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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

An ounce of work is worth a pound of talk.
The self-made man is always an unfinished job.

Life is not merely thinking and work, but loving as well.

The man who thinks more highly of his soil than of his soul, is a poor judge of real values.

The best endowment for a college is genuine Christian character in the members of its faculty.

When you argue that every man has his price, you advertise that you yourself are on the market, if the price is satisfactory.

HERBERT HOOVER ON PROHIBITION

The following item is taken from the Presbyterian Banner and is worthy of consideration, because Mr. Hoover is in a position to know the facts better than most of us.

Herbert Hoover, secretary of Commerce, told a representative of the Christian Science Monitor that Prohibition had proved its case commercially. He said that a large measure of productive efficiency that has followed the war is directly traceable to the dry law. "There can be no doubt of the economic benefits of prohibition," he said. "Viewing the temperance question only from this angle, prohibition has proved its case. I think that increased temperance over the land is responsible for a good share of the enormously increased efficiency in production which statistics gathered by the Department of Commerce show have followed the passage of the dry law * * * Referring to a speech made before the United States Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Hoover recalled the statistics which he then offered showing the extraordinary increase in American industrial productiveness during and since the war. A large part of this increase is due to temperance, he said. "Exhaustive study from many angles of production over average periods," he said, "ten years apart, before and since the war, would indicate that, while our productivity should have increased about 15%, due to the increase in population, yet the actual increase has been from 25 to 30%, indicating an increase of efficiency of somewhere from 10 to 15% * * * There is no question in my opinion," Mr. Hoover told the Monitor representative, "that prohibition is making America more productive."

SUNDAY AT BEEBE AND JUDSONIA

Arriving at Beebe just before dark Saturday, Feb. 18, I was met by Rev. W. J. LeRoy, the pastor, who, with Mrs. LeRoy, had just returned from Weldon where they had been visiting their newly-arrived grandson of whom they are very proud. In the midst of a pleasant evening, a short circuit electric-light wire burnt the insulation and for a short while there was uneasiness in the parsonage lest fire might develop, but the sum of the casualties was a few yards of damaged cord and the odor of burnt rubber.

Sunday morning dawned cold but bright and glorious. Sunday School was visited and the Men's and Women's Classes addressed, and then the congregation gave close attention to the sermon. Attendance at both was reduced on account of prevalence of influenza, but it was easy to see that there is fine interest in church work.

Much change was evident since my visit four years before. The old two-story building had been razed and a beautiful new building of bungalow style had been erected. This had been consummated under the direction of Rev. J. M. Fryar two years ago. This house, costing about \$7,500, has a well-lighted auditorium and three class-rooms, and is so constructed that enlargement will be easy when it is needed, as it will be in a few years. There is also a Sunday School annex with six rooms used by the Elementary Department. A hot-air heating plant and electric fans have been installed.

During the past year the parsonage was remodeled, redecorated and practically remade. It is nicely furnished. The cost was about \$1,000 with some work donated. It is very comfortable and attractive, and Bro. and Sister LeRoy are enjoying it thoroughly. All debts are paid and the church is now in condition to go forward.

The efficient official board has as chairman Mr. G. M. Mason. Dr. Hugh Garrett is superintendent

of a well-organized and growing Sunday school. The W. M. S. with Mrs. Ben Jarvis as president is a fine working body. These ladies paid one-third of the cost of the parsonage improvement. The president of the Senior Epworth League is J. D. Jacobs. The superintendent of the Hi League is Miss Charlotte Horton, and the Junior League superintendent is Miss Lona Mae Olmstead. All are active. The Seniors have an orchestra for the church services and the Juniors for the Sunday School.

Bro. LeRoy is getting his church well organized for various activities and expects to begin a meeting March 4. He has an unusually good prayer meeting. He says that his people are ready to entertain the Annual Conference whenever the Conference is ready to come.

Beebe, with a population of some 1,800, is a thriving community and has become a very prosperous business point. The automobile traffic is so great on Saturdays that a traffic policeman is employed. It has a large trade area, and diversified farming and fruit-growing are giving the town much business. Radishes and strawberries are shipped by the car load.

Under Superintendent Johnson the public school system is quite efficient. There are seven buildings, a central two-story house, with three two-room buildings on each side, seven in all. Nearby is a fine \$15,000 armory that is used by the school for a gymnasium and auditorium. Smith-Hughes and Home Economics departments are maintained. The Junior Agricultural College, created by the last Legislature, is running in connection with the High School. It has enrolled about 75 students. Just outside the corporation is the 330-acre tract that was donated for the campus and farm. It lies well, and will give the school ample space. It is expected that building for the Agricultural School will soon begin. The school and increasing business are bringing new citizens, and new houses are going up all over the town. Beebe seems to have a bright future.

After dinner my son, George D., who now lives at Searcy, came for me and after a pleasant conference with Dr. Williams and Bro. Cooper at Gallows College and supper with George, he carried me to Judsonia, where I spoke briefly to the Leaguers and then preached. The congregation was small on account of measles and influenza which have almost stopped church-going.

Rev. H. A. Stroup, the pastor, had just been helping Bro. Decker at McRae in his Mission Cultivation work. The membership at Judsonia is small but Bro. Stroup, who has been there only a few months, is getting his people well organized and is preaching at several points in the country around. The chairman of his official board is Mr. R. G. Chandler. The Sunday School superintendent is Mr. T. J. Lowdermilk. Mrs. C. A. Linsey is president of the W. M. S. The president of the Senior Epworth League is Miss Minnie Corbitt, and the superintendent of the Junior League is Mrs. J. E. Owens. All of these organizations are in fair condition with hopeful outlook. The church building is substantial and there is an annex with four rooms. The bungalow parsonage is a very comfortable home for the pastor and family.

Judsonia, a town of about 1,200 population, is in the heart of the "Strawberry Belt," and sometimes ships 500 cars of that luscious fruit. A good citizen has promised to send me a crate this year so that I may taste and appreciate the berries. The town is beautifully located on the north bank of Little Red River and is surrounded by a fine farming country where diversification is practiced.

Dairying is beginning. There is a box factory where all the strawberry crates and boxes are made. An excellent High School is maintained with Mr. J. T. Campbell as superintendent. There are about 350 pupils in the twelve grades.

Beebe, Searcy, and Judsonia now have fine highways and are in one of the best and most rapidly growing sections of the State. A slogan has been adopted, "Paint White County White," and henceforth all of the houses are to be painted white and signs put up at the county lines to let travelers know that they are in that goodly county.

I greatly enjoyed the fellowship of the parsonage homes. Both pastors expect to put on their circulation campaign soon.—A. C. M.

FACE MEN WITH THE LIVING CHRIST

Dr. John R. Mott, who is easily the greatest of living laymen because he has influenced more of the present generation to engage in Christian service than has any other man, has recently indicated the challenge of the day in the call to Christians to confront men with the living Christ. In part his message follows: "Contemplation of the forces of evil arrayed against us in the spiritual warfare, must serve to deepen the conviction of every man of us that we are called of God to this vital and unselfish mission. Think of the magnitude of the forces of sin and shame! It is enough to stagger us and to cause our hearts to quail, did we not remind ourselves that we are the great brotherhood and that Christ, with whom resides all power in heaven and on earth is in our midst. Think also of the activity of these evil forces and influences! I remind you that theirs is a ceaseless activity. They take no vacations. Like gravitation, they are constantly at work, dragging men downward. In all my many years of mingling with young men of the various nations, I have never found sin or organized evil lifting man upward. Think of the wonderful ingenuity of the evils of our day! This is enough to challenge our admiration. How many times their head-work puts us to shame! What marvelous adaptation of means to nefarious ends! What striking knowledge of modern psychology! Let us not only think, but be stirred to warfare as we think of the cruelty of the forces of the devil. It is remorseless cruelty. The only secret of world-conquering power lies in fixing the gaze of men on Christ, who alone imparts courage, strength, endurance and vitality to wage successful spiritual warfare. I do not fear the forces arrayed against us. 'Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world.'"

Let us heed the advice of this wonderfully wise and spiritual man. The forces of evil are indeed mighty and active; but if Christ is our leader and we faithfully follow him, we shall be able to overcome the world. Let us not blindly ignore the evils, but with Christ in us let us boldly face men with his life-giving message.

A father was asked one day to subscribe for the denominational paper. He said: "No, it is too high: I can get literature cheaper than that." He did get some other literature, which was given to him by an organization that claimed to be religious. Two or three years after that time the same father, now a broken-hearted man, told a friend that his only boy had been led astray by certain teachers of heresy, and, he feared, was lost forever to the cause of Christ. He said, "I wrote to my boy to know where he got started on that road, and he wrote back to me and told me that he had read some literature which had been given me." That father, like many another father, found that cheap literature is, after all, very costly. It is the poorest economy in the world to deprive growing boys and girls of the best literature, and, because such literature is cheap, put into their hands books and papers which are degrading.—Exchange.

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PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS

A Standard Training School is planned for Harrison and surrounding country for the second week in April.

The P. E., Dr. Whaley, reports that the Searcy District gained on 50 points and lost on 17 points last year, as shown by the Conference Minutes. The general gain is gratifying.

Our people at Bald Knob are enjoying their beautiful new church, and are very happy over the help the Church Extension Board is giving them in the financing.

As the paper must be ready for the press on Tuesday, it is not at all likely that any report of the action of the special sessions of the Conference on Tuesday, Feb. 28, can appear in this issue.

At the request of several of the Bishops, the date for the annual meeting of the General Board of Education has been changed from April 24-25 to May 1-2. The hour of meeting will be 9:00 a. m. Tuesday, May 1, place, the Publishing House.

On Feb. 24 the opening of the Educational and Recreational Building of Laurel Heights Church, San Antonio, was held. This is a great achievement under the leadership of Dr. P. C. Fletcher, formerly of this city. The editor appreciates an invitation and regrets that he could not have been present on this auspicious occasion.

Rev. W. F. Evans of this city received a message that his cousin, Mr. T. J. Evans, died Friday of last week at his home at Plain Dealing, La. He was a brother of the late Rev. A. O. Evans of Little Rock Conference and a prominent man well known in Southwest Arkansas, where he spent most of his early life. He was about 80 years old.

An Arkansas book is proving to be the most popular Bible study the W. M. Societies of Arkansas have ever used. In the last few weeks 60 Societies have adopted the "Jesus Our Ideal" and have bought nearly 500 copies of the book. It is coming into use all through the Church, and we expect for it a large and helpful mission. The second edition is almost exhausted. Dr. W. P. Whaley is the author.

Rev. F. R. Canfield, superannuate of Little Rock Conference, is living among his old friends in Chidester. On the night of Feb. 20 they remembered him with a substantial "pounding" which he and his wife appreciate. This is a good example. Let our people remember the superannuates who are living among them. Let them discover a birthday or a wedding anniversary, and celebrate the event with an old-fashioned "pounding."

A note from Mrs. Fair informs us that her husband, Rev. George Fair, passed away at San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 3, and was buried in the Mission cemetery. He was once an honored member of the Arkansas Conference and has many friends in this state. Some years ago he wrote interesting letters for the paper, giving some account of his experiences in pioneer days. He was a member of the Northwest Texas Conference, and had been a superannuate for several years. Mrs. Fair is living at 1415 Coggin Ave., Brownwood, Texas.

While in Ft. Smith attending the funeral of Mrs. O. E. Goddard, the editor enjoyed the hospitality of Rev. and Mrs. H. L. Wade at the District parsonage, and had the privilege of looking through the really wonderful parsonage of First Church, occupied by Rev. D. A. Dawson and family, and of calling at the parsonage home of Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Hook of Dodson Ave., where an informal celebration of the nineteenth anniversary of their wedding was being held in appreciation of the faithful work of this couple and the affectionate regard of the people for them.

A young man who has had some splendid training is desirous of getting in touch with some church in need of a director of Religious Education. This young man is a member of the North Carolina Conference, a graduate of Duke University, now doing graduate work in Yale Divinity School. He has had two and a half years as director of Religious Education in one of our good churches in North Carolina. Anyone desiring such a person is invited to communicate with L. F. Sensabaugh, superintendent of school administration, General Sunday School Board, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

Much is being written about the progress of dairying in Mississippi, and, judging by recent articles in our leading papers, we might conclude that that good old state is ahead of Arkansas. However, in a bulletin just issued, Mr. T. Roy Reid, assistant director of the Extension Department of the College of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas, it is shown, that, while our progress is not as spectacular, we are doing even better than Mississippi. It is stated that 1.5 cows are being milked on each Arkansas farm, while the number is 1.4 for Mississippi, and the average production per cow is 297 against 250 gallons in the latter, and the value of the dairy product in Arkansas is \$48.37 while it is \$43.20 in Mississippi. All of this is encouraging; but we should go still faster and further, as, all things considered, dairying is the best kind of farming and our State is peculiarly adapted to it.

