop members who made little or no financial contribution to the Church. They had forgotten the story of the ninety and nine and the one who had gone astray.

We come now with any word of fault finding for the necessary and just financial emphasis which the enlarged activities of the Church in an unprecedented era have required, but we come with an earnest appeal for a new and very pronounced emphasis upon what is unquestionably the main business and mission of the Church of Christ, the calling of men and women into the salvation that is in Jesus Christ.

Both candor and conscience forbid any disguising or extenuation of the evils of the day, which imperil the souls of men, dishonor God, and hinder the progress of the Kingdom of Heaven. Unprecedented opulence throughout our country has resulted, as always and everywhere it does, in worldliness and wickedness, flagrant and alarming. Doubt, disorder, and unrest are widespread. Crime was never so universal, so subtle, or so brazen. These conditions must be faced by the Church with the most solemn sense of responsibility for

their existence and continuation.

The editors of secular periodicals, publicists, and statesmen have perceived and declared the imperative necessity of a general revival of religion. To it they look as the only remedy for prevalent evils and the ultimate solution of many perplexing problems. Their statements have only added to the importance of this momentous matter.

Our last General Conference was awake to this supreme necessity and charged our Department of Home Missions with the work of "promoting revivals" throughout the entire Connection and this responsibility the secretary of this department is endeavoring to meet. The secretary of Foreign Missions, sharing this sense of responsibility, has recently visited Brazil and the Orient seeking to kindle revival fires in these foreign lands. A concerted effort in an evangelistic campaign throughout all our widely extended borders is proposed for the year now at hand.

Conferences will be held during March and April in four great centers: Richmond, Birmingham, Dallas, and at some point on the Pacific Coast. These will be for fellowship, prayer, and inspiration and for instruction in the plans of the concerted campaign. There is to be a period of special Bible-study, and it is suggested that presiding elders arrange for quiet retreats with their pastors for Bible-study, prayer, and meditation in the preparation of their own spirits for the great task. It is hoped that there will be formed many bands of devout persons in every congregation who will covenant together to live and pray and labor with godly fear and holy zeal to bring to its perfect consummation this plan of evangelism for a revival of continental extensiveness. With these plans and purposes we are in perfect sympathy and hearty accord, and we call upon all our people to cooperate cordially and fully in this work of faith and labor of love.

We will not forget that, however wise, important and necessary our plans may be, only power from on high can make us sufficient for these things. No human skill or culture can be substituted for the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. "Not by might nor power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."

Methodism's contribution to Christendom and to the world has been through its evangelistic passion, its revival power, and its glowing spiritual life. When these pass from the primary thought, the central place, the supreme emphasis of Methodism, Methodism loses its way and its distinctive life and service. John Wesley not merely held revivals, he was a revival. For fifty years continuously, uninterruptedly, his revival fires burned and Methodism had light for the world. Methodism will continue to have light so long, and only so long, as its revival fires burn. Let all the people join in our cry to God: "Wilt thou not revive us again that thy people may rejoice in thee? Show us thy mercy, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation."

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## MODERN LITERATURE AND THE CHURCH

By H. B. McKenzie

Editor of Candid Opinion

When the Pure Food and Drug Act was made a law by the Congress of the United States, our lawmakers had in mind the protection of the physical health of the people. To many, it would seem equally important to manifest some interest in the mental and moral health of the people by passing laws requiring all mental food to be properly labeled. It is quite as easy to detect brands that are untrue to name in the literary market as it is in the packing and canning industries. It is true that such a law would cause some rather shocking titles to appear on our library tables and on the shelves of the book stores, but they would be true to name. Some books might be named: "A Defense of Free Love", "The Attractions of Modern Adultery", "The Folly of Marriage Vows," etc. Others would be properly labeled: "The Decadence of the Church in the Eyes of a Modernist," "The Silliness of Preaching," and other similar titles.

A good ignorant mother who does not read much, for taking care of her family, was asked to read a book recently. She did it at the request of her friend, but was shocked. It was a best seller of course. Her comment was: "I never read such a book. Why do they allow such books to be printed and sold?" She, like the actual majority of mothers today, had no idea what is being printed and sold. It is not an exaggeration to say that the Seventh Commandment is sent "Whistling down the wind" with other formerly much respected codes. It is not a misstatement to say that modern fiction defends the breach of marital vows by a wife to gratify the commercial ambitions of her husband. It is not a prevarication to state that motherhood, still accounted by some as very sacred, is unwarranted drudgery and slavery and should

be brushed aside whenever necessary to the development of the highest personality.

It can not be successfully denied that the majority of fiction magazines (and fiction magazines are in the great majority) are given the fullest measure of expression in discussing the most indecent subjects that the human mind can conceive. I do not believe that this fact is due to an inherent sense of indecency in the minds of modern fiction writers. I think it is due to an effort to meet the demands of the trade,—to meet the demands of a morbid literary taste of the reading public and is therefore commercial. Whatever the case may be, its effect on both old and young is a blight on the moral sense and a disgrace to civilization.

By no less an authority than the United States Census Bureau, it has come to be regarded as passe and inordinately tiresome for the modern bride to stay put in one menage for a longer period than two or three years, and very often not so long. During this period, it appears that the truly modern young wife is so captivated by the precious and abundant delights of her holy estate, that she conceives the idea that they ought not to be shared with only one husband. No sooner does the husband discover this attitude than he takes steps to secure a divorce, a very thriving and much abused institution of modern times. Situations growing out of this ideal of the marriage state, furnish the subject matter of much of our fiction writing. It must be sensational and risqué or it can not be used. It is this type of story that the buying public is actually looking for and buying by the tens of thousands and the millions.

It is not only in the field of immorality and indecency that current literature deals so extensively, but the "liberal thought" element among modern thinkers and writers is very active in looking after its interests and exploiting its views. Much of this is di-

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rectly contrary to the teachings and doctrines of the Church.

It would be an interesting study, even though the figures were the expression of individual opinion, should some competent critic catalog the general publication houses of this country and list the names of the foremost authors whose works are published by them, dividing the authors into two groups as liberals and conservatives. Liberals would mean those who were indifferent to the existence of one Supreme God, who doubted the efficacy of democracy and made a specialty of criticising that unbreakable group which they call "obscurantists."

The conservatives would include those who know God, who belong to some Protestant Church, who at least recognize the Constitution of the United States as a legal conception of some importance and who would be unwilling to risk the experiment of doing away with the institution of marriage entirely. If we consider the foremost authors and the leading publishing houses of the country, the majority would undoubtedly be with the liberals. Many of the larger publishing interests consider no authors at all except the liberal class. The extent of their influence on the trend of modern thought is incalculable.

There is a group of literary men and women known as the Literary Guild. Of course, it is composed of some of the leading writers of the country. It is their business to select the one best book of the month for the members of the Guild. They judge the manuscripts submitted according to the standards of literary criticism now in vogue. These standards are fixed by themselves and they are for the most part liberal in their views and tastes. They have made their name and fame as exponents of liberal thought. The books they select and widely advertise as the cream of modern literature—books that will live, are books that the Church could not accept as representative of a Christian civilization.

The Church as an institution is interested in literature. Its chief function is not to foster literature, but as the guide and conservator of spiritual life and thought, it must be concerned with literature. In fact, it must be concerned with any and everything in which its members may be legitimate-

ly engaged. It should especially be concerned about the intellectual and cultural pursuits of men. It publishes tracts and books about morals and the decadence of some of our most cherished institutions and deplores the evils of "true confession" stories and other current publications with which our news stands are loaded. It is however, doing comparatively little towards fostering and creating a literature that is wholesome and clean.

There is no more outstanding obligation of the Church today than to take a positive course in the selection of and the creation of books that will be safe in the hands of its millions of adherents. It is not sufficient to denounce indecency and sensationalism in our literature. If the state does not make a literary pure food and drug act, the Church must. There is no discrimination in the class of books on sale. Many modern books of fiction, which could not be approved by any committee named by Church authorities, are sold by Church publishing-houses, without discrimination. It is not sufficient to advance a theory, it is important to act and make a recommendation of things that are acceptable, without advertising the non-acceptable. There should be an expansion of publishing equipment in the Church and a positive encouragement of the best writers and thinkers of the age, truly liberal thinkers indeed, but not the kind who disrespect the Church and its sacred institutions and traditions, not the kind that are willing to commercialize the unfortunate mistakes of domestic life and to poison the minds of those who are to shape the destiny of generations yet unborn.

#### THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ALUMNI ASSOCIATIONS NO. III.

By J. L. Cannon, D. D.

In our former discussions, the question of the "Small College" was raised. It was agreed that it should have right of way at this time.

Let us glance first at our American nomenclature—grammar schools, high schools, institutes, colleges, and universities. "Who knows what these terms mean? Even educators themselves use the words in such manner as to conceal sense. The standardiz-

ing agencies of the country have been of help to us in approaching the significance of high schools and colleges. At least they have told us what a college is not. Also they have made known to us the least that a high school can be, and still be a high school. But they have not cleared up the mystery as to what a university is. That is a myth in America as yet. Now there may be confusion in the meanings of "high schools, and institutes," and in other directions as well. But we will let that pass. What we want to know now is what is meant by a College, and a University? Is there any line between the two? The old educators thought there ought to be. They attempted to keep the records clear. But if they were ever clear, they are not clear now. Where college begins we know. The standardizing agencies have shown us that. But where does University begin? Here is our trouble. The college shades off into the university, and not even the initiated can tell the one from the other. Now as to what a college proper is, there is little, or no difference of opinion. Neither is there any trouble as to the meaning of a real university. But between the proper college with its work and equipment, and the university proper with its equipment, and work, there has sprung up a lot of Fiat Universities." By this term I mean those schools which have assumed the name of University, and put on the airs of the university, without fulfilling any of the other conditions of such an institution.

Again, you can probate a will, and set aside ten million dollars for the purpose of establishing an institution of learning, and when the name is chosen, it is "Smith University" in honor of the man whose beneficence made the school possible. But have we a university in such case? Look at the grounds covered with rollicksome freshmen. Look at the curriculum. It is identical with the work required in any college of respectable standing. Look in vain for any thing more. You will not find it. Freshmen, second year men, juniors and seniors, they are all there. What is it? Why, a university, of course. Look at the crowd; and look too, at the sum of money back of the institution; and then, only think of the name, "Smith" is a university, for it says so in the catalogue. This is what we hear, and the old educators put their fingers in their ears to keep from hearing any more, and move on. What we have in every such case is a big college, parading in the clothing of a university. It reminds one of little girls playing "Mamma" by dressing up in some of mother's old clothes. The clothes are big enough. But there is only a child manipulating them, and the effect is ridiculous.

The real university and the real college are the best of friends. There never was any rivalry between them, and never can be. But between the "fiat university", or big college, and the college proper there is a world of confusion and bad faith. It all comes of America's craze for "Bigness." The question now turns on whether we shall have real colleges and real universities, or let the big college parading in the dress of the university, kill both the colleges and universities proper. This is our question for today. Many colleges parade in the garb of a university, and claim the right to do so. They are so big, and get so much money. But the freshmen still yell, and the tragedy of the "innocents" in the educational world is still enacted in a hundred of such schools. Against all comers, I submit

that it is not the big name, nor the big crowd, nor yet the big money, that makes a university, nor all of these combined. But it is prepared men and women in the hands of a prepared faculty, supplied with an adequate equipment, doing university work, which make a university, and nothing else does.

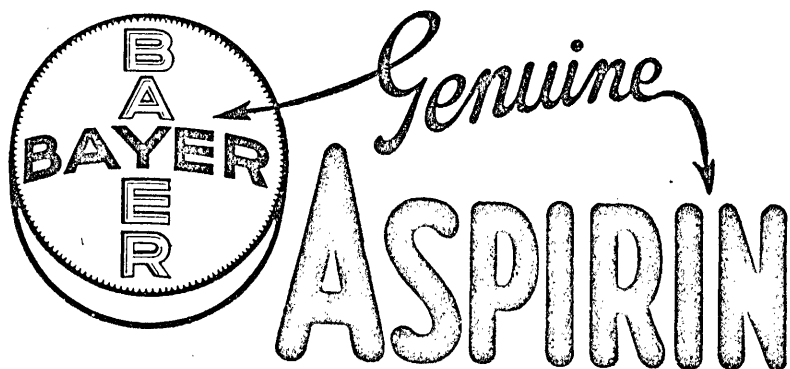
#### III

Against the small Christian college of today has appeared a new Goliath. "His spear to equal which the tallest pine hewn on Norwegian hills were but a wand he walked with to support uneasy steps over the burning marl." He is a loud speaker; blusters about in certain security; and looks down with contempt upon his little opponent, approaching from a neighboring hill. Who is this braggart? It is "Mr. Fiat University." He has defied all the educational captains of the armies of Israel, and thrown them into a panic. He has thrust himself across the path of the Church's progress, and must be reckoned with before we go much further. Oh for some educational David to come forth and smite this giant!