DEATH OF MRS. O. E. GODDARD

On last Saturday in the First Church, Ft. Smith, it was my sad privilege to conduct the funeral service for one of my beloved former students, Mrs. Leila Robins Goddard, wife of Dr. O. E. Goddard, Foreign Missionary Secretary of our Board, in the presence of a group of sorrowing friends, and assisted by Rev. H. L. Wade, Rev. J. B. Stevenson, Dr. J. M. Workman, and Rev. D. A. Dawson. Members of North Arkansas Conference acted as pall-bearers.

Mrs. Goddard, who had not been strong for two years, after two weeks of severe pain, passed away on Feb. 23, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Lois Morrison, at Purcell, Okla., all members of her family being present. The burial was in Fort Smith, where her father and infant son had been laid to rest.

Leila Robins Goddard, daughter of W. E. and Elizabeth Robins, was born near Dalton, Ga., Jan. 13, 1871. The next year her parents settled near Knoxville, Ark., where Miss Leila grew to womanhood. Finishing work in the public schools, she entered Central Collegiate Institute (now Hendrix College) and graduated in 1890. Here she had formed the acquaintance of O. E. Goddard, who graduated June 21, 1892, and on the following day I had the pleasure of uniting them in marriage. After some two years in pastor work, they went, in 1894, to China as missionaries. The severe climate was too much for her health, hence the next year they returned, and for many years she helped in the parsonage while her husband filled important charges in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas. Then she was his efficient helpmeet during his incumbency of the office of Missionary Secretary. During the past two years, as he has been much in foreign lands she spent much of the time among her friends and children.

Knowing Miss Leila as a student and almost as a member of my own family, I fully appreciate the remarkable combination of intellectuality, womanliness and spirituality which made her splendid character. She was a clear and independent thinker who shrank from the consideration of no problem. She developed unusual ability as a business woman, and was an ideal wife and mother. Religious from childhood, she was devout and consecrated, and when the end drew near she did not

falter, but her trust in her Saviour was firm and strong. With a noble inheritance and helpful home training she developed into beautiful and useful Christian womanhood. She is survived by her distinguished husband, four daughters: Mrs. Ruth Jackson, San Antonio, Tex.; Mrs. Lois Morrison, Purcell, Okla.; Elizabeth, a teacher in Cameron, Tex., and Virginia, a student in the University of Oklahoma; her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Robins, Muskogee, Okla.; four brothers and sisters: W. H. Robins, Muskogee; P. K. Robins, Hominy, Okla. C. T. Robins, Foyil, Okla.; L. F. Robins, Duncan, Okla.; Mrs. H. B. Medley, Abilene, Tex.; Mrs. H. E. Newton, Muskogee; Mrs. G. W. Snedden, Tulsa, and Mrs. M. S. Webster, Tulsa.

One of the best women and truest friends of my life has gone to her reward.—A. C. M.

DEATH OF REV. DAVID BOLLS

Rev. David Bolls, a faithful superannuate of Little Rock Conference, died at a hospital in this city on Friday, Feb. 24, at the age of 74. Data at hand is not sufficient to give a satisfactory sketch of the life and ministry of this good man, but we are expecting a tribute from one who knows the facts. He was one of our hard-working, consecrated, faithful itinerants, who had spent the larger part of his ministry on circuits and missions, many of them affording meager support. About four years ago he took the superannuate relation and, having a son at Wynne, had spent most of his time at that place after superannuation. He is survived by his wife, who has the sympathy of many friends.

GOOD FOR GOVERNOR MOODY

At the recent Jackson Day dinner at Washington, D. C., where the prospective Democratic candidates for the presidency were supposed to be making their debut, Governor Moody, the young governor of Texas, whom the "wets" hope to use as a vice-presidential candidate with a "wet" chief in order to hold the "Solid South," is reported to have said: "Talk about the repeal of the 18th Amendment. You might as well talk about the repeal of the 'Golden Rule' or the 'Ten Commandments'. But here is one thing that all Democrats can agree upon: The Eighteenth Amendment is the law and the law must be enforced."

A man that holds those principles cannot be running-mate for a "wet."

A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT

According to the Journal of Education, the students of the schools in Gary, Indiana, have done a remarkable thing. Recently the city celebrated its twenty-first birthday by dedicating an auditorium that cost \$750,000, but had been built with money raised by the students alone in their various school activities. In a young city of only 60,000 people, mostly wage-earners, that is phenomenal. Little Rock is rejoicing in a million-dollar high school building. If the total cost had been paid by the students, it would be a parallel. If school children can do this, what could the Methodist Church in Arkansas do for education if it should try. Let us try.

BOOK REVIEWS

Dr. Poling's Radio Talks. With Questions and Answers; by Rev. Daniel A. Poling, D. D., LL. D.; published by George H. Doran Co., New York; price \$2.00.

Dr. Poling has made himself very popular through his work in young people's conferences. His radio talks and his books of radio talks have both proved very popular and successful. Those who are familiar with the general worth and pleasing character of his addresses will welcome this new book of radio talks in which he deals with the most vital questions of contemporary life. He is daring in his conceptions, a clear and farsighted thinker, thoroughly interested in the young people of the day and both able and willing to help them to a higher plane of thinking and living. Readers will find this book of addresses most helpful and interesting.

Adventures in the Minds of Men; by Lynn Harold Hough; published by the Abingdon Press, New York; price \$1.50.

In this book Dr. Hough gives the reader the benefit of his broad culture, his thorough knowledge and appreciation of all that is best in history and science, and introduces him into an intimate fellowship with the master minds and choice spirits of the day. There is much that is helpful and inspiring as well as much that is restful and entertaining. There is an intimate and unhurried quality in the style that makes it a very refreshing book. It is divided into three parts: first, "Books and Men"; second, "Conversations"; third, "At the Sign of the Mind at Work." Each part has a quaint charm all its own and each is worth many times the price of the book. Part three would prove especially helpful to the young preacher.

The Hospital a Training School

By FRANK W. BRANDON, D. D.

When God called Florence Nightingale to nurse the sick tremendous difficulties blocked her way. She could find no sympathy, no training, no work in any Protestant Church. Rome seemed the only door. She wrote, "The Catholic orders offered me work, training for that work, sympathy and help in the work that I had in vain sought in the Anglican Church. The Church of England has for men bishoprics and archbishoprics, but for women—what? I would have given her my head, my hand, my heart. She would not have them. She told me to go back and do crochet in my mother's drawing room. She would give me neither work to do nor education for it."

The Protestant Church has made no place for her Florence Nightingales because of the impression that only Catholics can succeed in maintaining hospitals. That impression persists and has shut out hundreds of girls from their life work. As surely as God called Florence Nightingale He is calling our girls today. As I have gone over the Church hundreds of lovely girls have sought me to tell strange stories of a voice, heard from childhood, calling to this ministry. I wish you could have looked into their earnest eyes as they told of their longing to answer God's call, but alas, there was no training, no work, no place for nurses in the Methodist Church.

Now, just why may not Protestants minister to the sick? Such ministry is Christlike. Are Catholics more Christian? Such ministry requires faith, sacrifice, courage. Are Catholics more implicit in their faith, more unselfish, more heroic? Then why the impression that Methodists cannot? Has it not come out of the Catholic system of nursing? Devoted women renounce the world, take vows of celibacy, wed themselves to the Church, are set

apart as "Sisters of Charity," receiving no pay for their heroic service. For this reason the impression prevails that only Catholics can succeed in a ministry in which nursing is the important factor.

But the Catholic is not the only system that may succeed. It is not even the best. The sacrifice of the sisters is beautiful and commands respect. But is it wise for a strong Church to permit its burden to weigh too heavily upon the slender shoulders of a few frail women? Heroic indeed of the women, but is it generous of the Church?

Our plan is wiser. Women called to nurse should be paid just as men called to preach are paid. **The whole body of the Church should have a part.** This plan is more natural, sane, human, and just.

Until recently we have had nothing to offer girls called to this ministry. But now we are definitely in the work. Already we have nine Hospitals and seven Nurse Training Schools. Last year we had enrolled 1,375 student nurses, had graduated 605, and were employing 600 nurses daily. Last year these young women nursed 23,000 patients. All but two of our Hospitals have Nurse Training Schools, and most of them have beautiful homes for the nurses.

Our Church provides an annual program in which every congregation has a place and every member a part. This program is embodied in the Golden Cross Society. "Golden Cross" is a Southern Methodist term. It belongs to us. It symbolizes something at the heart of Christ, something at the heart of humanity. On the second and Third Sundays in May, it invites every member to share the privilege and duty of ministering to the sick by enrolling in the Golden Cross.

The hammers are busy on five great Southern Methodist Hospitals as these lines are being read.

The Methodist Hospital at Fort Worth, Texas, is spending \$500,000 rushing to completion their huge and imposing building. This building will be the premier hospital in Southern Methodism.

The Methodist Hospital of Dallas was formally opened Friday, January 27. The site of this great hospital is spectacularly beautiful. A better building could scarcely be built. The North Texas Conference is backing up this enterprise with a \$25,000 assessment.

The Southern Methodist Hospital and Sanatorium at Tucson, Arizona, is erecting a new building for the treatment of tubercular patients. This unit will cost about \$50,000 and will release the main building for general surgical and medical cases. Tucson is a charming city, built in the desert like Damascus of old, without its rivers. The winter climate of Southern Arizona is unsurpassed in the world.

The Good Samaritan Hospital, Lexington, Kentucky, has had a marvelous record since becoming a Methodist institution. The service has improved, the financial affairs have prospered, its popularity has increased, and the Church is finishing a building program which has cost in two years nearly \$300,000.

The Methodist Hospital of Hattiesburg, Mississippi, is feeling at home in its new building. This is a marvel of commodious, substantial, and economical construction, having been built at a cost of less than \$3,500 per bed.

The Montgomery Memorial Hospital completed last year a beautiful new Nurses' Home. Plans have been drawn for three new buildings; and the work is under way. A campaign organization has been built to raise in Alabama \$1,000,000 for Methodist Hospitals. This plan contemplates paying off the indebtedness on the Montgomery Memorial Hospital, and the establishment of a Methodist Hospital somewhere in North Alabama.

The Barnes Hospital at St. Louis has taken rank as a great teaching and research Hospi-

tal. The notable discovery of Dr. Graham for diagnosing the gall bladder by X-ray has gone around the world. This Hospital does \$200,000 worth of free service a year. The Superintendent of Barnes, Dr. L. H. Burlingham, is the president-elect of the American Hospital Association.

The Methodist Hospital at Houston has grown in favor and usefulness until it needs to be enlarged. The Texas Conference (1927), authorized the trustees to enter on a much enlarged building program, getting a larger lot in another section of the city, if deemed wise. Superintendent Hotchkiss is also Conference director of the Golden Cross. His efficient labors resulted in the raising of \$9,721.90—making the Texas Conference second in Golden Cross enrollments.

The Wesley Memorial Hospital, Atlanta, will build in the near future a Nurses' Home, thus releasing many rooms for much-needed hospital facilities. The reputation of this Hospital is of the best in the Southeast. Mr. C. E. Lewis is director of the Golden Cross in the North Georgia Conference. He raised (1927) \$13,954, thus leading the Connection.

The Memphis Methodist Hospital has found the new wing (built last year) too small for its growing patronage. The affairs of this hospital are splendidly managed and its increasing usefulness assured. This Hospital is without endowment, yet the amount of its charity work (1927) was \$56,116—a remarkable achievement.

These ten Hospitals are worth around \$8,000,000. Our Church has been putting a million a year into hospitals for about six years. The Golden Cross Enrollment is gaining in favor, having made last year the best record in its history.

The first Knight of the Golden Cross has been named—Mrs. Elizabeth Bates, of Atlanta, in recognition of her generous gift to the endowment fund of Wesley Memorial Hospital.

Will not this knightly deed be followed by other Knight-hoods before the next General Conference?

1927 In Methodist Hospitalization

By CHAS. C. JARRELL, D. D.

W. M. SOCIETY

W. M. S. CALENDAR

Woman's Missionary Council, M. E. Church, South, March 14-21, Nashville, Tenn.

L. R. Conf. annual meeting, April 3-6, First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.

N. Ark. Conf. annual meeting, April 10-13, at Paragould, Ark.

MESSAGE FROM PINE BLUFF
FIRST CHURCH

Again I state that the Little Rock Woman's Missionary Conference will convene at First Church, Pine Bluff, April 3-6. All ministers' wives and delegates are requested to send their names with the time of arrival, to Mrs. J. R. Sanders, chairman of hospitality committee, 1815 Poplar street, Pine Bluff, Ark.—Mrs. J. O. Fisackerly, Pub. Supt.

L. R. CONF. W. M. S.

To Auxiliary Presidents:

I am mailing out the March Bulletins and pamphlets concerning the duties of the auxiliary superintendents of publicity.

If your auxiliary fails to get the literature mailed by me to you please let me hear.

Attention, please! Have you seen or read "Jesus Our Ideal" by Rev. W. P. Whaley. If not be sure to use it for your Bible study. You cannot be disappointed in so doing.

There are many reasons why our Arkansas women, specially, should read and study this book.

Let us honor the author now and benefit our own lives. Sincerely yours—Mrs. W. S. Anderson, Conf. Supt. Pub.

KENSETT

We had our first social of the year Feb. 16.

An interesting Voice program was given with Mrs. L. A. Grubbs as leader. After the program we were invited to the basement where games

were played and a delicious salad course was served to 50 members and friends.

The Kensett Auxiliary presented one of their oldest and most loved members, Mrs. H. M. White (grandmother) on her 71st birthday and 50th anniversary a beautiful gold fountain pen with stationery.—Mrs. Jeff Cautrell.

ROGERS AUXILIARY

Recently the Mission Study class of Central M. E. Church had an all-day meeting with a pot luck lunch at noon. In the new plan for the study books six ladies, each, had a chapter to lecture on; 35 ladies attended and we like this plan better than any we have tried. Mrs. H. B. Harper is chairman. The leaders were Mesdames T. E. Harris, T. W. Reeves, W. L. Williams, Morris, G. E. Bly and Miss Edith Binkley.—Mrs. R. E. Hamilton, Supt. Pub.

THE JUBILEE BOOK SHELF

Dear Co-Workers:

The year of Jubilee has come. The fiftieth year of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society. Fifty years of such history as this demands a jubilee, one with ample preparation, full of plans and thanksgiving to our Father who has led us through the years to this good year. Let it be a time for thanksgiving for the women of the past and the present who had courage and sight to lead the way. Let it be a year of high endeavor, a year of accomplishment, a year that will prove blessed among all years of our history. The goals of the Jubilee year being, "A higher spiritual standard, an appreciation of our inheritance, the extension of the organization, and the re-evaluation of our task. The study department of our society has available for its use a Jubilee Book Shelf containing fine books. These are in addition to our regular list of books and published for the use of the missionary women during the Jubilee year. The title

of the books are: 'A History of Our Achievements During the Past Fifty Years,' by Miss Mabel K. Howell; 'A Biography of Miss Bennett,' by Mrs. R. W. MacDonell; 'Who's Who in the Woman's Missionary Work'; 'Glimpses of Scarritt,' by Miss Maria L. Gibson. A book for devotional use during the Jubilee year.

The preparation of these books is not only timely as a feature of the Jubilee year, but they will fill a long-felt need for Missionary Societies' libraries.

Credit will be given for the study of these books.

I am asking you of our Missionary Societies for a thorough co-operation in securing the wide use of our Jubilee Book Shelf during the Jubilee year.

Let me again call your attention to our new Bible study text-book, "Jesus Our Ideal," by Dr. W. P. Whaley. This little book is now being studied by many societies and bids fair to prove one of our most popular Bible studies. It is meeting with favor and appreciation by all who read it. I urge all adult and Young People's Societies to adopt this as their Bible text-book for this year. You can still secure the books, if ordered in lots of six or more, at 75 cents each, from Dr. Whaley, Searcy, Ark.

The superintendents of study will not be required to send the enrollment card any longer, but in making out your reports, please make them out in full, giving the name of the book studied and number of members in classes, etc., for I will be expected to do the additional "tabbing up" that the enrollment card was doing. I appreciate very much the splendid co-operation and team work of the superintendents all over our Conference. It takes this whole-hearted interest to put over our "big job." As we have just closed an eventful year in this line of our work may it stimulate us to greater achievements this, our Jubilee year. May we have a greater devotion to our Father and diligence for His cause. Sincerely—Mrs. Jno. W. Bell.

M'GEHEE AUXILIARY

The Mission Study class of Circle No. 1 met Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. R. Coulter, the book being used is "A Straight Way Toward Tomorrow," and the lesson for the day dealt with the "Starting Point." After a few minutes of silent prayer, Mrs. E. A. Bishop played "Home Sweet Home," very softly and effectively; Mrs. J. E. Brewer read the scripture lesson, Prov. 31:10-31. Mrs. J. W. Willoughby read the Christian's aim should be—a Christian home for every child. Mrs. Bishop read Joseph Barnby's beautiful poem, "A Happy Home." Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Cole led in prayers of thanksgiving and petitions for home life. "Training the Trainer" was the basis of a splendid talk by Mrs. Cole; Mrs. Coulter's excellent paper on "The Home of Today and the Home of Yesterday" was followed by an open discussion on "The Perils and Virtues of the Modern American Home," the climax of which seemed to be reached when Mrs. Coulter read the beautiful story, "Tied to Mother's Apron String." Quotations on Home Life were given by Mesdames Wilkes, Graham and Cowles. All joined heartily in singing the song of consecration. Mrs. Cole presided over a short business meeting.—A Member.

NEWPORT AUXILIARY

Recently the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist Church met with Miss Elizabeth Gullete and Mrs. W. A. Rossington at their home on Laurel street, with a full attendance. The meeting opened with the singing of the Jubilee hymn, after which the business session was held. The society voted to prepare a box of clothing for a family in Valley Springs. Members were urged to attend the school of missions to be held

for five evenings beginning Feb. 12. The society was asked to sponsor an evening of worship and entertainment at the church, and a committee, Mrs. H. U. Williamson, Mrs. Cleo Campbell and Mrs. Carl Dean, was given the responsibility of the service. The president also appointed a membership committee, composed of the chairmen of the circles and the Whatsoever Club. Mrs. Jamison reported that the improvements on the building of the Wesley House Mission were completed, and a financial report was given by the general treasurer.

The following program was presented by Mrs. B. E. Snetser: paper: "The Old and the New."

"New Standards for the New Day," Mrs. M. L. Harris.

Discussion, "Should Present Day Standards Be Changed to Meet the Demands of the New Day?"—led by Mrs. S. R. Phillips.

Hymn, "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy."

Paper, "The Old and New Versions of Missionary Service," Mrs. C. A. Coltharp.

Reading—Essie Mae Wheatley.

Life Sketch of Juliana Hays—Mrs. E. R. Kelley.

Prayer—Mrs. B. E. Snetser.

A delightful social hour followed, during which a tempting plate luncheon was served by the hostesses.—Mrs. Carl Dew.

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Sturgis, Michigan.—"I am very thankful for what your medicine has done for me and have recommended it to others. I took it to give me strength before my baby was born. I would have to stop work and lie down sometimes all the afternoon. I felt as if I did not care whether anything was done or not. I got tired out so easily. One day I found a little book on my porch and that night I showed it to my husband and he went down town and got me a bottle of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. The medicine has helped me so much that I was soon able to do my work, and when my baby was born, my nurse, Mrs. Forbes, said it was the easiest birth she had ever attended. I will be more than pleased if I am helping someone else by giving my testimonial."—Mrs. EDWARD PER-SINE, 208 Surprise Ave., Sturgis, Michigan.

S. S. DEPARTMENT

STANDARD SCHOOL AT CLARKSVILLE

On Feb. 17 we closed a very satisfactory Standard School at Clarks-ville. Four courses were taught with splendid results in each class. We had an enrollment of 60 with 51 credits issued. Rev. W. V. Womack is doing a fine piece of work in this substantial charge. Although the church building is a commodious structure comparatively new, yet we find it inadequate to the growing needs of their educational work. They have just bought the adjoining lot and are now ready to begin the construction of a modern educational plant. This will give them what they need and make Clarksville a most desirable pastorate. Both pastor and people are happy in this progressive movement.—G. G. Davidson, Conference Supt.

STANDARD SCHOOL AT CONWAY

On Feb. 24 we closed the eighth session of the Conway Standard School. The leadership in this great church is taking its training work seriously. The Presbyterians co-operated with us in this school and the results were very gratifying both as to the number of credits and as to the splendid spirit which prevailed. This is the third Standard School we have had here within the last twelve months. It has been my privilege to teach the course on Organization in each of those Schools, and in all 51 have taken credit in this course.

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THE MORRILTON SCHOOL

Our leadership at Morrilton is setting us a new standard in training work. We had a fine Standard School there in October. They held a Junior School there in January with splendid results. They were represented in the Conway Standard School last week with about fifteen of their workers. They are now scheduled to have a co-operative School there with the Presbyterians in April. In addition to this they will be well represented in the Little Rock School. Mrs. J. C. Holcomb is the efficient superintendent of Teacher Training. She is untiring in her efforts in this work and is enthusiastically supported by the superintendent, Mr. J. G. Moore. Bro. Lester, the pastor, is happy in leading this group of consecrated workers in his church.—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

A CORRECTION

In last report through a printer's error Lexa was credited with \$3.43 when it should have been \$3.34.—G. G. D.

ONE-TEACHER COKEBURY SCHOOL AT KIBLER

The one-teacher School at Kibler developed much interest in the work of the Sunday School among the workers. Thirteen enrolled in the class and eleven met all the requirements for credit. Two Sunday Schools were represented in this School. Rev. G. R. Ditterline, pastor, is very much interested in the training work and with his leadership the School at Kibler will develop into a fine Sunday School.—G. F. S.

APPROVED COKEBURY SCHOOL AT M'RAE

Rev. H. A. Stroup of Judsonia taught the small Sunday School, and Rev. J. E. Cooper of Searcy taught the Sunday School Worker. Nineteen certificates of credit were issued. The enrollment of thirty-four in the school shows that a large number took the work, but failed to meet all the requirements for credit.

The most interesting feature of the school as shown in the reports was that four different Sunday Schools were represented among those receiving credit. Rev. J. J. Decker, pastor of the McRae Church, did good work in preparing for the school.—G. F. S.

FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

Little Rock Conference for January

Since last report, we have received the following offerings from Sunday Schools in the Little Rock Conference on the Dual Mission Special. This closes the January report. Next week we will give the first report for February.

Hollywood	\$ 1.00
Pleasant Grove	1.00
McCaskill	2.00
Lonoke	29.99
Total	\$33.99

Standing by Districts

Arkadelphia, 19 schools	\$ 70.44
Camden, 13 schools	63.37
Little Rock, 22 schools	186.22
Monticello, 9 schools	50.56
Pine Bluff, 21 schools	76.64
Prescott, 18 schools	69.74
Texarkana, 17 schools	111.56
Totals, 119 schools	\$628.53

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

TWO HUNDRED CREDITS EARNED IN TEXARKANA TRAINING SCHOOL

Keeping up our record of increase over previous years set by Pine Bluff and Hope, the Texarkana District School closed last Friday night with certificates awarded to 175 and five or six others to receive office credit which will make the total awards for the school at least 200. This is at

least fifty per cent larger than any school we have ever held in Texarkana. Had it not been for the extremely unfavorable weather the awards would have doubtless run at least 250. The crowds that came each night taxed the capacity of our First Church. Even on the closing night when all those have usually dropped off except the ones expecting credit the crowd overflowed into the galleries of the Church. Texarkana has arrived and is destined to become the largest school held in the State outside of Little Rock.—Clem Baker.

PRESIDING ELDER BREWER AND EIGHT PASTORS IN TEXARKANA SCHOOL

The most heartening feature of our work for the new year is the renewed interest of our preachers in our training work. We have already noted the fine attendance of preachers in both the Pine Bluff and Prescott District Schools. The same thing was true in the Texarkana Schools. The following preachers took credit: F. M. Freeman, T. M. Armstrong, W. C. Hilliard, S. K. Burnett, J. F. Taylor, L. C. Gatlin, J. A. Sage, R. H. Cannon. By the time the other schools are held in the Texarkana District we confidently expect every preacher in this District to have one or more units of credit for the new year.—Clem Baker.

TEXARKANA - WADE - CRAWFORD-BARCLAY ADULT UNION

At the conclusion of the wonderful course on adult work taught by Dr. Barclay at Texarkana last week the Methodist and Presbyterian Churches of Texarkana of their own initiative organized the Texarkana Wade-Crawford-Barclay Adult Union. The purpose of this union is to hold a monthly meeting of all adult workers in the several churches of Texarkana for the purpose of discussion, study, and planning for carrying out the suggestions received from Dr. Barclay in his wonderful course. Superintendent R. E. Martin was elected president of the union. We congratulate Texarkana upon this forward step, which so far as our knowledge goes is the first of its kind taken in the Church.—Clem Baker.

STAMPS SETS A NEW RECORD FOR TRAINING SCHOOL INTEREST

Our hats are off to Stamps. Last Monday night Pastor Burnett and Superintendent Cabe showed up at the Training School with sixteen in attendance from Stamps. When we closed Friday night twelve of these were present and ten received credit. This means a drive of forty miles each way, making a total of eighty miles each night, including ferrying Red river. When one considers the rain and freezing weather it must be conceded that Stamps has set a new record for Training School interest. The group of credit students gave the honors to W. R. Boney and George Holmes who acted as chauffeurs for the crowd.—Clem Baker.

LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL, MCH. 11-16

Preparations for the great State-wide School to be held in Little Rock March 11 to 16 are going on with increased interest. Already we have as many enrollment cards as had come into the office on the opening day of the school last year. The people of Little Rock are manifesting a beautiful spirit in their whole-hearted welcome to out-of-town guests. In order to accommodate these people we are again earnestly urging all our

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people who are expecting entertainment to send in their enrollment cards at once. Remember that Little Rock is generously offering entertainment to all District Officers and approved Training School Instructors in both Conferences, but we cannot promise a home to anyone unless we have previous notice of his coming. Indications are that a larger number than ever before of churches over the state are planning to send delegates who are not District officers and pay their expenses. We extend a warm welcome to all such people.—Clem Baker.

A WORD TO OUT-OF-TOWN PEOPLE PLANNING TO ATTEND LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL

We wish to call special attention to the fact that since the Little Rock School is a five-day school it is absolutely necessary for all expecting to work for credit to secure a text-book and prepare both the reading and written assignment before the opening class period Monday night, March 12. Since most of our out-of-town people cannot be present at the organization meeting Sunday afternoon it is imperative that all such secure a text-book and do the assignment

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before coming to Little Rock. We have prepared a folder showing text-book and assignment for each course, and have mailed this to all who have sent in their enrollment card. Others who have not sent in their enrollment card should by all means notify us of their coming at once in order that we may get this information to them. All text-books can be secured from Rev. D. H. Colquette, 714 1-2 Main Street, Little Rock.—Clem Baker.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS NEXT WEEK

The Pine Bluff District pastors and superintendents conferences meet next week as follows: Group No. 2 meets at DeWitt at 10 o'clock Thursday, March 8. Group No. 1 meets at Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff, Friday, March 9. All the pastors and superintendents are expected to be present at their group meetings. The program is built entirely around the work of the Sunday School superintendent. It is entirely different from any kind of Sunday School meeting we have ever held and experience is proving it to be the most profitable meeting. Let no pastor or superintendent fail to be present.—Clem Baker.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS

The Prescott District conferences for pastors and Sunday School superintendents, held at Glenwood, Nashville and Prescott last week, were really great meetings. All of the pastors save two and the largest number of superintendents that we have ever had present at any other type of meeting attended. The meetings were led by Presiding Elder Dedman assisted by the Conference and District officers. Others taking part on the programs were Coy Whitten, Fred Roebuck, J. D. Montgomery, W. A. McKeowen, C. G. Hughes and J. W. Teeter. At the conclusion of the last meeting the pastors and superintendents formed the Prescott District Pastors' and Superintendents' Training Club, each agreeing to take at least one unit of credit this year and to challenge the other Districts of the Conference to join them in a like movement. Having studied this type of a meeting and watched the reaction of our brethren I am thoroughly convinced that this should become a permanent part of our work.—Clem Baker.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

PRESCOTT DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS

Last week we held three Epworth League Group Meetings in the Prescott District. The pastors and superintendents of Sunday Schools were invited to meet during the day, and the pastors and Epworth League workers to meet at night.

Although it rained and the roads were muddy we had fine meetings. The attendance was not as large as in other similar meetings, but the interest was fine.

Glenwood—The first meeting was held at Glenwood Tuesday night. The three pastors were present and one from Caddo Gap. There were 12 present from Glenwood. Though small in attendance this was a good meeting.

Nashville—In this meeting Wednesday night there were six from Center Point, five from Bingen, three from Delight, six from Mineral Springs, three from Washington and 25 from Nashville, and all the pastors but one. A total of 48 in attendance. This was another good meeting. Four Chapters reported new pledges amounting to \$65.00.

Prescott—Thursday night we had a fine meeting at Prescott. There were five present from Emmet, one from Gurdon, three from Friendship, 16 from Blevins, two from Midway, 10 from Hope and 19 from Prescott. A total attendance of 56, which was the largest meeting we had. This group voted unanimously to organize a Group Union with these Chapters supporting it. Emmet reported their pledge paid in full.

Each of the entertaining churches served a nice lunch at 6:30, a real contribution to the program. At 7:00 the program began and for two hours we considered some of the more important phases of Epworth League work. Interest was keen all the time, and the young people of the Prescott District, led by their officers, by their presiding elder, Rev. J. L. Dedman, and by their pastors, will make a fine showing this year. In these Group meetings we were able to secure an up-to-date mailing list of officers of the Chapters.—S. T. Baugh.

ERA AGENTS AND DOUGLASSVILLE

Several more reports have come in from Epworth Era night program observance. At last report there were 44 subscribers. The report now shows a little better but still not up to the quota of 84. Era agents and presidents, are you willing to sit idly by and not report? Thereby you're keeping your district from reaching its quota of new subscriptions. Please let me have your report this week without fail. Do your part toward putting Little Rock district "over the top." Following are the reports received since the other report was made:

Formerly reported	44
Pulaski Heights	1
Dougllassville	5
Geyer Springs	8
First Church	2

Total 60
I had a very enjoyable visit with the Dougllassville Leaguers on Sunday, Feb. 12. I just walked in on them and I enjoyed the program immensely. This League was organized at Christmas time and is only two months old, but they have all the markings of a group who will have a Seal League in a short while. They have the enthusiasm and joy in their work which some of us fail to have. Mr. Horn led the meeting and there was a fine spirit of co-operation throughout the devotional. I installed the officers at the evening hour and each one solemnly promised to give of his best to the Master. Mr. Beck is president. I have confidence in this group of young people and I believe they are going to make other and older

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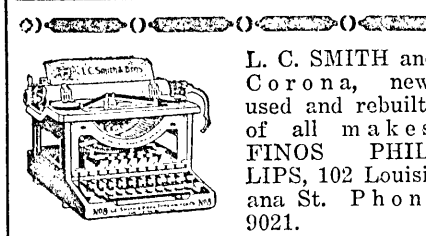
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NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

MISSIONARY OFFERING

I give below the names of the churches and pastors that have sent in missionary offerings this year. I am expecting to be swamped with remittances this week. Again I urge that the pastors and committees see that this offering is taken in every church and that every member is given an opportunity to help in our missionary work. Then be sure to send the money in. This missionary period is not over for the local church until the above program is carried out.

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1st Church, Blytheville; Jef-	
erson Sherman.....	10.00
Salem; W. W. Peterson.....	101.00
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Fuckerman; Lester Weaver.....	255.26
East Side, Paragould; J. L.	
Shelby.....	130.00
Lavaca; Hoy M. Lewis.....	14.00
Total.....	\$645.26
Little Rock Conference	
Wesson; C. L. Cagle.....	\$175.00
Paraloma; J. F. Taylor.....	30.00
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Christie.....	28.00
DeQueen; R. H. Cannon.....	50.00
Carlisle Ct.; J. B. Hoover.....	27.50
Norphlet; J. E. Waddell.....	30.00
Washington; L. T. Rogers.....	100.00
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Winfield, Little Rock; P. W.	
Quillian.....	1,200.00
Lonoke; J. T. Rodgers.....	150.00
Total.....	\$1,825.50
Total from both Confer-	\$2,470.76
ences.....	—J. F. Simmons

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION MEETING

The executive committee of the Little Rock Conference Board of Church Extension will meet at First Church, Little Rock, on Tuesday, March 13, at 2:30 p. m.

All persons wishing to appear before the Board at this time will please be governed by this notice as to place and date. Those wishing to present applications to either the General or Conference Board will please have same in the hands of the secretary not later than 10 a. m., March 13.

The secretary will furnish applications on request.—F. P. Doak, Chairman; G. W. Pardee, Secretary.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NOTES

With completion of the new Library Building, Hendrix College has also inaugurated a program of campus beautification and the next few months will witness an entire transformation of the property, especially the area between the main building and the dining hall. A small garden will oc-

cupy the former site of Russell Cottage, the main driveway will be improved and beautified, flowers and shrubs will be planted and walks constructed. It is the hope of the College officers to have this work of betterment completed by commencement, and already much has been done.

The work was first undertaken to clear away odds and ends of materials left after the Library Building was finished. This suggested an extension of the plan, and the results have been a cause for rejoicing by the entire College community.

Hendrix has always taken pride in the accomplishments of her students and it can be claimed fairly that no other institution has been so bountifully blessed with opportunities to as-

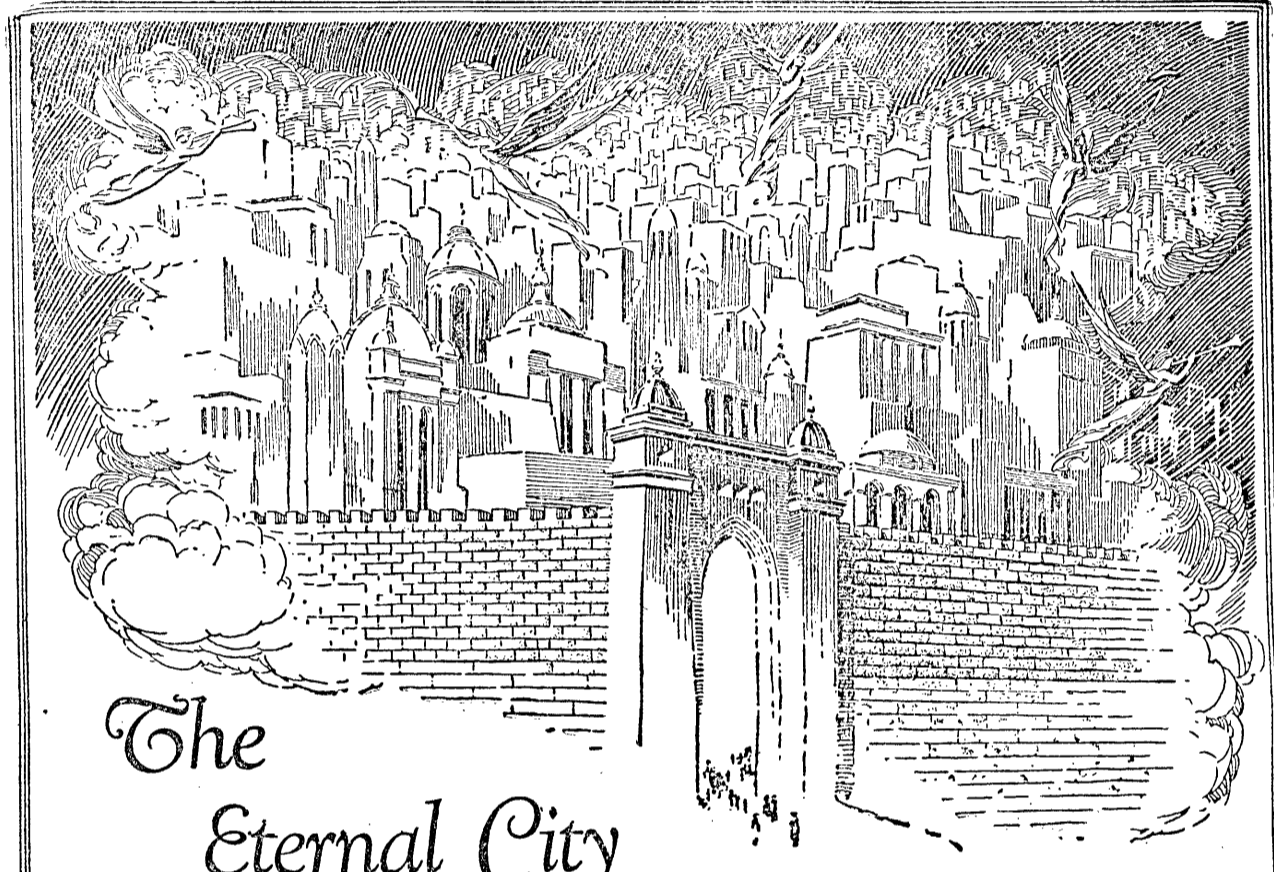
sist in the development of talent. Three students now at the college uphold this tradition in a way that is worthy of all commendation.

Bascom Edington, Ray Seals, and Roy R. Greenfield are former students of Valley Springs Academy, of which the principal is Prof. M. J. Russell, former headmaster of Hendrix Academy. Seals and Greenfield had the required credits for admission to the Freshman Class when they reached the college. However, Edington was handicapped in this respect and rather than refuse him, the College used the option offered by the North Central Association and subjected him to a general intelligence test. He made the highest grade ever recorded at Hendrix in a test of this

kind and in three semesters of work has made a scholastic average of 93.5. Seals and Greenfield have also averaged high in scholarship. All three are earning their expenses by work while in school.

The showing of these boys recalls the college's great need of scholarships and opportunities for part time employment. Every year the applications are greater in number than the resources of the institution will accommodate. Often a prospective student is denied the opportunity of an education for lack of a sum which, to the average man of affairs, would be only nominal, so that establishment of a scholarship fund offers an exceedingly worth-while opportunity to as-

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The Eternal City

"And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst."

Revelation Ch. 21. vs. 19, 20.