Over against the Fiat University (big college) I now place the small Christian College, and purpose to show that it is the better place of the two for the education of undergraduates. Nothing shows so conclusively the lack of intellectual vigor and force as the disposition to put supreme emphasis upon size. The diamond has no chance against a sandbar in a contest of that kind. This craze for bigness is indicative of moral disability, also. It mistakes modesty for weakness, and confounds moderation with meanness. It is time for the Church to have done with such folly. Now I have some very definite ideas as to the relative merits of the small Christian college as over against the university type school, when a place for young boys and girls is sought where they may grow into maturity of manhood and womanhood while being educated. But so long as there are experts whose ability in the field of education is above suspicion, I prefer to give you an expert witness or two before expressing my own opinion, and drawing conclusions.

(A) I present the late Pres. W. R. Harper, of Chicago University. "The small Christian College cultivated the habits of economy and has usually been free from the vices that accompany the liberal use of money. Its own poverty and economy have been an object lesson to the students. The democratic spirit prevailing has bound the student body in a close friendship. Here have been trained the recruits which have saved many of the interests of the people." Speaking on the same occasion to another point, the great educator said: "The small Christian college is the natural expression of the American spirit in the realm of higher education. The universities of Oxford and Cambridge, as now constituted, are an expression of English aristocracy. The Universities of Berlin and Leipsic, and the Gymnasias represent the German imperial spirit." Make your own application of what this educator had to say. Now I would be willing to rest the case upon the testimony of Pres. Harper. But there is other evidence even more pointed than his, if possible, to the same thing.

(B) I present Pres. Seth Low, of Columbia University. Speaking in an address in 1900, Pres. Low said: "The aim of the college is to develop the man. The aim of the University is to make a specialist. In point of the quality of the work done, the small college can challenge the large ones, and especially those colleges connect-



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ed with universities, without fear. For the training of men and the development of character the American people must change importantly before the denominational college will have lost its place." Make your own application of these statements. Personally, I would be willing to stop here, and submit the case of the "Small Christian College" without any further testimony. But we have not yet gotten the strongest. Let one more witness suffice.

(C) Take Pres. W. O. Thompson, of Ohio State University. Speaking of the small colleges he said: "They are centers of life and light to hosts of people whom the greater schools do not, and cannot reach. They seek out boys, many of whom rise to eminence. These men more than justify the reason for existence. In the poorer grade of the small college there may be much to criticize. No doubt the standards are often too low. Some harmful results do follow such cases. But it is a mistake to be too sweeping in our condemnations. The small college is winning today, more than its proper share of the honors of our great universities. These facts persist and are very stubborn things. The self-denial, the hardships, and the heroism still found in many of these colleges, with the lack of some modern fancies are pretty useful ingredients in the coming man. The small college has usually been the poor man's college." Let the reader make any use he wants to make of this testimony. I do not wish to argue it. I am the poorest lawyer in the world.

## IV

No well-founded objection can be brought to the custom of wealthy cities, or private individuals either, of founding big colleges. It is what they want. They are able to have what they want, and the money that goes into them is their own. But be it known to all men that when such a school is founded, it is the rich man's school. Money is lavishly spent everywhere. Big buildings, big crowds, big salaries, and big incomes, are uppermost in the thinking of all. "In the cross of Christ I glory" is as much out of place in an environment like that as would be a dance at the Lord's Supper. What chance has a poor boy or girl in a social environment of millionaires? All such youth are soon put into a class by themselves by the very laws of social gravity. Cliques, coteries, fraternities, and sororities, spring up on every hand, which conduct their business, social and otherwise, behind doors that are barred with gold. No one can get in unless he can put up the price. No one can stay in, unless he is able to pay the bills. The way into such social environment in our big colleges is the costliest part of the schooling of the youth who go there. "Not forced to go into such environment," one informs me. No. Neither is one forced to wear shoes when he goes to church. But those who cannot wear them, stay from services. But in the small Christian College no such social environment exists. The atmosphere is more democratic. Cliques and fraternities are unknown. There are no ball-dresses to buy. They are not needed. A drunk boy is a curiosity, and a shame. The very atmosphere is not conducive to his presence in school. He is branded as socially undesirable, and finds justifying reasons for quitting the school before he has been there very long. But in the "Flat University," he finds plenty of sons of rich men, with social ideas as liberal as Nicholas Murray Butler's, who will

go with him on a drunken, or other social debauchery, and find their college world in so doing. In the big college, the restraints are such as real universities have. No other will be tolerated. So that undergraduate boys and girls are thrown upon their own resources and responsibilities at an age when they need the oversight of faculty members who know them by name, and can tell them something of their home life, and whether their mother prays for them, or "shoots craps" while they dance.

1. When you close the small denominational college, the gates of higher education close to the youth of modern means.

2. If you have any help to give to young men from the farm, the village, or the country town, so that they may obtain college education, you will find that you can do no better than make permanent the small Christian College.

3. If you want to carry by storm the work of higher education to the last man, you will have to multiply centers of education. The common people of England have never taken to the Oxford System, and are without higher education. This is why those schools belong to "aristocrats." But the big universities of this country, except for the material furnished them by such schools as Hendrix College, would be exclusive clubs for aristocrats too. America needs no educational hierarchy standing in with baronial plutocracy. The last step between her and that condition now is the small Christian College. Who says it must close. Close those we have, we will open another where the youth of the common people may have the advantages of a college education.

4. But not near all the wealthy people of the land have caught this "Itch of Bigness." In fact more of those who want to fawn at the feet of the rich have fallen victims of this disease than there are of the rich who have broke out with it. Wealthy people would like to give the rest of us lessons in economy and frugality, if they could find a way to do it. By helping us stabilize the small Christian College, they are doing more toward putting the rest of us in the way of self-help than any thing else which it is possible for them to do. By neglecting us here, the future for the poor boy or girl is any thing but bright. But the men of wealth must not be left to build and endow our Christian Colleges alone. The rest of us must get into the fight like our fathers got into the fight for "American Independence."

## PRAYER FOR THE REVIVAL CAMPAIGN IN CHINA

Dr. John C. Hawk, Director General of the revival campaign for China, in 1928, sends a request to the Home Church to make special prayers for this campaign. It begins January 29 and continues until February 12. This will be the first of a series of international revival campaigns conducted by our Church in the year 1928. It is rather an interesting coincidence that China, distraught and perplexed in the midst of its internecine wars, should be the first to hold its revival campaign.

Dr. Hawk has all the Districts well organized and the mechanics set up for the meeting. He has also had retreats with the presiding elders, pastors and Bible women in each District for prayer.

The Chinese are much in prayer for a great out-pouring of divine power in this campaign. It is hereby re-

quested that all pastors throughout our Church make announcement of this every Sunday morning, inviting the congregation, collectively and individually, to join in prayer for the revival campaign in China.

It is hoped that in all public prayers in all our Churches on Sunday and on Wednesday nights, from now until the close of this campaign, February 12, that mention may be made of this campaign and intercession offered for this revival. China's greatest need is a genuine New Testament revival. Let us join with them in prayer that this may be indeed a great revival. — O. E. Goddard.

## MORAL BATTLES IN CONGRESS

The National Civic League, in cooperation with other moral reform organizations, is working for the passage by Congress of the following important moral measures:

(1) A bill to strengthen weak points in the Volstead law. (2) A bill to provide for the Federal regulation of motion pictures. (3) A bill to pro-

hibit the shipping of gambling machines from one State to another. (4) A bill to strengthen the Harrison anti-narcotic law. (5) A Sunday-rest law for the National Capital—the District of Columbia. (6) A bill to prohibit sending prize fight films from one State to another, and to prohibit Radio stations broadcasting prize fights. (7) A bill providing stricter exclusion from the mails of certain indecent articles, pictures, and prints.

Mr. John B. Hammond, legislative superintendent of the National Civic League, is at Washington working for the passage of the bills mentioned above. Many thousands of letters and leaflets explaining the urgent need of passage of these bills are being sent out all over the Country by the National Civic League, whose headquarters are at 206 Pennsylvania Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C., and all persons receiving the same are being asked to write their Congressmen and two U. S. Senators in favor of those moral measures.

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—Exchange.

## THE COUNSEL OF TWO FAMOUS FATHERS

The last words written by Captain Scott, the antarctic explorer who perished on his journey back from the South Pole, were these, in a message to his wife, just before the pencil dropped from his frozen fingers: "Keep our son from indolence; teach him to work for something."

As many parents know only too well, the lure of "easy money," and disinclination to apply themselves to steady, fatiguing occupations, are conspicuous weaknesses among youths of the present generation.

Good hard work, work to the point of drudgery, is about the most salutary experience a growing boy or young man can undergo. Fatigue from arduous, honest toil is the best antidote to the insidious influences of vice and folly.

We were reminded of Captain Scott's solemn injunction when we read again Robert Burdette's advice to his son:

"My son, remember you have to work. Whether you handle pick or wheelbarrow or a set of books, digging ditches or editing a newspaper, ringing an auction bell or writing funny things, you must work.

"Don't be afraid of killing yourself by over working on the sunny side of thirty. Men die sometimes, but it is because they quit at two p. m. and don't go home until two a. m. It's the intervals that kill, my son.

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men who do not work, but the country is not proud of them. It does not even know their names; it only speaks of them as old So-and-So's boys. Nobody likes them; the great busy world doesn't know they are here.

"So find out what you want to be and do. Take off your coat and make dust in the world. The busier you are the less harm you are apt to get into, the sweeter will be your sleep, the brighter your holidays, and the better satisfied the whole world will be with you."

## SELF-ANALYSIS

Lessons in Self-Analysis are being applied at the West Side Y. M. C. A. in New York to "teach youth to take a 'tumble' to itself." The young men who come to the "Y" seeking advice on personal problems are given first a card on which is printed, "Chew your food, save your pennies and say your prayers." They are then given a sheet of paper with a lot of questions on it and with sufficient space for writing down the answers. Across the top of this paper is printed "Don't fool yourself. Try a self-analysis!" Then the young man who doesn't want to fool himself contemplates the following questions:

What is my name?  
What is my age?  
Where do I live?

What is my occupation? Am I making a success of it?

Am I ahead of, or behind, the majority of those with whom I started life?

How much do I know?  
How did I acquire this knowledge?

Am I using what I know in connection with what I do?

Am I still learning?

What is my character? And my reputation?

What do men think of me?  
What do I think of myself?

Am I just and kind in my judgment of others?

What of my habits?  
Am I cleanly? Punctual? Courteous?

Do I drink booze?  
Am I profane?

Do I use dope?  
Where do I spend my time? And how?

Have I any definite object in life?  
Am I on my way?

Have I a life plan?  
Am I working at it?

What am I worth in dollars and cents?

How did I acquire this value?  
Do I save something of my income systematically?

What of my home life?  
Am I a good son? Brother? Husband? Father?

Why am I where I am financially?  
Who am I socially?

Why am I what I am morally?  
What of my religious life?

Do I realize that I am a part of God's great world plan?

Am I working to make the world wiser? Better? Happier?

Then he reads these injunctions: "Take time in answering these questions! Read over, think over every question before you answer any! Show the answers to no one! Six months later go over your answers to see what progress you have made and again at the end of the year. Try to make a showing! Take a tumble to yourself!"

"If you believe that a person can honestly answer these questions without being a better individual for having thus analyzed himself, try them on yourself and be convinced that you are wrong," says Frank G. Wadsworth, who is in charge of the work.