John, the beloved disciple, in the above, endeavors to express in human language the most transcendent spiritual beauty and permanence of the heavenly city,—the everlasting city. He selected, singularly enough, to describe the foundations thereof, beautiful crystalline gems, every one of which appears in the minute crystals of

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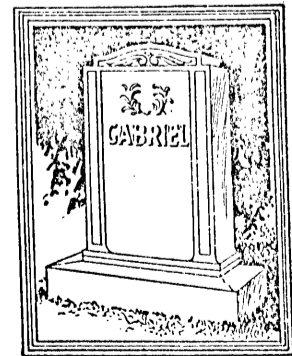
When the surface of this granite, which is a composite of these actual precious stone crystals, is highly polished, all the scintillating beauty and color of these jewels becomes visible.

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HONORING THE WAR-SCARRED HEROES OF "Clean-Up Campaign" for Superannuate Endow



TO THE MORE THAN TWO HUNDRED PASTORS IN THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE; TO THE SEVENTY THOUSAND METHODIST MEMBERS IN THE SAME TERRITORY; AND TO THE HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF FRIENDS AND BENEFICIARIES OF SUPERANNUATED PREACHERS: GREETING.

By appointment of our Bishop, and at the suggestion of a representative of the General Board of Finance, I am engaging in the delightful task of leading the militant forces of North Arkansas Methodism in raising the unpaid quotas that were made for the support of the Superannuated Preachers, their widows and orphans in the year 1923.

These past four years have been filled with sunshine and shadows, mostly shadows for these old preachers. During this period, twelve of them have passed into the Great Beyond. But forty-one of them, whose average age will be above eighty, are lingering in the shadows, filled with light at the evening time. There are forty-one widows of deceased preachers, women who were faithful in the stress of battle and are now loyal to the Church which they served with their husbands, and which they love today. There are eight dependent children of these deceased methodist preachers whose fathers and mothers both gave their lives in the service of our Church.

It is true that our Church has done and is doing something for these claimants. Last year, we received from the General Board of Finance \$4,389 as interest on Endowment. This, with the amount received from the Conference, made a total of \$18,448, which was distributed among ninety-one claimants, amounting to a little more than \$200 apiece. The average amount paid to each one in 1927 was as follows:

Superannuates	\$270
Widows	150
Orphans	78

Many of these Superannuates are not only feeble, but their companion remains with them, many times even as feeble as her husband. And thus, there are two in many instances, instead of one to live on the \$270. They have no parsonage to live in, so far as we know, there being only one Superannuate Home in the bounds of our Conference. But enough along that line. Read this extract from a letter recently received by the Board of Finance from one of our honored claimants.

"My eyes melt in tears while I think and breathe a prayer. God bless you, and there is a mighty swelling of the heart, but do you know that there comes peering through it all a golden sunbeam that tells me that there is light ahead.

The fellow on the firing line drawing a salary every thirty days cannot understand the needs of the wayworn, handicapped soldier with corroded gun and broken sword resting on his arm, waiting for his annual allowance at the end of the year. From my heart, I thank you."

Our Conferences and charges seemingly, were glad to accept their quotas in 1923. Our Conference Quota was \$309,222. We have paid up to date approximately \$75,000, just about one-fourth of what we agreed to pay. This ought to make us all ashamed. Many of us have worked hard at the job. Some of us have done a little. One hundred and twenty charges and pastors have paid less than \$100 on their respective five-year quotas. Forty-two pastors and charges have paid nothing according to the minutes of 1927. But let us look at the bright side of the picture for the moment. There are seven good strong charges in the North Arkansas Conference which are paid up to March 1st, 1928. They have had four annual payments and lack only one payment of being paid in full. We are glad to give the names of these charges with the pastors of the same:

Charge—	5-Year Quota.	Pastor
Batesville	\$3,480.00	W. C. Davidson
Cabot	1,500.00	R. A. Teeter
Russellville	2,500.00	J. B. Evans
Jonesboro	5,000.00	J. W. Crichlow
Marion	2,500.00	D. C. Holman
Helena	4,480.00	P. Q. Rorie
Searcy	3,000.00	J. E. Cooper

We issue a challenge to these seven men. Who will take the honor of being the first charge, or the pastor of the first charge, to pay out in full on the Superannuate Endowment? One or two of these are already a little more than paid in full on the fourth year. Come on, let's go!

The following charges have a good record on the Superannuate Endowment in our Conference. They are well paid up on their quotas. Some lack just a few dollars of being paid to date on their pledges. We are glad to give their names: Clarksville, Fayetteville, Rogers, Siloam Springs, First Church (Fort Smith), Greenwood, Ozark, Osceola, Hoxie, Forrest City, Holly Grove-Marvel.

INDIVIDUAL DISTINCTIONS

First Church, Conway, has the distinction of pledging the largest amount of any church in the Conference, their accepted five-year quota being \$6,000.

First Church, Ft. Smith, has the distinction of having paid the largest amount up to date of any church in the Conference. They have paid \$4,300 on an accepted quota of \$5,647.

Evening Shade Church and Bethlehem Church, both on the Evening Shade Circuit, are the only individual churches that have paid in full their five-year accepted quotas. Their record is as follows:

Bethlehem Church, quota \$58.00, paid \$60.00.

Evening Shade Church, quota \$186, paid \$224.25.

Rev. J. W. Johnston was the pastor on this circuit when these pledges were made and paid. This is the banner circuit in the Conference on this noble cause, so far as our records show.

SOME FACTS ABOUT OUR OWN SUPERANNUATES

The average length of life after superannuation is a little more than nine years.

The average ministerial life is forty years.

The average length of life in active service is thirty years.

The four having served forty-five years and more are as follows: Rev. M. B. Umsted, 46 years; Rev. J. F. Jernigan, 49 years; Rev. Cadesman Pope, 50 years, and the Rev. H. Hanesworth, 56 years.

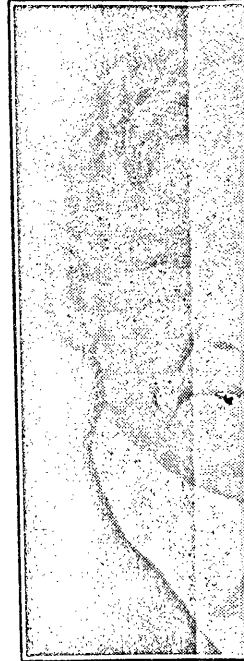
As a result of a recent questionnaire, with thirty-two of our Superannuates reporting, we gather the following facts: Number of Churches built, 134. Number of conversions reported, 38,124. Average salary, \$600. Lowest annual salary received by anyone was \$23.60.

This questionnaire was conducted by Rev. M. M. Smith for the preachers of the old White River Conference and Rev. O. H. Tucker for the preachers of the old Arkansas Conference.

FACTS ABOUT THE DISTRIBUTION OF SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT FUNDS

1. This Superannuate Endowment money will be kept on interest as a permanent fund. The income from it will be used perpetually for the support of Superannuated preachers, the widows and orphans of deceased members of the Conference and none others.

2. One half of this fund will be distributed by the General Board of Finance to the claimants; the basis



AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LEADERS SUPERANNUATE

Dear Friends:

By authority of the General Conference Annual Conferences at their meetings in College of Bishops at their Fall Meeting preparing its plans for a movement in and personal subscriptions the Superannuate all the Charges.

This Clean-up Campaign has my unflinching support. It should be pressed to completion by the next General Conference. We have agreed to lead us in this work: Rev. H. Lynn Wade, North Arkansas Conference, and Rev. H. Lynn Wade, North Arkansas Conference, entitled to our heartiest support.

I am, therefore, writing this open letter to the members of the Superannuate Endowment to lead their charges in doing their full duty. It is not only my earnest hope but the hope of the Little Rock Conference and committeemen of the Little Rock Conference to fully co-operate with the Conference in making this undertaking a creditable success.

The Board of Finance has become a body of worthy credit to our great Church. We are doing less than our best for the cause, but we are doing a worthy mark of distinction if Arkansas Conference on results achieved in this campaign.

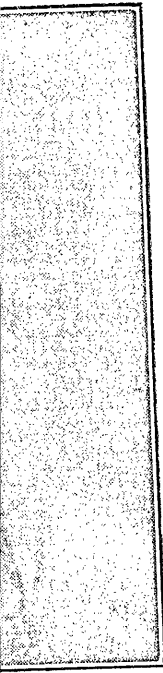
I shall hold myself ready to do what you, to reach the goal which we have set before us.

of distribution being the number of years of active service rendered. The other half of this fund will be distributed by the Conference Board of Finance to its own claimants according to the Discipline which reads as follows: "The Conference Board of Finance shall distribute the moneys received on assessment and otherwise to the Superannuated Preachers, and widows and orphans of deceased members of the Conference, ACCORDING TO THEIR SEVERAL NECESSITIES; provided, however, that in case of equal necessity the Board may take into account the time of active service rendered by the claimants." (Paragraph 350).

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Government Quota Balances—March 1 to May 31



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... Rev. John C. Glenn, Little Rock Con-
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Yours sincerely,

H. A. Boaz

Bishop in Charge.

TWO GREAT RADIO PROGRAMS

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TION MAY HEAR THESE
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ISTS.—

**JOHN C. GLENN,
Chairman**



AN EARNEST APPEAL TO THE PASTORS AND LAYMEMBERS OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

My Dear Friends and Co-Workers:

As your Conference Director of the "Clean-Up Campaign" for Superannuate Endowment Quota Balances, I am making my initial public appeal for your whole-hearted co-operation and unstinted support. Being a busy pastor, practically all of my work as leader of this most worthy and sacred movement must be done through correspondence. I shall not, however, burden you with letters. But I trust that you will be prompt with your response to my reasonable appeals and requests through this medium.

Our Conference-wide campaign formally opens today (March 1, 1928), and I am entering upon the strenuous duties of the movement with undaunted courage and unwavering optimism. I am going to invest every ounce of my energy to the end that we shall come to the close of the period (May 31, 1928) with our banners in the air. I have every reason to believe that we will make this, the fifth and final year of the Special Effort for Superannuate Endowment, a glorious success.

To spur the Little Rock Conference on to glorious victory, we have before us the heartening news of the successes of other denominations in similar movements. The Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., with a total Superannuate Endowment of \$13,000,000 in hand, recently launched a great movement for \$15,000,000 additional. They not only secured the additional amount sought after but nearly \$100,000 in excess of that amount.

The Protestant Episcopal Church has in hand approximately \$21,000,000 Superannuate Endowment.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has more than \$19,000,000 Superannuate Endowment in hand and is just now making preparations to increase that amount.

The Northern Baptists have in hand \$16,000,000 Superannuate Endowment.

The Congregational Church, with but 1,160 claimants, has more than \$10,000,000 Superannuate Endowment in hand.

Our Church started four years ago with a million dollars in hand, and has raised about \$3,000,000 additional since that time. We are fully \$7,000,000 short of the \$10,000,000 additional endowment we set out to raise. This comparative showing of our Church with that of other leading denominations should be enough to spur every loyal Methodist of the Little Rock Conference to heroic action.

I close with the hope that no Methodist—Pastor or Lay Member—will prophesy anything but success. Let this be our slogan: "Every Charge in the Little Rock Conference in Full."

Yours for success,

H. Lynn Wade

Director for Sup. Endowment.

John C. Glenn

Conference Director.

annuate Endowment quotas as ap-
pointed by our General Conference
and accepted by our own Conference
at Searcy by a rising vote, was March,
April and May. Now, let's get busy.
March is the month for preparation.
Easter Sunday is the day appointed
to take an offering and secure indi-
vidual subscriptions sufficient to cov-
er the entire quota of each individual
church. Every minute of my time that
I can possibly spare will be given to

this work during the next three
months. Write me. Command me.
Use me for all I am worth.

Our Church is now facing the acid
test of her concern for her Superan-
nuated Preachers. We, as preachers,
are face to face with a task and the
opportunity of doing something big
and outstanding in a cause that has
been so long neglected.

Pulling together, we shall not fail.

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sist the new generation of Arkansas citizens.

At the meeting of the Scholarship Society of the South, held at Howard-Payne College, Brownwood, Tex., Hendrix was represented by Miss Beulah Mae Willis. The College qualified several years ago for a local chapter of the Scholarship Society and to attain membership is an honor coveted by all of the students.

Last week Hendrix students had the pleasure of taking part in the Founder's Day program at Central College and in May the State Teachers College will observe her twenty-first birthday with a notable celebration. These institutions have grown and developed along with Hendrix and the success of both is a matter for

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gratification by the state at large. There are few college communities in the entire country which have developed and maintained such a fine spirit of co-operation as the city of Conway, and Hendrix, in making its contribution in this respect, has always been willing to accept gratefully the fine contributions of the sister institutions.

Led by a gifted Arkansas minister, Rev. J. W. Workman, the annual revival at the College accomplished much. Mr. Workman is in reality a specialist in his contacts with students and his understanding of student life and his messages reflected the fruits of his years of study and work. The students appreciated his work during the week of special services. Arkansas friends of the Workman family will be glad, though not surprised, to learn that Mr. Workman, as student pastor of the University of Oklahoma, is meeting with the same degree of success as attained in similar work at the University of Arkansas.

With the close of the basket-ball season, Coach Ivan Grove's athletes will turn to track and field sports and the stadium will for the next few months be the scene of much work. Hendrix will have three meets at home and three abroad, and the high-school athletes of Arkansas are also scheduled to perform in the stadium early in May.—Reporter.

NOTICE OF DEDICATION
 On April 8, Easter Sunday, Dr. James Thomas of Little Rock will be with us to preach and dedicate our church, Burt Pickens Jr. Memorial Methodist Church, Dumas, Ark. We expect this to be a great day for our church, and cordially invite all former pastors and presiding elders to be present. Also all that now are or have ever been members are especially invited to be on hand that day. Dumas Methodists will provide entertainment for all out-of-town visitors.—C. N. Smith, Pastor.

FULTON
 We had our first quarterly Conference at old Fulton on the first Sunday in February, and we collected a little more than ten dollars. This is the first collection we have had since we took charge of the Mission. I was reminded of what David Crocket said, when he attended his first shooting match as a lad. He won the prize, which was in silver, and when he walked away said to himself, that there were few men greater than David Crocket. When I received the small collection I returned home and said to my wife: "Be of good cheer. We are going to have steak for supper instead of soup and crackers."

It does look like with all the wealth of the Methodist Church there ought to be surplus money enough to help out on these poor charges. Our Methodist income a year is more than a

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billions dollars. It looks like to me that our rural districts are greatly neglected—now worse than ever. There is too much being put in some places and not enough in other places. There is now a greater opportunity at old Fulton than has been in the past twenty years. Our assessment is only \$225 on the entire charge, and it will not pay all of that.

But as long as I can get bread to eat, I am determined to stay with the job. Now I can very readily see some of the suffering that our dear old saints underwent in the days gone by as they blazed the way for us and for our great Church all over this country. I am willing to suffer my part, as I think I have done for the past ten or fifteen years. I have a little home left yet, and if I could place it in some way so that I could get the money in the deal I would be willing to contribute a portion of the little amount over and above what I had to have to those dear old saints of God, notwithstanding I have already contributed some to them.

The outlook for us the coming year looks pretty gloomy. Wife's health is poor, but we by the grace of God look for a better day.

It does look like we ought to be able to get some help on this little mission; enough anyway to keep the wolf from the door.

We had a fine service last Sunday at one of the preaching places on our little mission, and collected one dollar. We are determined to stay with the job as long as it is possible. It is said that where there is a will there is a way.

Brother Cannon said a great truth in his letter a few days ago when he said that there ought to be more given to the poor circuits.—J. A. Hall, P. C.

PRINCETON CIRCUIT
 When we moved here after Conference we arrived about 6 p. m. and found a fine supper on the table and the fire laid in the stove, so that in a few minutes we were as comfortable as could be. Then shortly after they gave us such a "pounding" as would gladden the heart of any preacher. We are getting along finely with all of the folks, having good crowds at almost every service and the folks are taking a good deal of interest in their church work, especially the Conference Claims.

We have had one great loss since moving to this circuit. Bro. J. D. Jones, that great man of God who has been the backbone of old Zion Church for many years, departed for the better world Feb. 14, 1928.—R. W. Groves, P. C.

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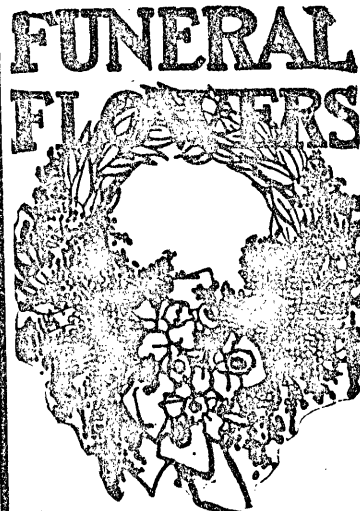
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(Second Round)
Colt, March 3, a. m.
Wynne, March 3, a. m.
Forrest City, March 10, a. m.
Widner-Madison, March 10, p. m.
Marianna, March 17, a. m.
Hughes, March 17, p. m.
Vandale-C. V., March 24, a. m.
Harrisburg, March 24, p. m.
Elaine, March 31, a. m.
West Helena, March 31, p. m.
Crawfordsville, Apr. 7, a. m.
Hulbert-W. M., Apr. 7, p. m.
Helena, Apr. 21, a. m.
Haynes-Lexa, Apr. 21, p. m.
Wheatley, Apr. 28, a. m.
Round Pond-Heth, Apr. 28, p. m.
Parkin, May 5, a. m.
Earle, May 5, p. m.
Aubrey, May 12, a. m.
Brinkley, May 12, p. m.
Clarendon, May 19, a. m.
Hunter-H. R., May 19, p. m.
Turner, May 26, a. m.
Holly G.-Marvell, May 26, p. m.
—Jas. A. Anderson, P. E.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

(Second Round)
Montrose-Snyder at Snyder, 11 a. m., Mch. 4.
Eudora, 7:30 p. m., Mch. 4.
Fountain Hill at Prairie Chapel, 11 a. m., Mch. 10.
Hamburg, 11 a. m., Mch. 11.
Wilmot, 7:30 p. m., Mch. 11.
Monticello, 11 a. m., Mch. 18.
Ark. S. Camp, 7:30 p. m., Mch. 18.
Tillar Ct., at Winchester, 11 a. m., Mch. 25.
McGehee, 7:30 p. m., Mch. 25.
Crossett, 11 a. m., April 1.
Lake Village, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 1.
Dumas, 11 a. m., Apr. 8. Dedication of Church by Dr. Thomas.
Dermott, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 8.
Banks, 11 a. m., Apr. 15.
Wilmar, 11 a. m., Apr. 15.
Warren, 7:30 p. m., Apr. 15.
Hermitage, 11 a. m., Apr. 21.
New Edinburg, 11 a. m.; Good Hope, Apr. 22.
Portland-Parkdale, 3 p. m.; at Portland, Apr. 25.
Ark. City-Kelso at K., 11 a. m., Apr. 29.
District Conference meets in Portland Monday night for opening sermon. Conference convenes 8:30 a. m., Tuesday, April 24. Closes 3 p. m. Wednesday, April 25. Bishop Boaz preaches Tuesday at 11 a. m.—E. R. Steel, P. E.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

(Second Round)
Swan Lake-Bayou Meto, at S-L, 11 a. m., March 4.
Hawley Memorial, 7:30 p. m., March 4.
Grady-Gould, at Grady, 11 a. m., March 11.
First Church, Pine Bluff, 7:30 p. m., Mch. 11.
Lakeside, 11 a. m., March 18.
Sherrell-Tucker, 7:30 p. m., March 18.
Sheridan Ct., at Bethel, 11 a. m., Mch. 25.
Sheridan-New Hope, 7:30 p. m., March 25.
Humphrey-Sunshine, 11 a. m., April 1.
Alzheimer-Wabaseka, 7:30 p. m., April 1.
Roe Ct., at Ulm, 11 a. m., April 8.
Stuttgart, 7:30 p. m., April 8.
St. Charles Ct., 11 a. m., April 15.
DeWitt, 7:30 p. m., April 15.
Gillett-Little Prairie, 11 a. m., April 22.
Rowell Ct., 11 a. m., April 29.
—J. A. Henderson, P. E.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson for March 4

JESUS AND THE TWELVE

LESSON TOPIC—Mark 3:13-19; 6:7-13.
GOLDEN TEXT—Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel unto every creature.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Chooses Twelve Helpers.
JUNIOR TOPIC—The Twelve Apostles and Their Work.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus' Call to Service.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Training of the Twelve.

I. The Twelve Ordained (Mark 3:13-19).

Jesus, knowing that His earthly career would be cut short, made provision for the carrying forward of His work after He was gone by calling and ordaining the twelve. Before doing this He spent a whole night in prayer (Luke 6:12). The burden of His prayer is indicated by what He immediately did. From among His disciples He chose twelve, whom He ordained for a twofold purpose.

1. "That they might be with Him" (v. 14).

Fellowship with the Lord is not only the highest privilege of a disciple but the indispensable qualification for witnessing for Him. Personal association with Jesus Christ—the interaction of personalities—the impact of His personality upon ours is the essential preparation for Christian service.

2. "That He might send them forth to preach" (vv. 14, 15).

To proclaim the good news of salvation to the lost world was the supreme mission of the disciples. Their credential for this mission was the endowment of the power of the Spirit—"To heal sickness and to cast out devils" (v. 15). Concerning those who were to be Christ's messengers observe:

(1) That twelve were ordained (v. 14). This was the beginning of the process by which the triune God was to make known His grace to the whole world, therefore He sends forth the number of men corresponding to that purpose. The number twelve is the product of the heavenly three and the earthly four indicating the purpose of the triune God to reveal Himself to the four quarters of the world.

(2) Their characteristics. (a) Men of average ability. They were not from schools and colleges, yet men of mental capacity and efficiency. This has been the history of the Christian church. Not many noble, not many wise after the flesh are called (1 Cor. 1:26). (b) Middle ranks of society. They were not chosen from among the rich, neither from among paupers. The most efficient workers are those who are able to sympathize with the common people. (c) Diverse temperamental gifts. They were so grouped as to have impulse and leadership—reflection and questioning went together, and among them were found men of practical business ability.

II. The Twelve Sent Forth (Mark 6:7-13).

1. They were sent forth in pairs (v. 7).

Two reasons may be assigned for this. (1) A cheering and comforting companionship for the workers.

(2) Confirmation of testimony. In the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established. People would more likely believe that which was verified by two.

2. Supernatural authentication of their mission (v. 7). He gave them power over unclean spirits. He endowed them with power to work miracles, in order to demonstrate their divine commission.

3. Their maintenance (vv. 8, 9).

They were to depend wholly for their support upon the Lord who sent them. Having received the message and the power gratuitously they were to give them out in the same way (Matt. 10:9).

4. Contentment with hospitality (v. 10).

According to Matt. 10:11, inquiry was to be made upon entering a city as to a reputable place to stay. Upon being directed to such a place the missionary was to be content.

5. The responsibilities of the hearers (v. 11).

Judgment was to be pronounced upon those who rejected their message.

6. Their message and work (vv. 12, 13).

They went out and preached that men should repent. Matthew adds, "The Kingdom of Heaven is at hand" (Matt. 10:7). This means that the kingdom promised to Israel was at hand, that the Messiah was present and ready to set up His kingdom. In confirmation of this message they cast out many devils, anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

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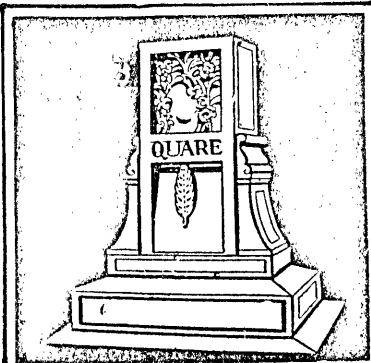
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And so it is in describing a city. One hesitates which of its multiple facets to picture. One may state its size, in figures, but that indicates only mass. A rhinoceros is bigger than a collie dog, but not nearly so appealing.

The late O. Henry wrote an admirable story entitled "A Municipal Report." In it he quoted from time to time, statistics—so much population, so many cotton oil mills, so many railroads. Then he would throw in a score of paragraphs about the people of his story—the flesh and blood and mind and heart which clothed the bare bones of statistics and gave them life and meaning.

If there is one word which describes better than any other the Fort Smith of 1928 it is "balance." A man may be brilliant to the point of genius, and yet utterly bereft of those qualities of common sense which make him a useful citizen. He may be rich as Croesus and yet be barren of that milk of human kindness which makes him a light to his fellow-man. Just so a city may hum with activity in a specialized line today, and, through a quirk of circumstance which paralyzes a specialized market for a time, be dead as the Deserted Village tomorrow. It may have within its borders half a million souls, with a high percentage of poverty and unemployment. It may be long on resources and short on initiative. It may have marvelous office buildings, great department stores, a forest of smokestacks and yet be top-heavy with service agencies and deficient in fundamental wealth production. "Balance" is the ideal toward which cities, even as men and women, must strive.

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Fort Smith has had that quality of balance. It was founded to meet a very definite need. It has grown as growth was needed to meet the ever-changing and ever-expanding needs of a more modern civilization. It is not an artificial city, but a natural development, based upon a logical use of the natural resources of material and climate, the economic possibilities presented by its markets and the human initiative of management and labor.