## FOR CHILDREN

## BE ON TIME

I knew a feller once that lost  
His girl by bein' late;  
She met another feller,  
And the other got the gate!  
I knew a young cleck once that lost  
His job 'count of a snooze  
He took one mornin'; someone else  
Now fills that feller's shoes.

I knew a feller once that made  
A million ere his prime;  
He said the way he made it was  
By showin' up on time!  
I know a guy who got to be  
A railroad president;  
If he said: "I'll be there at ten!"  
Then "ten" was what he meant.

I don't care what you're doin'  
Or what may be your aim;  
To show up at the time that's set,  
Will surely boost your game!  
For there's only one thing better  
To help you in your climb,  
And that's to be on hand, my friend.  
Five minutes 'head o' time

—Exchange.

## A NEWSBOY PREACHER

A bright-eyed, shabby little fellow was working his way through a crowded car, offering his papers in every direction, in a way that showed him well used to the business and of a temperament not easily daunted.

The car started while he was making change, and the conductor, passing him, laughed.

"Caught this time, Joe!" he said. "You'll have to run to Fourteenth Street."

"Don't care," laughed Joe, in return. "I can sell all the way back again."

A white-haired old gentleman seemed interested in the boy, and questioned him concerning his way of living and his earnings. There was a younger brother to be supported, it appeared. "Jimmy" was lame, and "couldn't earn much himself."

"Ah, I see. That makes it hard; you could do better alone."

The shabby little figure was erect in a moment and the denial was prompt and somewhat indignant.

"No, I couldn't! Jim's somebody to go home to; he's got's of help. What would be the good of havin' luck if nobody was glad? Or of gettin' things if there was nobody to divide it with?"

"Fourteenth Street!" called the conductor, and as the newsboy jumped out into the gathering dusk, the old gentleman remarked to nobody in particular: "I've heard many a poorer sermon than that."—Forward Magazine.

## WHAT THE CHILDREN LEARNED

"I don't want to wear my rubbers!" Ethel grumbled.

"Why-ee!" said grandpa. "The duck puts its little red rubbers on when it walks in the soft, cold mud."

"I don't want to practice my music!" complained May.

"Why-ee!" said grandpa. "The locust has worked hard at the scales ever since it was old enough to know how. Now it can sing from low z to high z and back again without uneven notes."

"I don't want to stop to wash my hands," said Ned.

"Why-ee," said grandpa. "The ant stops and cleans up whenever it gets soiled. Its feet are covered with hairs that make them a good brush, and it lets not a bit of dust stay on its body."

"I don't want to help in the garden!" and Ray pouted.

"Why-ee!" said grandpa. "The worm helps Tom every day, for as it crawls along, it turns the bit of dirt

over and over with the queer little hooks on its body, and that keeps the ground nice and soft."

"I don't want to fill the wood-box full of wood," declared Ted.

"Why-ee!" said grandpa. "The bumblebee goes steadily from one blossom to another, and never stops until its honey bags are quite full of honey."

"I don't want to take this note to the village," said Jack.

"Why-ee!" said grandpa. "The pigeon carries messages for a long, long way; they are tied beneath its strong wings."

And what do you suppose those little children did?

They sat right down beside the lilac bush and promised each other that they would not grumble any more; they were so much ashamed to find that the duck and the locust, the ant and the worm, the bumblebee and the pigeon were all better natured than they.—Gertrude W. Fielder, in the Youth's Companion.

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Lord, if at thy command  
The word of life we sow,  
Watered by the almighty hand,  
The seed shall surely grow.  
—Charles Wesley.

Mrs. W. S. Anderson tells us that Mrs. L. A. Birdwell of Texarkana has recently lost her mother and adds I am sure she has the sympathy and prayers of all her friends and co-workers. This mother was a lovely Christian and that is a great consolation to her bereaved family.

### BLYTHEVILLE AUXILIARY

Through Mrs. Ganske we learn that the W. M. Auxiliary recently united with the stewards of First Methodist Church at Blytheville in a Jubilee banquet in their new Sunday School building.

The ladies served chicken dinner to 250 people. The financial and social success was gratifying. The Blytheville orchestra furnished fine music and there were good speeches. The Young People presented "In the Good Old Days," a playlet which showed the growth of the church to 1890 and then as it should be in 1928. Through Bill Cooley the Young People pledged their support to the church program.

Mrs. George Lee gave two beautiful vocal numbers with Miss Jane Robinson as accompanist.

The assembly united in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," and Rev. Mr. Jefferson Sherman pronounced the benediction.

### IMBODEN AUXILIARY

At the regular meeting on Dec. 12 the officers for 1928 were elected with Mrs. A. W. Lindsey, Pres., Mrs. C. A. Duggins, Treas., Mrs. J. C. Poindexter, Supt. Y. P., Mrs. A. T. Wilson, Supt. Juniors and Miss Lilly Steadman, Cor. Sec. and Supt. Pub.

We have studied the book "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow" this quarter.

\$70 spent on local work this quarter is shown by Treasurer's report.—Pub. Supt.

### PINE BLUFF HAWLEY MEMORIAL

Mrs. M. Powell, president, writes of an interesting meeting by Hawley Memorial recently which was largely attended. This was the Candle-lighting Service given by 29 ladies in white robes representing out-going missionaries. The children had a march as they took the collection for the Week of Prayer offering.

The following program was given.

The song "I Am Praying For You," was followed by Prayer—Mrs. W. A. Hamilton.

Piano Duet—Misses Edith Howard and Thelma King.

Reading—Miss Jennie Duckett.

Piano & Violin Duet—Misses Elizabeth and Frances Gannaway.

Reading—Miss Dorothy Lee Wilson.

Piano Solo—Miss Alice Elizabeth Evans.

Reading—Harry Young.

Candle Lighting Service, 29 ladies representing the outgoing Missionaries.

Song, "The Old Rugged Cross,"—Mrs. R. E. Simpson and Mrs. Evert

Evans.

The meeting closed with prayer led by Mrs. M. Powell.

### INFORMATION & EXHORTATION (From Mrs. W. S. Anderson) ..

To the L. R. Conf. auxiliary Publicity Supts. who have made inquiries I will say: You will find the duties of your office laid down in the Handbooks for Missionary Societies.

Really, each officer of an auxiliary should own a year book and Hand book. Price of first is 10 cents, of the second is 5 cents each. Order from Literature Headquarters, Lambuth Building, Nashville, Tenn. Send money, not stamps when ordering.

Our editor asks for news from auxiliaries, not the full list of officers which should be sent to your local papers but whenever your society does something extraordinary, or takes a step forward in any line of work she is glad to publish it. Our page in the Methodist usually, to me, is the most interesting one in the paper. Now remember, to do something fine and then send it in to the Methodist. Sincerely your friend and co-worker—Mrs. W. S. Anderson, L. R. Conf. Supt. of Pub.

### N. ARKANSAS CONF. W. M. S. 4TH QUARTER TREASURER'S REPORT, 1927.

Dues .....	\$ 3,243.91
Pledge .....	4,044.47
Retirement and Relief .....	7.26
Scarritt Funds .....	188.13
Life Members, Mrs. M. J. Crain, Ft. Smith, Midland Hgts., Mrs. J. A. Isbell, Rogers. ....	50.00
Week of Prayer .....	1,088.73
Special, Galloway Y. W. C. A. ....	100.00
Bible Women	
"Ori Jamison" (Clarksville) ..	23.00
"Grace Womack" (Ozark) ..	30.00
"Hope" (Paragould 1st Ch.) ..	30.00
Scholarships	
"Marie Hamilton (Helena) ..	50.00
"Elizabeth H. Millar" (Miss Ethel K. Millar, Conway No. 2) ..	40.00
"Wills-Garner" (Mesdames Wills and Garner, N. Little Rock First Church) ..	20.00
"First M. E." (N. Little Rock First Church) ..	60.00
"Dora Bass" (Helena) ..	40.00
Total to Council Treas. ....	9,015.50
Conf. Expense received ....	22.92
Rural Deaconess Support ..	922.90
City Missions .....	20.00
Supplies (not in full) .....	1,759.27
Other Funds .....	1,829.78
Local Work (not in full) ..	13,679.38
Neill Scholarship .....	330.00
Mt. Sequoyah (sent Conf. T.) ..	53.77
Refund on check .....	18.00
Council, for Rural Work ..	150.00
	\$27,601.50

Batesville and Paragould Districts had every report in and on TIME.

I closed their reports and balanced by the third of the month. How much anxiety, on the part of District Secretaries and Conference Officers might be relieved, if every District could report that way, next quarter. Every report should be mailed by the first day of each quarter.

Report of disbursements will be

printed shortly.

Let every local treasurer collect diligently. Lovingly—Mrs. W. A. Steele, N. Ark. Conf. Treasurer, Van Buren.

### MCGEEHEE YOUNG LADIES REORGANIZE MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A group of Young ladies met at the Methodist Church Monday Evening, Dec. 9, for the purpose of re-organizing the Young People's Missionary Society which has been disbanded for some time.

Mrs. H. T. Rucks the District Secretary, of Monticello District, assisted the Supt. Mrs. J. R. Coulter in the re-organization.

A full corps of officers were elected with President, Miss Mary Sanders and Treasurer Miss Dorinda Ginnocchio.

The regular meetings are to be held the 1st and third Monday evenings of each month.

The girls showed much interest in the re-organization of this society and are very proud to know that they are the first society being organized in the Jubilee Year in the Monticello District.—Verna Mae Willoughby, Pub. Supt.

### REPORT FROM L. R. CONF. SUPT. PUB., MRS. W. S. ANDERSON

Reports from Superintendents of Publicity have been received from the following places:

Pine Bluff District:—Humphrey, Gould, Rison, Hawley Memorial, First Church, Pine Bluff, Sherrill, St. Charles.

Prescott District:—Washington, Delight, Prescott.

Camden District:—Stephens, Waldo Arkadelphia District:—Dalark, Central Church, Hot Springs, Malvern.

Monticello District:—Monticello, Hermitage, Lake Village, Wilmar, Eudora.

Little Rock District:—Des Arc, Ashbury No. 1, Hunter Memorial, Little Rock, Pulaski Heights, Hazen, Loneoke, Winfield Memorial No. 2, Carlisle No. 1, Carlisle No. 2, Highland, Little Rock, First Church, Little Rock.

Texarkana District:—Foreman, Me-na, Fairview, Texarkana, First Church, Texarkana, Stamps, Lockesburg, DeQueen, Ashdown.

Total adult reporting, 39. Little Rock sent the most.

Arkadelphia Y. P. M. S. (District). Hazen, Little Rock First Church.

Monticello Y. P. M. S. (District). Dermott, Monticello.

Texarkana Y. P. M. S. (District). Ashdown, Stamps.

Pine Bluff Y. P. M. S. (District). Lakeside Methodist, Pine Bluff.

Prescott Y. P. M. S. (District). Prescott.

Total Y. P. M. S. reporting, 9.

Dear Friends:

This is about the smallest number I have received. I wonder who is to blame? If every President would have an executive committee meeting at the close of each quarter and the Cor. Sec. would distribute the three report blanks in the back of her record book to the three superintendents besides her own report and each would fill them out then and there and mail to their corresponding conference officers it would make our Conference Report more complete. Reports from each auxiliary are necessary to make our Conference Report greater. Withhold one single report from Adult, Young People's, Juniors and Baby Divisions and you have hurt your own Conference Report that much. We are not in the work for numbers; but when reports are expected why not comply by doing your part? Little Rock Conference is what each auxiliary helps to make it. As this is the

4th quarter's report of the year it is by far the most important, if one quarter's is more so than another. Now dear Presidents please, after this, see if each of your officers has their reports made and mailed.

Very soon new Corresponding Secretary's Record Books will be available from Literature Headquarters, 706 Church St., Nashville, Tenn. Price, perhaps, will be 35c each. Send money, not stamps, when ordering.

Let us get up to date record books for the year and before the 1st quarter 1928 has closed.

### WALDO AUXILIARY

The Woman's Missionary Society at Waldo, has begun the new year with Mrs. L. R. Earle president, and are expecting a good year.

The Voice Program, the Gifts of the Seven Sabbath of Years, under the leadership of Mrs. C. W. Archer was rendered Monday afternoon, January 16th at a social meeting, with Mesdames T. R. Earle, T. W. Booth and L. E. Harrison as hostess.

The study class completed the book "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow," in December and are studying now, "The Letters of Paul." The pastor, Rev. F. F. Harrell, is leading the study of the text-book, "New Tasks for New Times" in our Church.

Our auxiliary is taking the janitor's job, four ladies each week, thereby raising some funds each month, and taking extra care of our new church of which we are all very proud.—Mrs. L. E. Harrison, Pub. Supt.

### TRASKWOOD AUXILIARY

The W. M. S. of Traskwood, Arkansas, met at the parsonage January 9. After devotional services a full corps of officers were elected with Mrs. W. C. Westbrook, president, and Mrs. J. A. Cunningham, treasurer.

The roll was called and dues collected. The Voice agent secured 5 new subscribers and renewals to the Missionary Voice. The society also decided to make a quilt and auction it off at a future social meeting. Our

## IN DAYS OF OUR FOREFATHERS

### Women Prepared Their Own Medicines

The wise pioneer women learned to gather, in woods and fields, the remedies the Indians used. From the rafters of colonial houses, hung great bunches of dried roots and herbs. From these, in times of sickness, the busy mother brewed simple and powerful remedies.

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Mrs. Wm. Kraft of 2838 Vinewood Ave., Detroit, Mich., saw a Pinkham advertisement in the "News" one day and made up her mind that she would give the Compound a trial. At that time she was very weak. "After the first bottle," she writes, "I began to feel better and like a new woman after taking six bottles. I recommend it to others and always keep a bottle in the house."

Mrs. Gust Green of 401 Lincoln Park Boulevard, Rockford, Illinois, found herself in a condition similar to that of Mrs. Kraft. "I was weak and run-down," she writes, "but the Vegetable Compound has helped me and I feel better now. I recommend it to all women who need more strength."





society is small but well organized and has been doing very efficient work.—Mrs. J. O. Gold, Cor Sec.

#### SALEM AUXILIARY

In our first meeting of the year, writes a friend of Salem auxiliary, the president conducted the devotional, using for the Bible lesson the 1st chapter of James.

The officers were led in the installation services by the District Secretary. The Treasurer presented the purpose of the Pledge and a generous pledge was made by the nine members present for the advancement of the work. 1928 is our year of jubilee and promises to be a year of unusual interest among the women of the church. Seven times seven years have elapsed since the organization of the W. M. S. in Atlanta in 1878 and the women are setting apart the fiftieth year as a year of remembrance.

#### POCAHONTAS AUXILIARY

Mrs. Annie Martin was hostess to the Methodist W. M. S. on Tuesday afternoon. She was assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. L. Bledsoe. To each guest was presented a badge of yellow suitably inscribed, in token of the "Golden Jubilee." The gold color scheme was effectively carried out in the decorations and refreshments.

The officers for the year were installed by Mrs. C. G. Johnson. Mrs. R. J. Phillips read the Scripture lesson and was assisted in the literary program by Mesdames Burrow, Bledsoe and Pickett.

A highly appreciated feature was the reading, by Mrs. Flora Black, of a beautiful poem. Some time in the 80's a local Aid Society was organized in Pocahontas which was later merged with the present Missionary Society. Of this Aid Society two charter members were present, Mrs. Ella Schoonover and Mrs. Flora Black.

After an enthusiastic business session a delicious plate luncheon was served by the hostess' daughter, Mrs. Lila Salle, assisted by Mrs. Joe Shannon and Mrs. Ezra Greer.

## WEAK, RESTLESS

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#### TRAINING WORK

The demand for training schools is greater than ever before. Already applications for Sixteen Standard schools are in and others are anxious to be placed on the list. The demand for Cokesbury Schools has already gone beyond our teaching force. Our people are awake to the necessity of training and the field is wide open for larger service in this work. If we had the means and the teaching force we could rebuild Methodism in every place.—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

#### ATTENTION PASTORS AND SUPERINTENDENTS

Please order your survey cards and literature for the Evangelistic Campaign at once. We have no greater nor more important work than the work of Evangelism. If this work is not definitely planned there is danger that it will be lightly passed over and some might feel, in the face of failure, that we tried. May none of us be satisfied until we have done our best to reach and bring into the Kingdom and into the Church all who have been committed to our care.—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

#### JUNIOR SCHOOL WORK

Many of our larger churches are turning to the Junior School for their training work. Jonesboro's three churches have consented for the Standard School for that District to be taught at Osceola and are planning for a Junior School to take its place. The Junior School work is no new project with them. Morrilton is in the midst of a Junior School with the Presbyterians cooperating. They have four classes. They will also have a Standard School later in the year. Many other places are planning for Junior Schools. Our training problem can be largely solved through the Junior School.—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

#### COKEBURY SCHOOL AT PLUMMERVILLE

The approved Cokesbury School at Plummerville, January 16-20, was a very great success. The two courses offered were, "What Every Methodist Should Know," taught by Rev. C. W. Lester, of Morrilton, and "The Small Sunday School," taught by the Extension Secretary. The school closed with the issuing of twenty-six credits. The fine spirit and high type of work done on the part of the people taking the course was due largely to the thorough preparation for the school by the pastor, Rev. J. L. Rowland.—Glenn F. Sanford.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL EVANGELISM

Statistics for the church at large indicate that 65 per cent of the additions on profession of faith come through the Sunday School. Assuming that those who came through the Sunday School did so on profession of faith, our own Little Rock Conference shows an average of 77 per cent for the past three years so received. Therefore, if we take no account of other service rendered, the Sunday School wonderfully justifies itself as

a recruiting agency for the Church, and this through its strong and aggressive program of evangelism.

Nothing better can be done in promoting a campaign of evangelism than to follow the program as outlined by the General Sunday School Board. The suggestion is wisely made that the first task is the preparation of the teachers and the working staff in general. Nothing worth while is ever accomplished by an unprepared worker. The first task therefore is to direct the thought of the working staff to this, the crowning work, the harvest day of all the year. Such a sacred opportunity should not be approached without the utmost possible preparation. Careful reading of the leaflets on evangelism available from the General Board, a canvassing of class members and prospective members who have not accepted Christ, the making of a prayer list of these and remembering them daily in prayer—these are some of the things which will help to prepare the teacher for this the most serious yet joyous service he is privileged to render.

It goes without saying that those who would win souls must be both wise and tactful. But zeal, wisdom and tact, these form a trio that can rarely be resisted.

It ought not to be forgotten that the worker's task is only partially completed when the young Christian has been led to accept Christ. Immediately following "Confession Day," a series of studies should begin centering around the Christian life and the meaning of church membership, with sketches of church history, form of organization and like needed information. To ask children to subscribe to requirements couched in the theological terms of the adult without simplifying and explaining, is little short of criminal. If "Confession Day" is held far enough in advance, prospective church-members may be gathered into a class at the regular Sunday School hour for several periods of instruction; if this does not allow sufficient time, they should be asked to come to the church for week-day instruction as to this the most vital step they have ever taken. The writer has found a little book by Ryan entitled, "When We Join the Church" suggestive and helpful in training class work.—Roy E. Fawcett.

#### NOTES FROM THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

By Clem Baker

Dr. J. J. Stowe shows his master-hand in leadership by holding four District Group Meetings with Sunday School and Missions under discussion in each group.

Andrew Christie is leading out by holding a Fifth Sunday Institute for his and surrounding charges. Roy Jordan and R. C. Walsh join him.

Alva Rogers is having such crowds at Sunday School and church that a new educational annex is in prospect at Bearden.

W. T. Wilkerson is having one of his happiest pastorates at Third St. W. T. is progressing on the beautiful new church.

Fred Roebuck plans for the work to

begin on the new church at Prescott in the very near future.

Fred Harrison is delighted with Mabelvale and Primrose and begins his work right by making a complete survey of both communities.

Charley Cade renders great aid by holding a Cokesbury School at Amity this week.

Mrs. O. L. Trickett reports that the Woman's Bible Class of El Dorado is taking Dr. Sledd's book on "St. Mark" for Standard Training School credit this quarter. She writes for examination questions.

George Williams finds things just to his liking at Ashdown and plans for a Standard Training School in the spring.

Mrs. H. M. Harper and Mrs. Herbert Schull have won splendid recognition from our Central office by the fine type of Parent Teacher work they are leading in at First Church, Texarkana.

Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Spore have both been recommended for approved instructors in Cokesbury Courses. They are making things hum on the St. Charles charge.

Rev. J. L. Dedman has four Presiding Elders with him in the Prescott District Missionary and Sunday School Institute last Friday.

#### DO NOT FORGET

Pine Bluff District School Pine Bluff, February 5-10.

Prescott District School, Hope, February 12-17.

Texarkana District School, Texarkana, February 19-24.

State-Wide Leadership School, Little Rock, March 11-16.

#### OUR NEW DISTRICT OFFICERS AND GROUP LEADERS

Each turn of the Itinerant Wheel makes certain changes necessary in our District Sunday School organizations. Most of the officers for last year remain on the job for this year. We give below the changes:

##### Arkadelphia District:—

J. W. Mann succeeds J. J. Stowe as chairman.

J. W. Rogers succeeds F. P. Doak as Cokesbury superintendent.

W. T. Wilkinson succeeds G. W. Warren as Wesley Class superintendent.

J. W. Nethercutt succeeds O. C. Birdwell as leader of Group No. 1.

##### Camden District:—

J. J. Stowe succeeds J. W. Harrell as chairman.

W. L. Blackburn succeeds P. W. Quillian as training superintendent.

A. C. Rogers succeeds B. F. Fitzhugh as Wesley Class superintendent.

J. W. Thomas succeeds O. L. Cole as leader of Group 1.

J. D. Baker succeeds J. W. Rogers as leader of group 3.

##### Monticello District:—

B. F. Roebuck succeeds O. L. Walker as executive secretary.

Mrs. D. C. Hastings succeeds Mrs. T. O. Owen as elementary superintendent.

O. L. Walker succeeds T. O. Owen as superintendent of training.

J. M. Cannon succeeds W. T. Wilkinson as Leader of Group 1.

##### Little Rock District:—

P. W. Quillian succeeds C. M. Reves as training superintendent.

T. O. Owen succeeds Jesse Galloway as Cokesbury superintendent.

Marshall Steel succeeds J. W. Mann as Wesley Class superintendent.

Fred Harrison succeeds Geo. Williams as leader of Group 2.

W. W. Nelson succeeds Roy Jordan as leader of Group 4.

##### Pine Bluff District:—

L. E. N. Hundley succeeds J. C.

Yancey as Wesley Class superintendent.

J. T. Thompson succeeds L. E. N. Hundley as leader of Group 1.

**Prescott District:—**

W. A. McKeown succeeds J. W. Teeter as executive secretary.

C. E. Whitten succeeds W. C. Yancey as leader of group 2.

J. D. Montgomery succeeds G. L. Cagle as leader of Group 4.

**Texarkana District:—**

George Williams succeeds J. D. Baker as leader of Group 2.

S. C. Yates succeeds F. C. Cannon as leader of Group 3.

J. A. Parker succeeds S. F. Goddard as leader of group 4.

For complete list of District officers see Year Book which will be mailed to all pastors and superintendents within ten days.—Clem Baker.

**OUR CONFERENCE GOALS**

All the District set-up meetings have been held with each District accepting certain goals, the totals of which make up our Conference goals for Sunday School work for the new year. We give below these goals which we have set our hearts to accomplish.

1. Christmas Offering for the Orphanage \$4,500.

2. Increased enrollment of 12,407 making it equal to Church membership.

3. Sunday School Day Offering \$6,000.

4. Daily Vacation Bible Schools 28.

5. Registered Wesley Classes 585.

6. Conference reach Advanced Elementary requirements.

7. Children's Week observed in 82 selected Churches.

8. Standard Training Schools 15.

9. A non-Standard School or Training Class for each "B" type school and a Cokesbury School within reach of each "C" type school in the Conference.