Its activities are so diversified, and its products are created for so wide a market that it is able to preserve the even tenor of its way, never seriously disturbed by a crop failure in a limited section, never depressed because a given industry hits a slump, never leaping from the peaks of ecstasy into the valley of despair, but steadily developing a growing purchasing power, based upon the reasonable possibilities of soil, climate, raw material, transportation, labor and markets.

Population is so easy to estimate and so hard to prove, and after all, it means so much less than the general average condition of the units that make it up. The 1920 census gave Fort Smith 28,870 people. A survey of factors indicating population—public utility services, school enumeration and enrollment—conducted in December, 1927, by the Southwest-Times Record indicated a present population of 42,612.

Dr. J. A. Dickey, head of the department of rural economics and sociology of the University of Arkansas, recently said if one wishes to advertise a city effectively, he should advertise not what the city has, but what it has done. What a city has, unused, is an advertisement of the incapacity of its own people. What it has done with what it has advertised the initiative, the resourcefulness, the inherent qualities of its people, which, after all, are more important.

Just a few facts as a background. Around Fort Smith, to the east, south and west, lie the Arkansas-Oklahoma coal deposits, four or five billion tons of them. Industrially, they are not so important at the moment as they have been and will be again. But more of that, after the rest of the background is sketched in. Around Fort Smith, again to the east, south and west, lie natural gas fields which have been serving Fort Smith with industrial and commercial gas supplies since Jan. 1, 1905. Twenty-three years is a long life for a natural gas field, but constantly new gas areas have been brought into production, and the original wells from which gas was brought in 1905 are still doing business, contributing their quota to the city's industrial and domestic needs. All about Fort Smith are large resources of timber, which have caused development of a large wood-working industry—

14 furniture plants shipping to a wide area, and a number of other diversified wood-working factories. The whole city is underlaid with shale in inexhaustible quantities. Brick making has been an active industry for more than 20 years, founded to pave the streets in the largest paving contract for city streets ever let up to that time, a total of about 80 miles. Water comes from the Poteau river, a mountain stream, of such quality that the water may be freely used for all kinds of industrial uses without further treatment. Its rail facilities are ideal—five main lines and three branches, radiating in all directions like the spokes of a wheel. Its labor supply is white, native-born and intelligent, and is drawn from a wide area of Arkansas and Oklahoma. No labor troubles have been experienced for years, and relations between employer and employee are excellent.

That is a picture of the background, painted with broad strokes of the brush. Against that background and drawing from it is the diversified industry which more than anything else gives Fort Smith its balance. There were 121 different factories in Fort Smith the last time they were counted. There may be more now. They spring up here and there, as some man or group of men sees an opportunity to convert a resource into a saleable commodity. There are factories making furniture, truck bodies, handles, rims and bows, wood stock, novelties, glass bottles, lamp chimneys, window glass, package ware, lantern globes, zinc smelter, biscuits, pants, overalls, tents, camping supplies, scissors, harness, saddles, drugs, druggists' supplies, oxygen, hydrogen, acetylene gas, floor sweep, candies, coffee, cigars, coffins, well buckets, pump cans, cotton seed products, merchant iron and steel, castings, bed springs, mattresses, brick tile, engraving, bound books, theater tickets, bottlers' products, bakery goods, creamery butter, cereals, boilers, drill bits, sash and doors complete, jewelry, radios, millinery, canned goods, ice cream, boxes

and crates, paper boxes, mirrors, lumber and other things that do not so readily come to mind.

Back of this record of things actually done, industries actually operating at a profit to their owners and to their employees, lie many factors. These same factors offer opportunity for more industries.

Utility service is an important element in city building. Fort Smith's water is furnished by a municipally-owned plant, completely overhauled and extended in the last few years. Its value is around \$2,000,000. A contract was recently let for a low-water dam in the Poteau river, to further protect the water supply and to impound additional water for a possible need in dry years.

Electrically, Fort Smith is ideally situated. It is served by the Fort Smith Light and Traction Company, one of the Byllesby properties. An electric power plant located in Fort Smith uses gas for fuel, at a rate ranging from 12 to 15 cents, and averaging a trifle over 12 cents. In addition, the Fort Smith properties are interconnected with the extensive system of the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company, with its several large and economically operated steam plants in Oklahoma. The Mississippi

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Valley Power Company, serving a considerable territory to the east, is furnished its supplies from the Fort Smith plant and the Oklahoma Gas and Electric Company interconnection here. A failure of power is next to impossible, with two sources of supply. Domestic electric rates range from 9 cents a kilowatt, with a five per cent discount, down to 5 cents. Power rates range from five to one, dependent upon the installation.

For years, Fort Smith has had more favorable gas rates than any of its competing cities. Following rate litigation ended by compromises last summer, the domestic gas rate now stands at 33 cents a thousand feet top price, guaranteed for a period of four years from June 23, 1927. The industrial gas rate, charged by the Twin City Pipe Line Company, has stood at a sliding scale of 12 to 15 cents, averaging a little over 12 cents for big users, since 1921, and the company has indicated no desire to change it. An agreement effective for eight years from July 1, 1927, limits both the industrial rate and the gate rate to the company distributing domestic gas to a maximum of 15 cents a thousand feet, which is materially lower than any comparable city.

Coal has played no direct part in recent years in Fort Smith's growth. The coal operators have fallen on lean years, for a variety of reasons. Competition of oil for steam purposes, competition of hydro-electric power, and coal burning efficiencies have temporarily reduced the market. Labor troubles have played their part. But there are those who see a brighter day somewhere ahead. The very efficiencies in coal burning which have now reduced the market have brought coal-produced electricity close to hydro-electricity in cost of production. Oil surplus will not last forever. Coal will come back, and this territory has a tremendous supply awaiting that day—a reservoir of safety against a possible gas failure, although that failure is remote. In the recent severe cold wave, when temperatures remained near zero for several days, no industry was hurt and no household with adequate house service lines suffered for gas.

Against this background of indus-

trial realities and possibilities, Fort Smith people have built an admirable social, religious and educational structure. The high average prosperity of its people is such that the street railway has been unable to meet the growing competition of the privately-owned automobile, and is planning abandonment of its service. A general bus system is expected to replace it.

Educationally, Fort Smith stands high in the state and nation. Last summer, the voters increased the local school tax levy to 18 mills, the maximum allowed by the constitution, and thereby authorized a \$500,000 building program which includes a new senior high school, a new ward school and repairs and improvements to other buildings.

The Masonic bodies are starting construction immediately on a \$375,000 Masonic temple. A city improvement program, including paving of three main traffic ways for state high ways through the city, improvements in the sewer system and parks and playgrounds, was approved by the voters by two to one majorities at a special election in December. Two parochial school building programs are under way—a \$250,000 addition to St. Scholastica's Academy and a \$100,000 boys' high school at St. Anne's Academy, which recently celebrated the seventy-fifth anniversary of its founding. The city's churches, of many denominations, are excellent structures, well financed and active.

A highway construction program totalling \$10,000,000 in two years is under way in the 20 counties immediately contiguous to Fort Smith in Arkansas and Oklahoma. Tourist traffic is becoming an important factor.

These are but a few of the facets of the diamond Fort Smith—a jewel set between the Ozarks and the Ouachitas, between Arkansas and Oklahoma, between a splendid past and a glorious future.

FORT SMITH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

From the standpoint of size, the Fort Smith Public School System is the second largest in the state. From the standpoint of excellency, the Fort Smith Schools have been for years considered on par with the best in the South.

According to the latest figures, there are 9,679 children of school age in the Fort Smith School District. At the close of the first semester of the 1927-28 session, ending January 27, 1928, there were 7,197 children on the public school roll. The greater majority of the remaining children of school age in the city were enrolled in the several private and parochial schools, or had completed the high school course.

The Fort Smith Schools are organized on the "Six-Three-Six" plan. There are at present eleven (11) white elementary schools, and one (1) combined Junior-Senior High School; three (3) colored elementary schools, and one (1) combined Junior-Senior colored high school. There is under

construction now a combined Senior High School and Junior College that will be ready for occupancy by the opening of the school session in September, 1928.

The present value of school property is \$1,250,000.00. During the school year, the Board of Education is spending approximately \$650,000.00 more for the expansion of the system; \$500,000 of this amount will be spent for the Senior High School and Junior College; \$100,000.00 for a modern elementary school to replace an old one; \$50,000.00 for the enlargement of the colored high school.

The bonded indebtedness of the District is \$1,000,000.00. This means that the Board of Education will have an equity of \$900,000.00 in its school property.

The annual budget of the Board has been approximately \$375,000.00 during the past few years. With the passage of the Eighteen Mill Tax, however, the budget in the future will be approximately \$500,000.00 per year.

The single salary schedule was adopted by the Board in 1922 and with some modifications, it is in full operation now. The average salary paid teachers in the elementary grades is slightly above \$1,200.00 per annum. The average salary of the High School teachers is somewhat more than \$1,500.00 per annum. Men and women with the same training and experience regardless of whether they teach in the elementary schools or high school, receive the same salary.

During the past three years the Platoon Type of Organization has been adopted by seven (7) of the elementary schools—six (6) white and one (1) colored. This plan of organization affords an enriched curriculum with no loss of the benefits derived from the fundamental subjects.

Under the expansion program for the future more emphasis will be placed on vocational training in the Junior-Senior High School. The departments included in the vocational program are Home-making, Stenography, Bookkeeping, Office Practice, Printing, Mechanical Drawing, Woodworking, Auto Mechanics, Home Mechanics.

The personnel of the School System includes approximately two hundred fifty (250) persons, of whom two hundred twenty (220) are white and twenty-five (25) are colored.

The citizens of Fort Smith have always responded liberally to the demands of the public schools. At the annual election in 1927, the eighteen

mill tax was voted by a vote of more than three-to-one. The splendid record the Fort Smith Schools have made over a period of last quarter of a century has been due very largely to the high type of public-spirited, big-minded citizens who have served on the Board of Education. At present the Board is composed of the following representative citizens: G. C. Hardin, President, attorney; J. F. McGehee, Vice President, cotton factor; Dr. Charles S. Holt, president St. John's Hospital and Holt Clinic; C. N. Green, planter and capitalist; J. R. Woods, president Woods Mfg. Co.; C. E. Leininger, president Fort Smith Garment Company.

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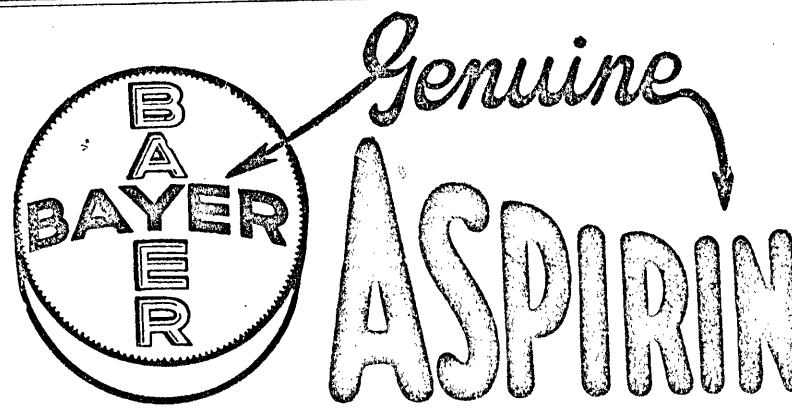
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What might have been West last year may be the effete East this year, or at least the site of a "dude" ranch. Where the cowmen hitch their ponies this year is a filling station next year and the two-gallon hat is replaced on the landscape with a neatly visored cap of the uniformed chauffeur of the millionaire industrialist.

Now Fort Smith in Arkansas was for long a fine example to prove that Kipling was wrong. The East and West do meet. The East and West probably met and were in intimate contact longer at and around Fort Smith than almost any other section of the country.

Fort Smith is properly called the "Two-State Center." Located on the Arkansas-Oklahoma State line it has trunk line railroads and primary highways radiating in all directions from the city.

Fort Smith is also known as the "Super-Power Center." It has an immense supply of natural gas, adjacent coal fields and a central electric power station furnishing cheap power and light to all the surrounding territory.

Natural Gas has been produced near Fort Smith for the past thirty years. Some of the first gas wells are still producing. The city is practically surrounded by gas fields, with several producing sands at various depths from a few hundred to more than three thousand feet. The gas is dry and of high efficiency, all providing more than one-thousand-fifty British Thermal Units.

The present natural gas supply, with large tracts of proven territory only partially developed, is several times the capacity of the triple system of pipe lines entering Fort Smith and many times the present maximum requirements.

Fort Smith is the heart of the Mid-Continent Coal Fields of Arkansas and Oklahoma. This coal is of high steam producing power and makes but little smoke and ash. The quality of coal varies from bituminous to semi-anthracite, the latter being choice for domestic uses.

It is estimated that there is in the Mid-Continent Coal Fields a supply which would last five hundred years at the present rate of mining, which is four million tons a year.

Electric power, produced from natural gas at Fort Smith, supplies all surrounding territory, with a large surplus available at low rates for new industries. The great power plant at Fort Smith is connected with another similar plant, thus giving assurance of uninterrupted and efficient service.