10. Each preacher in the Conference taking at least one unit for credit in the Training Course.

11. Each District Officer taking credit in the State-Wide School for leaders.

12. Credits in the Standard and Cokesbury Courses 2,920.

13. Sunday School in every Methodist Church in the Conference.

14. Each School in the Conference checked on the Program of Work, and all Beginner, Primary and Junior Departments in "B" type Schools checked on Elementary Standards.

15. One Hundred-Thirty Schools in the Conference reaching either the "Progressive", "Advanced" or "Stand-

ard" Rank.

16. All Schools observing Missionary Sunday each month and a total monthly Missionary offering amount to \$925.

17. A District-wide Sunday School Institute held for each District with at least one delegate with report from each school.

18. Each School in the Conference adequately supplied with our Methodist Literature.—Clem Baker.

**FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS**

**Little Rock Conf., December Fourth Report**

Fourth Sunday Missionary offerings received from Sunday Schools since our last report.

**Arkadelphia District:—**

Sardis (Nov., Dec.) .....\$ 4.00  
Previously reported ..... 48.42

13 schools, Total .....\$ 52.42

**Camden District:—**

Buckner (Nov., Dec.) ..... 4.39  
Fordyce ..... 5.00  
Harrell (Nov.) ..... 1.15  
Harrell (Dec.) ..... 1.25  
Magnolia ..... 11.60  
Huttig ..... 4.00  
Previously reported ..... 344.13

16 schools, Total .....\$371.52

**Little Rock District:—**

Old Austin ..... 1.51  
Asbury ..... 10.90  
Previously reported ..... 102.24

18 schools, Total .....\$113.75

**Monticello District:—**

Dermott, (Nov., Dec.) ..... 10.00  
Previously reported ..... 51.14

9 schools, Total .....\$ 61.15

**Pine Bluff District:—**

Previously reported ..... 79.80

19 schools, Total .....\$ 79.80

**Prescott District:—**

Previously reported ..... 62.63

12 schools, Total .....\$ 62.63

**Texarkana District:—**

Genoa ..... 1.50  
First Church ..... 20.50  
Previously reported ..... 58.08

17 schools, Total .....\$ 80.08

**Standing by Districts**

Schools	
Arkadelphia	13 \$ 52.42
Camden	16 371.52
Little Rock	18 113.75
Monticello	9 61.14
Pine Bluff	19 79.80
Prescott	12 62.63
Texarkana	17 80.08
	104 \$821.34

—C. E. Hayes, Chm.

**EPWORTH LEAGUE**

**EPWORTH LEAGUE GROUP MEETINGS**

Bearden, February 6.

El Dorado, February 7.

Magnolia, February 8.

**Program**

7:00 P. M. Devotional; Ideals, Dr. J. J. Stowe.

7:15 P. M. District Program for this Winter .....

7:30 P. M. Spiritual Work of the Epworth League, Rev. J. D. Baker.

7:45 P. M. The E. L. as a Missionary Force, Rev. J. F. Simmons.

8:00 P. M. Anniversary Day; Mt. Sequoyah Building, Rev. W. J. Clark.

8:15 P. M. Standards, Records, and Reports, Rev. S. T. Baugh.

8:30 P. M. Era Subscriptions; New Pledges to Conference Budget; Oratorical Contest; Questions?

9:00 P. M. Epworth League Benediction.

**Who Should Attend.** All the pastors, all Epworth League officers and all interested young people who might become officers in every charge in the Camden District are expected to attend one of these meetings. The program of the Epworth League for this winter and spring will be presented. If you attend you will learn how others are succeeding and that will help you. Homes will be provided for all delegates who will spend the night.

**Where Attend.** Attend the Group Meeting most convenient for you to reach.

**Lunch Served.** For your convenience there will be a light lunch served at 6:30 P. M. at each place. This half hour should be a fine social feature of each Group Meeting, and it is made possible through the kindness of the entertaining Church.

**Important.** These Group Meetings are the most important meetings of their kind to be held in your District this winter and we urge every person who should attend to arrange to be present.—J. J. Stowe, Presiding Elder; S. T. Baugh, Field Secretary.

**LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CABINET MEETING**

The Cabinet of the Little Rock Epworth League Conference convened for its business session at Winfield Memorial Church Saturday at 6:30 P. M. The Cabinet was the recipient of a wonderful banquet given by the Winfield League. The Rev. Paul W. Quillian and his wife were present along with Mr. Orion Thompson and wife. Mr. Thompson, who is president of the City League Union, made the welcome address. Bro. Quillian welcomed the Cabinet to Winfield.

After the banquet showed signs of diminishing due to the hearty efforts of Mr. Monk and his assistant, Mr. Helvie, the Cabinet proceeded to get down to business.

The Cabinet Meeting convened at eight o'clock and the meeting was presided over by the president, Mr. Ray Monk. Bro. Baugh led the devotional service, which was a true specimen of Bro. Baugh's sincerity. The minutes of the Cabinet Meeting held in Hot Springs last August were read and approved. The roll call disclosed that eighteen were present. Those who were absent were prevented from attending owing to sickness or business.

The report of the treasurer, Miss Bannon, disclosed the fact that many of the Leagues have not made pledg-

es and numbers of those that have pledged have not paid up. The fact that every League must pay their pledge in full in order to cover the budget was reported by Miss Bannon.

It was decided by the Cabinet to continue sending to Mt. Sequoyah those District secretaries and their assistants who secured the greatest percentage of pledges which are collected.

Various business followed. The Cabinet discussed the finishing of the League Building at Mt. Sequoyah and Bro. Baugh suggested a very reasonable plan to clear the \$1,600 debt of the L. R. Conference. The problem of the Mt. Ida and Oden work was discussed and it was deferred until Bro. Baugh could give us more information and no decision is necessary until Annual Conference.

Temporary plans for the 1928 League Assembly have been completed. The L. R. Conference is very fortunate in securing Bro. Quillian as the platform speaker and he also has charge of the sunrise prayer meetings. Mr. Crossett will have charge of the recreation so we are assured of a good time. After much business had been transacted the meeting adjourned at 10:30 to meet again Sunday morning at nine o'clock at the home of Miss Effie Bannon.

The Cabinet convened at the home of Miss Effie Bannon Sunday morning. The devotional was led by Mr. Leslie Helvie. The problems of the District secretaries were discussed by the Cabinet. The reports were then made by the different department heads and the reports showed that the superintendents are active and producing results. Miss Irene Taylor, who succeeded Miss Burroughs, as Era Agent asked for the help and cooperation of all the Cabinet. Miss Coleman has offered the assistance of the corresponding secretary to the Cabinet which was sincerely appreciated.

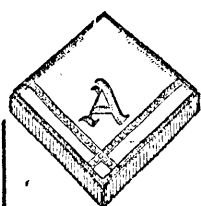
Then, as all the business had been completed, the Cabinet meeting adjourned to attend Winfield Church in a body where special seats had been reserved for them. The sermon preached by Bro. Quillian was very appropriate to the closing of the Cabinet meeting. After the church service the Cabinet was taken to Franke's Cafeteria where the balcony had been reserved for their use. A beautiful feast was enjoyed. The end of the meal was the end of the Cabinet Meeting as several members had to return to their homes.

There was not a single member who did not go away with a clearer vision and a keener enthusiasm to accomplish greater things for the glory of God's Kingdom.—Reporter.

**GEYER SPRINGS AND DOUGLASSVILLE**

Sunday evening, Jan. 15, Miss Margaret Paynter, Ep. Hi and Jr. Secretary, and I visited Geyer Springs League. Mr. Virgil Morris, the pastor, a Hendrix student, is much interested in League work. Since he has been in League work himself he realizes the necessity of having Epworth Leagues. He sees it now from the pastor's view point and says he does not want a church without an Epworth League. We found an eager group of young people, anxious to know just what to do to make their League what it should be.

A new League was organized at Douglassville, also one of Bro. Morris' charges, just before Christmas. An interested group was there and the League roll started with 25 members. They are taking 15 Eras and have had their council and business



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meeting for January. Watch out Leaguers! Don't let this new League beat you. They have a "weinie roast" planned for this week. They are up and doing.—Olive Smith, Dist. Sec.

#### CONFERENCE YEAR GROWS SHORT

There are only twenty more Sundays between now and our Summer Assembly. Now is the time for every Leaguer to set his teeth, get a tight grip and resolve to finish all of those things started at the first of the year. The pledges are to be paid up the Epworth Era quota must be met, the building of our hall at Mt. Sequoyah must be mastered, and the spiritual life of our Leaguers must be cared for. The Leagues have their Gold Seal to work for and to do this all Leagues must team together and accomplish our tasks in order that the Epworth Leagues in the Little Rock Conference may acquit themselves honorably in the sight of our Lord and Master.—Editor.

#### LIFE SERVICE WORKERS

The editor wishes to announce that every week, with the assistance of Mrs. C. B. Wyatt, a letter from a Life Service Volunteer will be published in this paper. This should tend to make the Leaguers learn more of their Life Service Members by keeping up with them in the Methodist. Mrs. Wyatt, our Life Service Superintendent, has been receiving letters from these Volunteers and the contests are so gratifying to her that she wants the other Leaguers to know how determined some of the volunteers are.—Editor.

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### NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

#### FORDYCE GROUP MEETING

The Fordyce Group of the Camden District met at the First Methodist Church, Fordyce, on Wednesday, Jan. 11, in a special Missionary Maintenance Meeting.

Rev. Rex B. Wilkes presided and filled the place efficiently. Fordyce, Hampton, Kingsland and Thorton and Harmony Grove charges were represented by the laymen, Sunday Schools, Leagues and Missionary Societies. Our presiding elder, Dr. J. J. Stowe, was there to encourage and spur us on. The several phases of the church's work were discussed and a better understanding of the work as a whole was obtained. The meeting was conducted on the open forum plan and all had a part in it. The meeting was a most profitable one, and the Fordyce Group is going to shoulder her part of missionary work of the church. May we "press on" in the spirit of our Master who said "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel."—Reporter.

#### A CAMDEN DISTRICT GROUP MEETING

A District group meeting, representing the following charges, Magnolia, Waldo, Stephens, Buckner, Taylor, and Emerson-McNeil, was held at Magnolia.

Rev. J. D. Baker was in the chair, Brother Johnson read the Scripture, and Dr. Stowe led in prayer. Various charges reported large delegations. Dr. Stowe talked on the purpose of the meeting. Miss Hobson, home missionary, and Mrs. Stowe, the presiding elder's wife, were introduced, and Miss Hobson talked of her work. Check-up of Sunday Schools for past year was reported on. Study, Prayer, and Offering were three things which were emphasized as demanding attention for this year. Bro. F. F. Harrell talked on the importance of getting the information in regard to Missions to the people. Some of the laymen spoke on the importance of the laymen taking an active part in the work. Mrs. J. J. Stowe spoke on the part the Missionary Society should play in the work of the Missionary Special. Rev. W. J. Clark spoke of the leadership of the Holy Spirit in

the Missionary Movement. Mr. Arnold of Stephens spoke of what the Epworth League could and would do when given the opportunity.

The meeting was of interest from beginning to end. About one hundred people were present.

The women of Magnolia served a great luncheon at the parsonage. Bro. F. F. Harrell expressed the appreciation of the visitors for such a fine meal.—Wesley J. Clark, Sec.

#### NOTES FROM THE VALLEY SPRINGS SCHOOL

Since my connection with this wonderful mountain school, and traveling over the state, meeting so many men and women who are the leaders of Church and School where they live, and finding that they once went to school at Valley Springs, and after having talked with others who are interested in our school, we have decided to organize a Valley Springs Club, of all who in the past have gone to school there, if it be one year or what ever length of time it was. Will you please send to me your name and address so that you may be enrolled as a member of this club? Many that I find over the State still hold the name of Prof. Albright sacred in their memory. I tell you who hold his dear name sacred that at the main entrance of the wonderful building that we are trying to complete, there is that name that you hold so dear, engraved in a marble slab, "ALBRIGHT HALL," placed there by Prof. Russell, who is head of the school there at this time.

It will cost you only the price of a postal card to let us have this information. We want you to have some of the literature about our school. When we have received your name and address, you will go on our regular mailing list.

We are making up the list of names each day. Send yours now. We are hoping to make this club one-thousand strong in the next thirty days. Send all addresses to W. M. Edwards, Batesville, Ark.

#### DR. THORKELSON VISITS HENDRIX COLLEGE

Dr. H. J. Thorkelson, director of College-University Division of the General Education Board of New York City, was the guest of Hendrix College, Thursday, January 5. Dr. Thorkelson inspected the grounds, buildings, laboratories, and the library. He spent two and a half hours in the afternoon in conference with the faculty at the President's home, the subject of the conference being the proposed Honors Reading Course at Hendrix.

The subject was discussed thoroughly, the difficulties involved were frankly faced and the qualifications of Hendrix for attacking the problem studied.

After the conference I accompanied Dr. Thorkelson to Little Rock, where he became the guest of President B. W. Torreyson of the State Teachers College for the evening. Dr. Thorkelson told each, myself and President Torreyson, that the conference with the Hendrix Faculty was one of the most satisfactory conferences that he had ever held, that the faculty of Hendrix knew what it was about, understands the problems of the college, and is attacking these problems in a sane, progressive manner. He marvelled that Hendrix had been able to draw into its faculty such strong men and women. He pointed out three or four professors who he said, were capable of filling professorships in the big universities. He was both surprised and delighted to find that

Hendrix had conducted for the last seven years final oral examinations in the major field before graduation and the system of quality points as a basis for graduation honors for the last ten years. These experiments, together with the proposed Honors Reading Course, he thought, stamped the Hendrix Faculty as one of the progressive college faculties of the country.—J. H. Reynolds.

#### SCHOOL OF MISSIONS Some Suggestions

1. Set aside one week for this school. Make it the outstanding event in your church for that week. Put it on such a date as will give you time to work up a good attendance.

2. If one whole week is not set aside for this school then the next best arrangement is to have it in three nights in each of two weeks. This gives more time for some to study.

3. Some are having the School of Missions once a week on Wednesday night. Others are putting the book "New Tasks for New Times" in the adult classes in the Sunday Schools for six Sundays. There are six chapters in the book. This book is substituted for these six Sundays for the regular Sunday School lesson.

4. Secure the best instructor you possibly can for your School of Missions. It is rather risky to have a separate teacher for each chapter in the book. Give some time for questions and open discussion, but do not allow such interruptions to drift away from subjects in the book.

5. I think you will agree with me that the best time to take the offering is following the School of Missions. Do not take the offering until you have presented the matter to your people in sermons and talks by lay workers and mission study. Immediately following this cultural work is the "spiritual psychological" time for the offering. Take the offering in the manner that you think the cause demands and that will do your people the most good. Send the money to me at once.

6. Remember our slogan: "A better school of missions and a better offering in every church than last year."—J. F. Simmons, Sec.

#### THE PLACE OF THE PASTOR IN THE MISSIONARY PROGRAM

1. The pastor must be in sympathy with the missionary program. Very little will be done unless he believes in this vital work. He may put on the program in a formal way but with little effective results. If a pastor does not care for such a missionary program as our beloved church now has, his people are almost without a leader. If this call of the leaders of our missionary work does not stir the hearts of our preachers then the hearts of our people will not yearn for the coming of the Kingdom of God.

2. The pastor must have a real desire to put on this cultivation work. If he does not care to put it on it will not likely be done. A preacher who is in hearty sympathy with any program and desires to put the work on in his church in an effective way will usually get his people to follow him. A

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church that does not want to put on this missionary program, if there be one anywhere, needs a pastor who is determined to put on the program. If there was a church anywhere that was composed of missionary minded people it could get along for a while at least without a pastor. A non-missionary minded church greatly needs a missionary minded pastor. I hope that every Methodist Church in Arkansas has a missionary minded pastor this year.

3. A missionary minded pastor who is in sympathy with the program and who is determined to put on the cultural work will do his best to give a large place to the lay workers in his church. Such opportunities as taking some part in the School of Missions and brief addresses before the congregation will be utilized by the pastor. He will also make large use of his missionary committee.—J. F. Simmons, Sec.

#### MISSIONARY INSTITUTES

**Pine Bluff.**—It is an evident fact, Bro. J. A. Henderson of the Pine Bluff District knows how to get a good attendance at District meetings. All the preachers were present except two. There was a large attendance of lay workers—both men and women. We missed Dr. Steel and his helpful message. Dr. James Thomas was present and spoke effectively on the place of prayer in the mission program. Brother Henderson made us all feel that this was a time and a work for co-operative endeavor. The pastors eagerly accepted the quotas given them as the minimum amount to be raised. I am confident that the Pine Bluff District will have more schools of missions this year than last and a larger offering also than last year. The good missionary women of First Church, Carr Memorial, and Hawley Memorial served us with a dinner that would be hard to surpass.

**Prescott District at Gurdon.**—Brother Dedman is finishing his fourth year on this District with a very optimistic note. All the preachers were present at the Missionary Institute. Dr. James Thomas in his earnest talk made us feel the need of prayer and consecration for the great task. Bro. Pardee urged the pastors to use the laymen in this program. Much use should be made of the laymen as five-minute speakers. The Missionary Committee should have a large place in this program in every congregation. Brother Dedman assured us that the Prescott District would put on the Cultural Program and, of course, pay one hundred per cent on the missionary asking. Brother Hamilton and his good women satisfied our physical needs at the noon hour with an excellent dinner. The membership of Gurdon Methodist Church and their jovial pastor always make people glad they came.—J. F. Simmons, Sec.

#### SMACKOVER RECORD MEMBERSHIP DAY

Rev. J. W. Thomas, newly arrived Methodist pastor, in a quiet way has been working among the people of Smackover since coming here a month ago with the result that Sunday saw the church receive thirty-one new members. As has been stated by an old resident of Smackover this not only exceeded anything that had been done in the past, but came as a complete surprise to what was expected by many members here. Of the total, seven were received by baptism and twenty-four by letter and transfer. Bro. Thomas says that there were probably twenty more who had stated to him that they intended joining in the future. Sunday was church mem-

bership day and many who joined last Sunday had waited especially for that day. At any rate it is a splendid showing for the work that is being done here not only by the pastor but also by members helping in this work.

Another important work that is being started in the Methodist Church is strengthening of the Sunday School. A new men's Bible Class was organized last Sunday with fourteen present and officers and teacher will be elected the coming Sunday. A cordial invitation is extended to every one interested, to come. Those present all were enthusiastic in expressing opinions what such a class could do if the proper interest is shown.—Smackover Journal.

#### THE PRESCOTT DISTRICT INSTITUTE

The Prescott District Missionary and Sunday School Institute was held at Gurdon, Friday, January 16. With one or two exceptions all the pastors were present, with a goodly number of laymen in attendance. The presiding elder, Bro. Dedman, opened the meeting with a brief devotional service, after which Dr. James Thomas in his forceful way presented the challenge of the church, stressing the importance of its leaders living the gospel to which their high ministry calls them. Rev. J. W. Mann, presiding elder of the Arkadelphia District, was present and introduced to the assembled workers.

After Bro. Pardee, Conference Lay Leader, had presented the place and work of the missionary committee in the special cultural campaign now on, Dr. E. R. Steel delivered a strong in-

spirational address, setting forth the present missionary situation as difficult but challenging in its appeal; in strong words, he emphasized the evangelistic task of the Church, declaring that, if the Church could be led to face its problems, in the very facing of them they would largely disappear. He closed his strong appeal by insisting that there is no place in the Kingdom of God for the Christian disciple to sit down and loaf.

Brother Simmons followed with a discussion of the connectional phase of the missionary task, and strongly emphasized the importance of getting the missionary message across to the people, declaring that, although difficult, it must be done.

After a fine lunch attractively served by the good ladies of the local church, an afternoon session was held for the purpose of outlining the Sunday School program for the new year. Brother Baker announced the District officers, stated the goals and stressed the importance of the attendance and the evangelistic campaigns in the program for the year.

A note of optimism pervaded the entire session of the Institute. Brother Dedman is in high favor with preachers and laymen alike. In view of the advance of last year over any of the previous years of his administration, he is confidently expecting this to be the best year of his quadrennium, if not the best in the history of the District. He is setting 100 per cent as the goal for the entire program of the Church, and with the mind to work on the part of both preachers and laymen, the indications are that this will surely be a year of progress

for the Prescott District.—Roy Fawcett, Reporter.

#### A HAPPY SUPERANNUATE

No superannuate preacher has selected a superannuate home quite so agreeable a place as Bluff. The people have been thoughtful of wife and me since settled in this little home that good people of Pine Bluff are proud that it may remain a superannuate home. The little home does not so well from the outside, but inside it is neat, modern and comfortable.

You may be surprised, but nevertheless it is true, that we began receiving poundings just before Thanksgiving and they are still continuing. consist of good things to eat in abundance and also of cash which is helpful in paying our necessary expenses. Especially I want to mention the Young Ladies' clubs of the Church and Lakeside and the Bible Class of Hawley Memorial. In all I think this superannuate his wife are the happiest "two" in Pine Bluff. In this way we are pressing our heartfelt thanks to our friends who have remembered.—L. W. Evans.

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# THE METHODIST EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION MEETING

The central Theme of the Methodist Educational Association, which meets in Memphis, Tenn., February 7-9, will be a "Correctly Articulated System of Schools for the Methodist Church." Our denomination has three universities. Duke University, which is one of the most richly endowed institutions in the world, will in a few years take its place as one of the outstanding universities to which students from foreign countries will doubtless come in increasing numbers. Emory University is the central school of Methodism east of the Mississippi River. Southern Methodist University is the central institution of our church west of the Mississippi River. Correlated with these are twenty-eight senior colleges, most of which offer the Master's degree as well as the Bachelor's and twenty-two junior colleges and several academies. The place that each school is to fill, the equipment and endowment necessary to do its work efficiently, and the particular type of organization necessary are among the themes to be discussed at Memphis. A large place is being given on the program to the discussion of the junior college as this is one of the liveliest subjects in American education today. The question of universities not receiving students in the academic department below the junior year will also be discussed. Likewise, another very interesting subject will be the establishment in various sections of the Southern Church of a few schools that of-

fer work through the grades and through junior high school. This seems to be necessary to meet the needs of an ever increasing number of our people who are able to pay for the children's education, but because of the loss of the father or mother, or both, the children have to be placed in school. At present they usually have to go to a Catholic school.

## Proposed Program

- Tuesday Morning**
- 9:00 Devotional—Dr. G. T. Rowe, Book Editor.
  - 9:30 Appointment of Committees.
  - 9:45 President's Address.
  - 10:15 Reorganization of Secondary Education in America—Supt. Finley, Assistant Supt. Memphis, Tenn.
  - 10:45 The Church Junior College—President James M. Wood, Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.
  - 11:15 Equipment and Income Necessary for a Junior College—President F. M. Branch, Andrews College, Cuthbert, Ga.
  - 11:30 General Discussion.
  - 11:45 Address—Dr. J. J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education.
  - 12:30 Lunch.

## Tuesday Afternoon

- 2:00 Equipment and Income Necessary for a Standard College of Liberal Arts—President Guy E. Snively, Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.
- 2:30 Outlook of the Church College of Liberal Arts, Dr. J. N. Hillman, Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va.
- 3:00 Should our Three Universities Continue to Accept Freshmen and Sophomores?—Dean T. H. Jacks, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.
- 3:30 The Distinct Work of a Woman's College—Mrs. J. H. McCoy, Athens College, Ala.
- 4:00 Should Our Church Have a Few Academies Offering Grade Work For Children—W. B. Hubbell, Folsom Training School, Smithville, Okla.
- 4:30 General Discussion.
- 6:00 Dinner.

## Tuesday Evening

- 7:00 (a) Who's Who.
- (b) The Saving Sense of Humor—Dr. J. W. Hunt, Pres. McMurry College, Abilene, Texas.
- 7:30 Religion and Higher Education—Bishop W. F. McMurry.
- 8:00 The Training of Preachers—Dean James Kilgore, Southern Methodist University. Dean F. N. Parker, Emory University.

## Wednesday Morning

- 9:00-12:00 Sectional Meetings.