Within a hundred miles of Fort Smith there is grown on a ten-year average 350,000 bales of cotton annually. More than eighty per cent of this cotton is suitable for weaving into high grade fabrics. This means that the raw materials in high grade cotton, near Fort Smith, would support more than 500,000 spindles.

In close proximity to Fort Smith on railway switches are millions of tons of shale suitable for building and paving brick and tile. Near Fort Smith are large deposits of clays and kaolin. High grade sand and gravel for general building and concrete are taken from the Arkansas River bed, sand bars and adjacent deposits. South of Fort Smith are deposits of iron ore and manganese, slate and chalk beds for cement plants. To the north are lime, lead, zinc and glass sand.

All streets in the city are paved and the sewerage system is complete with mains from eight inches to eleven feet in diameter.

Sanitary conditions are unsurpassed. The city has free daily garbage collections, disposed of in the modern municipal incinerator. The city also operates a complete abattoir with scientific inspection. There are no malarial mosquitoes and few flies.

The city has a magnificent departmental high school, accommodating 1,600 pupils and fourteen modern ward schools. Each school is a whole block, surrounded with play equipment. The high school has a standard, fully accredited, four-year course of study. The school plant invoices over \$2,000,000.

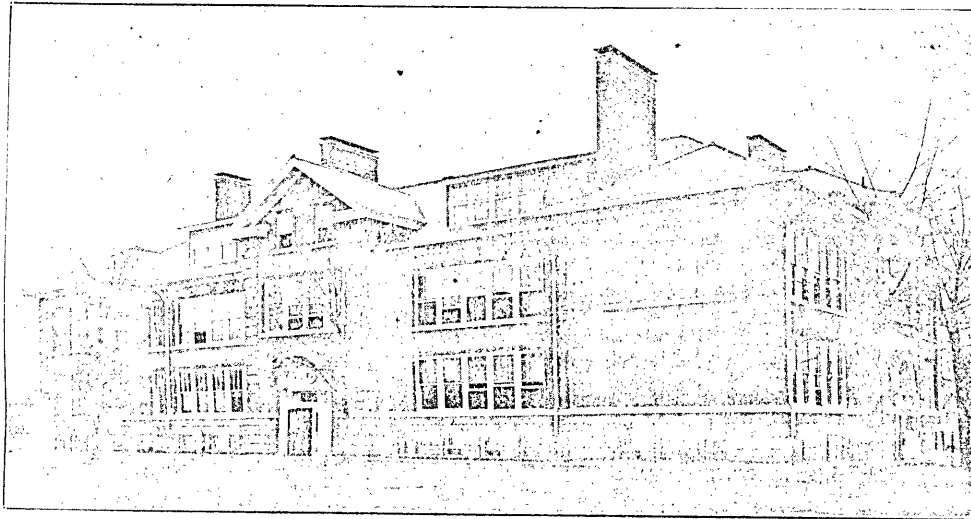
Swimming pools, beach bathing, boating, tennis, golf, hunting and fishing are all popular in season. Fort Smith is set in the midst of a great natural park. Fine streams and wooded mountains invite picnic and camping parties to a thousand delightful retreats, including the summer camps of the Boy Scouts and Boy Rangers and many resorts of the Ozarks. In truth it is the Southern Gateway to the Ozarks.

The city is beautifully clean. Factories using natural gas make no smoke and paved streets create but little dust. Roses bloom the year round. Flowers and shrubs bud and flower and fruit from early Spring to late Autumn, leaving Winter's visits shy and brief to give the full seasonal cycle to Fort Smith where "Life's worth living."

There is only one word which expresses the agricultural situation surrounding Fort Smith and that word is "DIVERSIFICATION." Every plant, grain, vegetable, fruit, flower and shrub grown in the temperate zone, with few exceptions, thrives here. This locality is a famous market for fruits and vegetables, producing the earliest and finest cantaloupes, strawberries, tomatoes, lettuce, radishes, etc. Two crops of Irish potatoes are grown annually on the same land. The Fort Smith Nancy Hall sweet potato is gaining national recognition.

In Fort Smith's immediate trade territory the maturing youth, native white, intelligent, sturdy boys and girls, from a population of a half-million, first come to Fort Smith looking for employment. If the factories of Fort Smith, the offices, stores, banks, schools and homes can give these choice young men and women work, they will become permanent citizens and make their homes here.

Fort Smith is served by five main line and four branch railroads, and interurban trolley to Van Buren and South Fort Smith. The present high-



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way programs in Arkansas and Oklahoma will complete connections on all North-South and East-West highways within two years.

The eighty-eight wholesale houses in Fort Smith resell more than \$50,000,000 of goods each year, and the annual factory production exceeds \$25,000,000. The bank figures for the year 1926 show the four banks to be in a strong position. The combined capital is \$1,300,000 with surplus and undivided profits of \$1,209,000, while individual deposits are \$16,883,000 and loans and discounts stood at \$12,318,000 and cash and exchange amounted to \$4,382,000. Ft. Smith has one hundred twenty-five diversified factories including 14 furniture factories, truck body, handle, rim and bow, wood stock, novelty, broom and other wood working industries. There are six glass plants, making window glass, bottles, lamp chimneys, lantern globes, tumblers, cylinders, etc. Three zinc smelters, sorghum and stock feed plant, biscuit factory, pants, overalls and tent and camp equipment factories. The scissors factory distributes the highest grade cutlery throughout the world. Finally, there has been and is no "boom." Ft. Smith is simply continuing to enjoy a natural, normal growth, which, for the past seven years, has necessitated a steady building program of \$3,000,000 a year, and an attendant annual increase of 1,000.

"The Gateway to the Ozarks"

That is the natural and official designation of Fort Smith, Ark., which is a part in the Ozark Playgrounds Association. With its excellent highways from the south, thousands of tourists enter the playgrounds region through this gateway. Fort Smith is in the foothills of the Ozarks, practically surrounded by the Ozark, Boston, Ouachita and Kiamichi mountains, and here in this wonderful gateway city, the visitor and tourist, on the way to the Ozarks, often spends many days of enjoyment.

While Fort Smith is the trade center for a large domain, still it has much to interest the Ozark visitor. Because of its beautiful surroundings, early French traders named it "Belle Point." The name was changed to Fort Smith by the military authorities with the building of the first fort in 1817. In the early days this city, which now numbers 40,000 in population, was the head of navigation on the Arkansas river. The old fort site always proves of interest to those appreciating virile historical interest.

The only transcontinental primary road running east and west through Oklahoma enters Fort Smith on almost an air line from Amarillo, Tex., and Oklahoma City, over the free concrete bridge across the Arkansas river and continues east over another million dollar steel bridge, to Little Rock and Memphis. The inter-state, federal, primary road traversing western Arkansas from north to south from Kansas City to Shreveport

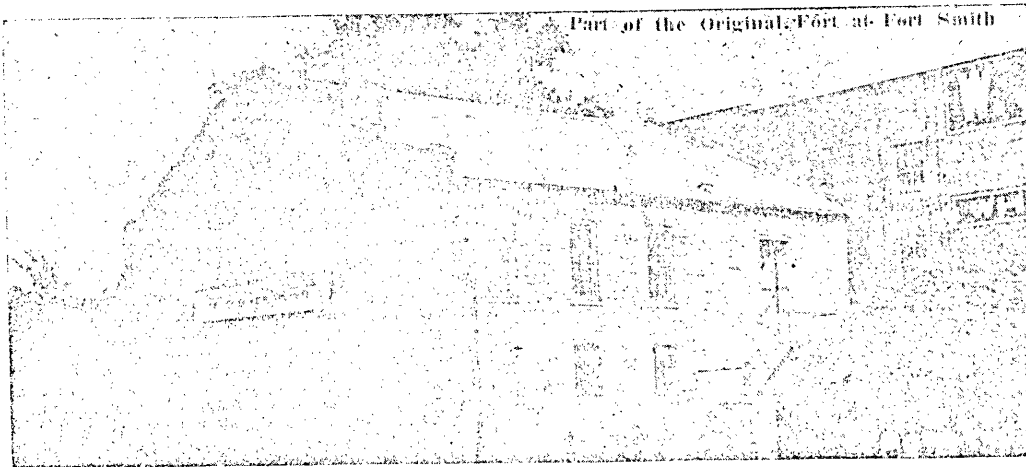
and New Orleans, is nearing completion, affording more than three hundred miles of the finest scenic route in America. The Albert Pike Highway from Colorado Springs to Hot Springs passes directly through Fort Smith. The Postal Highway from the Southwest through southern Oklahoma and the Choctaw Trail cross the Jefferson Highway and the King of Trails, converge on the gravel system of roads in LeFlore county, Oklahoma, and enter Fort Smith over the Poteau river. There also are state roads from Fort Smith east on the south side of the Arkansas river.

Fort Smith possesses excellent qualifications as an Ozark headquarters, for within short distances north, the visitor reaches many beautiful Ozark resorts. Also the nearby Arkansas and Poteau rivers offer boating, swimming and fishing. Fort Smith also has swimming pools, golf courses and tennis courts. The hotel accommodations are those befitting a city of one hundred thousand and a beautifully wooded tourist camp is maintained for transient auto guests with gas, electric lights, water, comfort stations and shower baths. Five main line railroads and four branches serve Fort Smith.

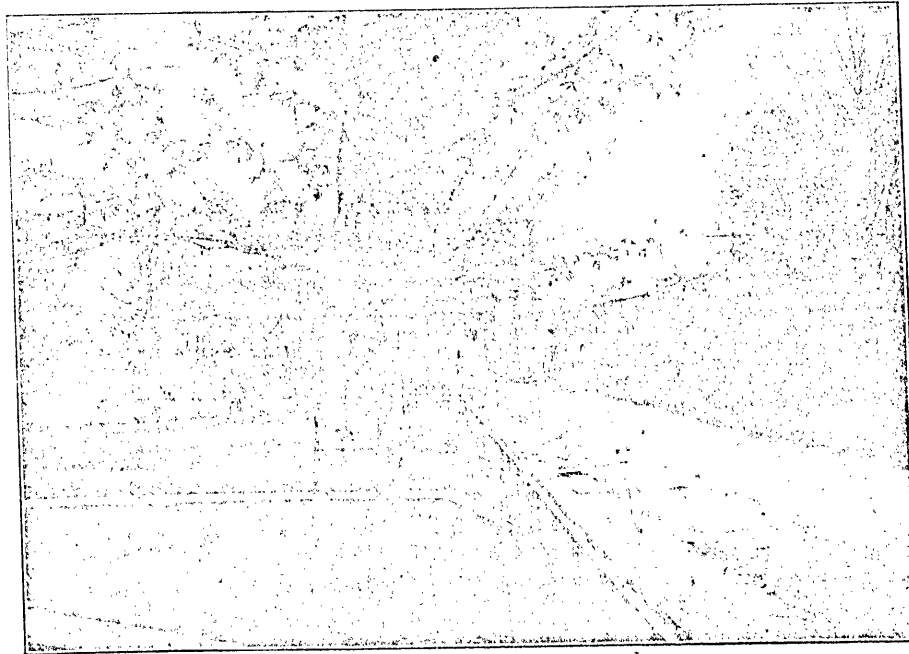
GOLF COURSES. The Hardscrabble Country Club has recently completed a beautiful club house located on a 280 acre tract, with a swimming pool, tennis courts and an eighteen hole golf course all valued at \$200,000.

The membership of the Fort Smith United Commercial Travelers have leased a fifty-acre tract, containing a nine-hole golf course, tennis courts and club house. The U. C. T. is open to the public. The Municipal Golf Links No. 1, a nine-hole course, is almost in the city. Municipal Golf Links No. 2 is an eighteen-hole course on a 220-acre place, which will be developed into a regular park and playground. These links have been developed by the Kiwanis Club. The 27 acres of land of the Lewis Tilles Children's Municipal Playground was given to the city. It is sponsored and developed by the American Legion.

FORT SMITH FACTS. City Directory Census, 1925, 37,012; including Industrial Environs, 40,000. Tributary Trade Territory, 1,000,000. Mean and annual temperature, 61 degrees. Average annual rainfall, 41 inches. Churches, all denominations, 40. Schools, public and private, 18. Business colleges, 2; \$2,000,000 invested in public school property. 125 miles of paved streets, five free bridges. Bank resources, \$23,600,000. Annual check transactions (debits to individual accounts only), \$154,000,000. Total property value, \$66,000,000. Tax rate (state, county, city, school), .0322, (based on 50% assessed valuation). Adjacent fields contain more than four billion tons of coal. Fort Smith compresses annually 100,000 bales of cotton (300,000 bales within 100 miles, 80% to 90% high grade). 11,647 persons engaged in gainful employment, 7,000 homes; 650 traveling salesmen live in Fort Smith.



Old Commissary Building



Scenes on Highway In and Around Fort Smith

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