## Wednesday Afternoon

- University and College and Junior College Sections Meeting Together

- 2:00 Devotional—Dr. Rowe.
- 2:25 Internal Problems (10 minute limit).
- (a) Failing Freshmen—Dr. E. P. Puckett, Dean of Central College, Mo.
- (b) Fraternities and Sororities—Dr. R. E. Blackwell Randolph-Macon College, Va.
- (c) The Gifted Student—Dr. W. P. Few, Pres. Duke Univ.
- (d) Athletics—Dr. Ludd M. Spivey, Southern College, Fla. Dr. Geo. S. Sexton, Centenary College of La.
- (e) Student Government—J. C. Guilds, Columbia College, S. Carolina.
- (f) Carleton College Plan—Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Pres. Hendrix College, Arkansas.
- (g) General Discussion (five

minutes following each topic).

- 4:30 Address—The Challenge of a Great Program—Dr. A. Frank Smith, Pastor First Methodist Church, Houston, Texas.

## Thursday Morning

- 9:00 Devotional—Dr. Rowe.
- 9:15 Report of Joint Committee on Religious Education.
- 9:40 Discussion.
- 9:50 Report of Committee on Findings.
- 10:00 Open Discussion.
- 10:30 Address—Seeing our Problem Whole—Dr. Stonewall Anderson.
- 11:30 Report of Auditing Committee and Committee on Nominations.
- 12:00 Adjournment.

## "ROOTED AND GROUNDED IN LOVE"

In a beautiful phrase, rooted and grounded in love, St. Paul reveals a vital secret of a strong, rugged Christian life. Rooted suggests the rootage of a tree or plant—strong-growing roots going down deeper and deeper and deeper into the soil, spreading themselves out, laying hold of the soil, finding in it vitality and nourishment and sending it up in an ever-increasing stream to the plant above. The second figure is that of a building with strong, deep foundations put there to stay—a building which will stand unmoved by storm and flood through the years, because its foundations are firm and deep in the earth. The union of these figures brings out in a forceful way two vital elements in the Christian life, continual growth in love and steadfastness in love.

We have all wondered why some Christians live strong, beautiful lives, while others are weak and continually being offended. They grow side by side, they attend the same church, one seemingly having just as good a chance as the other.

In transplanting some primrose seedlings, I found some plants strong and vigorous, others weak and puny. All came from the same packet of seed, all had the same soil, light, and care. I wondered what made the difference. "Like Christians," I thought, "some strong, some weak; I wonder why." The phrase rooted and grounded in love, ran through my mind as I noted that without exception the condition of the whole plant corresponded with the condition of the roots. It was easy enough to see that there could be no strong, vigorous growth, without strong, vigorous roots; but why all did not have good roots when all had seemingly the same chance, was not so easy to understand.

The transplanting was finished down to the smallest weakling that seemed hardly worth planting. All grew better after they were transplanted, even the weak ones making nice plants with the exception of the weakling that scarcely seemed worth bothering with. The other plants grew, bloomed, and passed their prime; still the little primrose was a puny, dwarfed thing, and I was tempted many times to throw it out and give its place to some other plant, but always the thought of its possibilities checked me, for it had come from good seed and might be a rare color.

Finally, a tiny bud appeared, and the little plant was moved into a room away from the furnace heat for blooming. It soon began to show new vigor in the new atmosphere, and it was discovered later that a gas leak had been poisoning the air in the room from which it had been removed. Then enemies in the soil were found

quietly eating out the roots of the plant. When these were removed the growth of the plant was remarkable. It became one of the most beautiful primroses I have ever owned.

The little plant became a parable to me. The phrase, rooted and grounded in love, came to me with a new meaning. In finding out the cause of the plant's weakness, I found the

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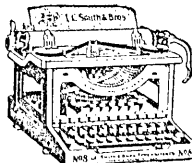


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source of weakness in the Christian life. There was an enemy in the atmosphere, a gas leak in the room, unknown to the owner, subtly poisoning the air. There were enemies in the soil, worms eating the tender roots as they were formed. It was not until they were all removed that the plant came into its own.

There are just as truly enemies in the Christian life. Anything that hinders the soul in its growth in love is an enemy. Sometimes these enemies are hidden away in the heart, subtly destroying the roots of love. Any bitterness, or the memory of an unforgiven wrong, any grudge hidden away in the heart, will eat out the roots of love to God and man.

Perhaps one of the most subtle enemies of the Christian life is the sin of evil-speaking, which is, as John Wesley says, "Neither more nor less than speaking evil of an absent person; relating something evil which was really said or done by one that is not present when it is related." It is a thing so common that many people do not even think of it as a sin. Yet the Bible warns against it repeatedly. Speak evil of no man. Speak not evil one of another, brethren. It not only hinders growth in love in the soul that indulges in it, but

it poisons the atmosphere for others. There can be no great growth in love where there are unkind criticism and faultfinding. Anything that hinders the life of love to God and others is a deadly thing.

St. Paul wrote, Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil-speaking be put away from you with all malice. Let it be put away as a little child lets its mother put away something it ought not to have.—M. E. Ekey in Pittsburgh Christian Advocate.

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#### OBITUARIES

**DACUS.**—Mrs. Sarah Jane Dacus, wife of W. S. Dacus and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Edwards, was born March 3, 1854, at old Greensboro, north of Jonesboro, Arkansas. Here she spent many happy years among a large circle of friends and associates. She moved to Jonesboro in 1903, and has enjoyed the love and esteem of all who knew her in this city. She was married on Jan. 8, 1888, to Mr. W. S. Dacus with whom she lived happily for 40 years. Sister Dacus was converted and joined the M. E. Church, South, 50 years ago under the ministry of Rev. A. C. Grif-

fin. Starting thus, under one of God's best saints, she remained faithful until on Jan. 10, 1928, when the call came to enter into the fuller life eternal. She was the mother of two children, both of whom preceded her in to the life beyond. For her faithful husband and other related ones who survive her, our prayers ascend that they may be comforted in the thought that Sister Dacus lived well, she died well, and is now in glory. Funeral services were conducted at 11 a. m. on Jan. 12, from Fisher Street Methodist Church by the pastor, Rev. B. L. Harris, after which interment was made in Oaklawn cemetery. The large crowd present at the funeral and the beautiful floral offering were an expression of the high esteem in which this splendid Christian woman was held.—B. L. Harris.

**FORD.**—Mrs. Fannie Ford departed this life Dec. 31, 1927. Sister Ford was born April 7, 1848, at Farmersville, La. She was married to Mr. John Ford April 1, 1869. To this union were born eight children. Four of them have died and four are living. Sister Ford had been a member of the Methodist Church for 67 years.

She had lived in Union County 58 years. In early childhood she united with the Methodist Church and through her long life was ever faithful and devoted to the duties and privileges it offered to her. She was deeply and consistently religious. She had a genuine experience of grace and lived in conscious fellowship with God. The people among whom she lived loved and trusted her always. Her elder son, J. L. Ford, departed this life just one week after the death of his mother. Mr. Ford was a great spiritual influence in his community, loved and honored by all. They were laid to rest in the Olive Branch cemetery, but that good sister and son of the fleeting home are everyone's sister and brother in the heavenly home. We shall find them there.—P. N. Clements.

**BOYD.**—Mrs. Jane Boyd, whose maiden name was Cromer, was born in Abbeville, S. C., May 25, 1845. She was married to Travis P. Boyd August 27, 1867. They moved to Arkansas in 1871, and settled first in Clark County, where they lived five years. Their next move was to Nevada County where they lived for a few years near

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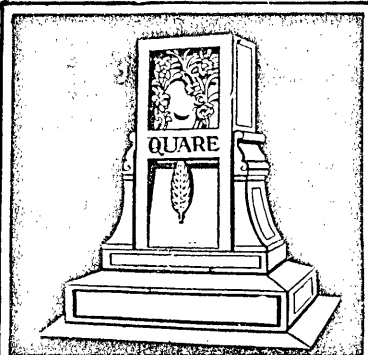
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Midway Church, one of the pioneer Methodist churches of the state. The family then moved across the line into Hempstead County and settled near Emmett, where they have lived for more than forty years. The husband and father died March 29, 1888, leaving his wife and six children. Three other children had died in infancy. The six living children are John P., L. D., Marvin, Pink, and Miss Lucia Boyd, and Mrs. Dolly Chism. Three of the sons and one daughter, having never married, have continued to abide under the family roof tree where their mother was the center of attraction, and the object of their most tender devotion and care. All of the children are faithful members of the church of their father and mother, and are walking worthy of the heritage of faith and Christian living which they received from their parents. Surviving her are two brothers, L. H. Cromer, Kingstree, S. C., and T. T. Cromer, Greenwood, S. C. Mother Boyd was converted very early in life and joined the Methodist Church, in which she lived a quiet, consistent, beautiful Christian life to the end of her earthly pilgrimage. As she drew near the end her soul seemed to be longing for her heavenly home. Heaven seemed so near to her and the presence of her Lord so real, that she seemed to be living in constant fellowship with Christ. Several times during the last few weeks of her life some one of her children observed her lips moving in silent conversation and she would explain, "Oh, I was just talking with Jesus." Just a few days before her death the family heard her singing one of the old hymns, "How long, how long, oh Lord, How long have I on earth to stay? Roll on, roll on, ye wheels of time, and bring that joyful day." Although she had lived well beyond her fourscore years

she was vigorous in mind and body until a few months before her death. After some weeks of gradual decline the weary wheels of life ceased to move and in the early morning of Jan. 4, 1928, her immortal spirit dropped its wornout tenement of clay and went to dwell in that Heaven towards which she had journeyed for more than eighty years. Her funeral services were conducted in the Methodist Church at Emmett by her pastor, Rev. G. W. Robertson, assisted by her former pastor, Rev. W. W. Christie, and by Rev. M. D. Williams, pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Gurdon, and by the writer. The last two named had each known her in the days of their young manhood, and each bore loving tribute to the beauty of her Christian life and character. After a long and useful life she has entered into rest. Let us not mourn her departure but rather give thanks unto God for her triumphant victory. —J. A. Sage.

#### QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

##### PRESCOTT DISTRICT (Second Round.)

Bingen, at Pump Springs, Feb. 11-12, Center Point, at Wakefield, Feb. 12, 3 p. m.  
Mineral Springs, at Bethany, Feb. 19, 1:30 p. m.  
Washington-Ozan, at Columbus, Feb. 19, 3:45 p. m.  
Emmett, at DeAnn, Feb. 26, 1:30 p. m.  
Spring Hill, at Water Creek, Feb. 26, 3:30 p. m.  
Prescott Ct., at Holly Springs, Mar. 4, 2 p. m.  
Blevins, March 4, 7:30 p. m.  
Greenwood-Rosboro, at Rosboro, March 11, 2 p. m.  
Gurdon, March 18, 7:30 p. m.  
Mt. Ida-Oden, at Oden, March 25, 1:30 p. m.  
Amity-Norman, at Norman, March 25, 3:45 p. m.  
Murfreesboro-Delight, at Delight, Apr. 1, 1:30 p. m.  
Okolona, at Antoine, Apr. 1, 3:30 p. m.  
Hope Mission, Apr. 7, 2 p. m.  
Nashville, Apr. 7, 11 a. m.  
Hope, Apr. 13, 11 a. m.  
Prescott, Apr. 13, 7:30 p. m.  
—J. L. Dedman, P. E.

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL.

##### Lesson for January 29

##### THE GROWING FAME OF JESUS

LESSON TEXT—Mark 3:7-12; 6:53-56.

GOLDEN TEXT—"The common people heard him gladly."

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Followed by Crowds of People.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Growing Fame of Jesus.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Why the People Followed Jesus.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Secret of Jesus' Fame.

##### 1. Jesus Ministering by the Sea (3:7-12).

1. Why He withdrew. It was because of the murderous plotting of the Pharisees against His life. So violent was their hatred against Him that they conspired with the Herodians, whom they regarded as traitors to their nation and country, to put Him to death. Their opposition was aroused when Jesus claimed to have power on earth to forgive sins (2:10). It grew in intensity when He mingled with publicans and sinners (2:16), and was fanned into a violent flame when He set at naught their false interpretations of the Sabbath law (2:23-28). Criticism and harshness causes Jesus today to withdraw from our presence.

##### 2. To whom He ministered (vv. 7,8.)

A great multitude, representing a wide stretch of territory. They came from Jerusalem and Idumaea on the south, from beyond Jordan on the east, and from Tyre and Sidon on the northwest. Jesus was the magnetic attraction—the hero of the hour. The interest of the whole country centered in Him.

##### 3. The result (vv. 9-12).

(1) So great was the pressure that lives seemed endangered by the thronging of the multitudes. Some came out of curiosity "when they heard what great things he did" (v. 8). Others came for physical benefit, to be healed of their diseases. To escape from the throng He ordered the disciples to secure a little boat for Him.

(2) The unclean spirits prostrated themselves before Him (vv. 11, 12).

They confessed Him as the Son of God. They had no doubt about His deity. This testimony He refused to receive because (a) the time for His declaration was not yet ripe. (b) They were not the beings to make Him known. He would not receive tribute from such a source. He would be proclaimed only by those who loved and honored Him.

##### 11. Jesus Ministering at Gennesaret (6:53-56).

1. Jesus recognized (v. 54). The people quickly recognized Him because they had witnessed His mighty works. The feeding of the 5,000 was doubtless still in their minds. Perhaps many of them had witnessed His works in Capernaum and nearby places. They had doubtless heard Him teach also. He was recognized wherever He went. When He rules in the lives of believers today, those who come into touch with them recognize the fact. They take knowledge of them that they have been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

2. The people ran to see Jesus (v. 55). They did not go about this in a half-hearted way. Those who really come into touch with the Lord Jesus Christ have called forth from them unusual energy. The degree of reality of our contact with Him is expressed by our enthusiasm.

3. They searched the whole region for those in need (v. 55).

Those who were found to be sick

and in need were carried in beds to Jesus. Those who have come to know Christ will go about earnestly seeking for the lost to bring them to Christ. It matters not what effort is required.

4. They were made whole by His touch (v. 56). The only touch which is needed for the healing of the human soul is that of faith. When the individual is brought into touch with Him by a vital and living faith, sin is vanquished and sickness and death lose their power.

#### ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

This is the fourth report that I have made of the Christmas offerings from the Sunday Schools for the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage.

##### Little Rock Conference

Arkadelphia District:—

Arkadelphia Ct. S. S. by M. Smith, P. C. \$ 16.60

Zion S. S. Princeton Ct. by Miss Pattie Jones, Treas. 4.50

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Oak Hill S. S. Bryant Ct. by R. L. Barron, Supt. 7.00

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Hermitage S. S. by Louis Colson, Sec. 9.28

From the League at Monticello by M. K. Irvin, P. C. 3.00

Pine Bluff District:—

Camp Shed S. S. Little Prairie Charge, by S. Jones, Sec. 8.50

Prescott District:—

Center S. S. by T. B. Smith, Supt. 5.55

To correct error—reported in issue of January 12—as Spring Hill Ct. Fairview S. S. by E. Jones, \$1.00—should be Prescott Ct. Fairview S. S. by E. Jones 1.00

Texas District:—

Lockesburg S. S. by Custer Steele, Supt. 11.50

North Arkansas Conference

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Seranton S. S. by C. J. Wade, P. C. 6.00

Conway District:—

First Methodist S. S., N. L. Rock, by A. E. Holloway, P. C. 15.00

Fayetteville District:—

Bentonville Ct-Council Grove S. S. by Mrs. R. Everett, Supt. 1.65

Port Smith District:—

Cecil S. S. by J. M. McAnnally, P. C. 15.00

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Charleston S. S. by H. H. Bumpers, Supt. 11.25

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Helena District:—

Bird's Eye S. S., Cherry-Valley and Vaunderdale Ct. by Mrs. W. M. Smith 5.25

Aubrey S. S. by J. G. Ditterline, P. C. 6.31

Paragould District:—

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## LYDIA OF THE PINES

By Honore Willsie

(Continued from last week)

But Pa Norton had dropped his paper when ma dropped her bread and had not paused for comments. He made three strides to Lydia, and gave her a great hug and kiss. Then he said, "First time I saw you carrying that milk for Billy's books I said, there's the wife Billy ought to have. Ma, wasn't she the dearest—"

But ma shoved him aside contemptuously. "Get over and talk to Billy. This is a woman's affair. Who cares about reminiscences now. Oh, Billy, do you remember I used to worry because she didn't keep the back of her neck clean!"

"Who's reminiscing now?" asked pa belligerently.

Everybody laughed. Then pa sighed. "Well, I feel almost reconciled now to Bill's giving up farming. When're you going to be married?"

Lydia blushed. "Oh, not for a long time. Now, let's go and tell my people, Billy."

Out in the night again! Curious how long the short walk to the cottage could be made! Curious how near the stars were—heaven just over the road where the lovers strolled. Not strange that such ecstasy cannot last forever. The human mind could not bear that heaven-born rapture too long.

Lizzie was mending. Amos was sitting in his arm chair, with a bit of paper on which he was figuring. Lydia flew across the room and dropped on her knees beside him.

"Oh, daddy dear, look at me! Billy's here and he's always going to be here. Tell us you're glad."

Amos looked up with a jerk. First at Billy, standing stalwart and grave by the table, his deep eyes as steady as the hand he held out to Lizzie. Then at his daughter, with her transformed face.

"But," protested Amos, "I thought it was to be Kent."

"Oh, it couldn't have been Kent," exclaimed Lydia. "We never would have understood each other. Kent was for Margery."

A frown gathered on Amos' face. He did not really want Lydia to marry anyone. All that had reconciled him to the thought of Kent had been Kent's relation to the Indian lands. And now he discovered that he didn't want to give his daughter to anyone. He threw a jealous arm about her.

"No, you can't have her, Billy," he said. "Nobody shall have her. She's too good for the best man living."

"Yes, she is," agreed Billy. "But that isn't the point. The point is that Lydia actually wants me. I don't understand it myself, but she does, and I know I can make her happy."

"I can make her happy myself," said Amos, gruffly.

"But you haven't," retorted Billy. "Look at the way you've acted about this land matter. And, God knows, she deserves to be happy at any cost. Good heavens, when I think of her, it seems to me that nothing could be too much for her. I think of her trudging those miles in her patched old clothes to buy her school books—what a thin, big-eyed kiddie she was. Why, even as a cub, I used to appreciate her. And then when she stood up before the hearing, the bravest man among us, and when she got sick trying to earn those silly prom-clothes—My God, Amos, if Lydia wants me, or the moon, or a town lot in South Africa, it's up to you to give it to her."

Amos did not reply for a moment. Down through the years he was watching a thin little figure trudge with such patience and sweetness and determination as he seemed never before

to have appreciated. Slowly his hold loosened on Lydia's shoulders and he looked into her face.

"Do you want to marry Billy?" he asked.

"Oh, daddy, yes," whispered Lydia. Amos looked up at the young man, who stood returning his gaze. "Take her, Billy, and heaven help you if you're not good to her, for John Levine's spirit will haunt you with a curse."

Billy raised Lydia to her feet and the extraordinary smile was on his face.

"What do you think about it, Lizzie?" he asked.

Lizzie, who had been crying comfortably, wiped her eyes with the sock she was darning.

"I'm thinking that anyone that can bring the look to Lydia's face she's been wearing for twenty-four hours, deserves her. Rheumatism or no, down I get on my old knees tonight and give thanks—just for the look in that child's eyes."

And now for a while, Lydia was content to live absolutely in the present, as was Billy. Surely there never was such an April. And surely no April ever melted so softly into so glorious a May. Apple blossoms, lilac blooms, violets and wind flowers and through them, Lydia in her scholar's gown, hanging to Billy's arm, after the day's work was done.

She seemed singularly uninterested in the preparations for commencement, though she went through her final examinations with credit. But the week before commencement she came home one afternoon with blazing cheeks. Billy was at the cottage for supper and when they had begun the meal, she exploded her bomb.

"Dad! Billy! Lizzie! They've elected me a member of the Scholars' club!"

"For the love of heaven!" exclaimed Amos, dropping his fork.

"Why not?" asked Lizzie.

"Lydia, dear, but I'm proud of you," breathed Billy.

"Professor Willis told me, this afternoon," Lydia went on, "and I laughed at him at first. I thought he was teasing me. Why only highbrows belong to the Scholars' club! Prexy belongs and the best of the professors and only a few of the post-graduate pupils. But he says I was elected. I told him lots of students had higher standings than I, and he only laughed and said he knew it. And I've got to go to that banquet of theirs next week!"

"Fine!" said Billy.

"Lord! Why, Billy Norton, I never went to a banquet in my life. I don't know what forks to use, and I never saw a finger bowl!"

Amos grinned. "What's the use of being a scholar, if that sort of thing bothers you?"

"I might get a book on etiquette and polish up," said Lydia, thoughtfully. "I'll get one tomorrow, and practice on the family."

Amos groaned, but to no avail. Lydia borrowed a book on etiquette from the library and for a week Amos ate his supper with an array of silver and kitchenware before him that took his appetite away. He rebelled utterly at using the finger bowls, which at breakfast were porridge dishes. Lizzie, however, was apt and read the book so diligently while Lydia was in class that she was able to correct Lydia as well as Amos at night.

Ma Norton had insisted on making Lydia a white mull graduation dress. She would not let either Lizzie or Lydia help her. She had been daughter-hungry all her life and since she made her own wedding gown, no bit of sewing had given her the satisfaction that this did.

So it was that Lydia, wearing the mull under her scholar's gown, and

with the precepts of the book on etiquette in her mind, attended the Scholars' banquet, timidly but not with the self-consciousness that she might otherwise have felt.

Billy left her at the door of the hall and Professor Willis took her in to dinner. There were only two other women there, but Lydia did not mind.

When Professor Willis was called on for his toast, which was the last one, he responded:

"My toast is to all scholars, everywhere, but also to one scholar in particular. It is to one who was born with a love of books, to one who made books—good books—so intimate a part of her life that she made poverty a blessing, who combined books and living so deeply that she read her community aright, when others failed to do so, to one who is a scholar in the truest sense of the word—a book lover with a vision. I drink to the youngest and sweetest scholar of us all!" and he bowed to Lydia.

How she got through the congratulations and out to Billy, patiently waiting at the main campus gate, Lydia was not sure, for she was quite drunk with surprise and pleasure. After she had told it all to Billy, and once more they were standing under the pine at the gate, she said:

"Billy, will you go up with father and Lizzie and me to open up the three hundred and twenty acres?"

Billy answered slowly. "There's nothing I'd like better. I was born to be a farmer. But, Lydia, it looks to me as if, as a lawyer, I'd be a more useful citizen, the way things are now in the country."

Lydia shook her head. "We've got too many lawyers in America. What I think America needs is real love of America. And it seems to me the best way to get it is to identify oneself with the actual soil of the community. What I want is this. That you and I, upon the ground where poor John Levine did such wrongs, build us a home. I don't mean a home as Americans usually mean the word. I mean we'll try to found a family there. We'll send the roots of our roof tree so deep into the ground that for generations to come our children's children will be found there and our family name will stand for old American ideals in the community. I don't see how else we Americans can make up to the world for the way we've exploited America."

Billy stood with his arm about the slender "scholar." Suddenly there flooded in upon him the old, old call, the call that had brought his Pilgrim forefathers across the Atlantic, the call that was as old as the yearning for freedom of the soil.

"Lord!" he cried, "how glad I'll be to go up there! Think of beginning our life together with such a dream!"

"I believe John Levine would be glad, if he knew," said Lydia, wistfully.

"I know he'd be glad. . . . Lydia, do you love me, dear?"

"Love you! Oh, more than all the world! You know it, don't you?"

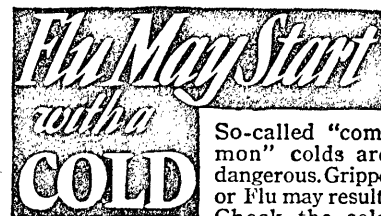
"I know it, but I can't believe it." His arm tightened around Lydia and as on just such an evening, four years before, he said:

"What a wonderful night!"

A wonderful night, indeed! Sound and scent of bursting summer. Syringas coming as lilacs went. The lake, lap-lapping on the shore. The lazy croak of frogs and the moon sinking low over the cottage. Above them the pine, murmuring as of old. Life and the year at the full. A wonderful night, indeed!

[THE END.]

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