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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Love loves love.
Appreciation appreciates appreciation.
Good deeds are stepping stones on the path to heaven.

The Christian college is the heart and soul of uplifting education.

Unfortunately the favorite indoor sport of most Americans is feeding on fine food.

It is better to invest in a Christian college than to leave a fortune for your family to fight over and then forget you.

To endow a useful institution is to project your fortune far into the future where it will be working for God while you are enjoying companionship with Him through the eternal ages.

CONDITIONS HAVE CHANGED

Some who are indifferent to the cause of Superannuate Endowment argue that conditions have changed and preachers get so much better salaries than formerly that they ought to be able to lay up something for superannuation.

Yes, conditions have changed, and living costs twice as much and the education of the children three times as much as when salaries were smaller. Then the demands upon a preacher have greatly increased. In addition to the tenth which a conscientious pastor will give to the various causes of the Church, he is expected to assist in all of the charitable and public enterprises of the community and keep company with those who are far better off than he; hence there are constant drains upon his salary. By comparison the preacher's salary is small. Bricklayers and carpenters, who do not require costly education, now get from five to ten dollars a day, while the preacher who has spent four to six years in educating himself for his work at large expense, usually gets less than five dollars a day. Few men on five dollars a day can live as a preacher must live and educate his children and save money. Conditions have changed and preachers need provision for superannuation more than they did when their salaries were smaller. Let us pay our part of the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

THE SOLUTION OF OUR FARM PROBLEM

In The Progressive Farmer of March 3 the editor, under the caption, "Our Farm Problem and The Way Out," discusses the situation in a very lucid and suggestive manner.

He states the problem thus: "That there is a serious farm problem in America is shown by the fact that the income of agriculture has shrunk from 20.1-2 per cent of the national income in 1910 to 10.1-2 per cent at the present. It is also a fact that farmers, who comprise 25 per cent of the national population, receive only 10 per cent of the income. Using another test, the value of farm property in the United States has shrunk \$20,000,000,000 in six years, while the value of non-agricultural property has increased more than \$20,000,000,000. This appalling condition of agriculture is due both to natural and artificial handicaps. The farmer has little or no control over the factors of production. Although a manufacturer can produce the quantity of products which he starts out to produce at the beginning of a season, can know approximately his costs in advance, can know the selling price in advance, can speed up production if the market justifies, and can slow down production if desirable—although the manufacturer can do all these things, the farmer can do none of them."

The editor shows how a crop of cotton may be doubled or halved without increase or diminution of acreage simply by weather or pest conditions, and further how the farmer is under artificial handicaps by government interference or advantages given to non-agricultural groups, such as manufacturers and railroads.

The editor of The Progressive Farmer then proceeds to indicate his "way out." First is aid from Congress to provide a system of loans for the control of crop surpluses which result from natural conditions. Next is greater efficiency on the farm, since the farmer who only produces half of what he is capable cannot hope to prosper, no matter what the weather or the government does

AND THE LORD SAID: WHO THEN IS THAT FAITHFUL AND WISE STEWARD, WHOM HIS LORD SHALL MAKE RULER OVER HIS HOUSEHOLD, TO GIVE THEM THEIR PORTION OF MEAT IN DUE SEASON? BLESSED IS THAT SERVANT, WHOM HIS LORD WHEN HE COMETH SHALL FIND SO DOING. OF A TRUTH, I SAY UNTO YOU, THAT HE WILL MAKE HIM RULER OVER ALL THAT HE HATH.
—LUKE 12:41-43.

for him. However, the editor shows that farmers as a class are as efficient as the banker is as a banker or the merchant as a merchant. One hundred years ago, when 90 per cent of Americans were farmers they did not produce enough for themselves and the other 10 per cent, and the people in the cities had to import some food and clothing. Now, when only 25 per cent of the population is engaged in agriculture, they produce enough for the other 75 per cent and then export some of their products. In spite of all this, the farmers of America should seek after greater efficiency. Then the last thing necessary is to introduce co-operative marketing. Few farmers are salesmen, and the individual farmer is in no position to sell to the best advantage. Organization and co-operation are necessary to overcome this handicap.

The editor concludes thus: "For all these reasons, bankers, merchants, and professional men of the South should become advocates of surplus control, efficient production, and co-operative selling, because through these things farmers will receive more money for their products and consequently will be able to buy more goods from the merchants, more services from the professional men, and pay more for the upbuilding of the country and of the towns."

THE DIFFICULTY IN THE WAY OF PROHIBITION IN CANADA

The "Wet" advocates, who are trying to discredit Prohibition in the United States, point to the fact that most of the Provinces in Canada had adopted Prohibition of the liquor traffic, and then after a trial, repealed their prohibition laws and went to government control.

In order to understand the situation it is necessary to know the legal situation. Under the British North American Act, which is virtually the Dominion Constitution, all legislation dealing with the manufacture, importation, exportation, and transportation of alcoholic liquors in Canada rests with the Dominion or Federal Government, and that Government has never passed Dominion-wide legislation. All that the Provinces could do was to prohibit the retail sale of beverage alcohol. The brewers and distillers have been able under these conditions to manufacture, sell and ship intoxicating liquors, and in all of the Provinces they continued to manufacture and ship such liquors. Everywhere, just as in the United States, the brewers and distillers looked upon these regulations made by the Provinces as unwarranted restrictions on their business and they resorted to all kinds of schemes to avoid the restrictions.

The chairman of the Board of License Commissioners for the Province of Ontario, March 10, 1927, said: "During my term of office our officers have had a great deal of difficulty with brewers, some of whom made no pretense of keeping the law. They have resorted to all sorts of schemes for supplying beer illegally. I think that the experiences of Ontario resembles that of the other Provinces. I can mention several brewers that have regularly sold strong beer at all hours of the day and night. They have resorted to the use of false export papers. In many cases beer and whisky are sent out on boats nominally for export, but in reality for illegal distribution within Ontario; and it has been found very difficult to deal effectively with the situation."

Our brewers always evaded the laws for their regulation. They now tell us if we will give them the privilege of selling "good, wholesome beer" they will obey the law. Let us remember their record. They cannot be trusted.

SUNDAY AT TILLAR AND DUMAS

As the fast afternoon train does not stop at Tillar, I was met at McGehee by Rev. M. K. Rogers and his son and quickly conveyed by auto to Tillar. After a good night's rest in the parsonage home, I attended Sunday School and preached at eleven. As it was raining hard all morning the attendance at both was light. An appointment had been made at Selma for 3:00 p. m., but rain and muddy roads made it inexpedient to undertake the trip.

As Tillar has a population of only some 400, our church membership is small. Years ago, when conditions were more favorable, this small congregation gave large amounts to the various causes; but conditions have changed and, although it is a fair working church, its contributions are less. Bro. Rogers gives Tillar two full Sundays and the Baptists and Presbyterians use the other two. The chairman of the official board is Mr. T. A. Pruitt and the Sunday School superintendent is Mr. J. H. Ballard. Mrs. S. V. Clayton is president of a very live W. M. S., and Miss Margaret Miller is superintendent of an Intermediate League. All of these organizations, although small, are doing excellent work.

The church building is a beautiful brick with a fine auditorium and seven class-rooms. It cost about \$18,000. The parsonage is a large bungalow and has bath and running water, rather an unusual thing in a small village. Ample grounds and shade and a well drained garden furnish attractive surroundings. A hall nearby affords room for a part of the Sunday School, and across the street is the substantial brick school building in which the work of twelve grades is done. Principal R. E. Vinson, a graduate of the State Teachers College, and six teachers, maintain an excellent school.

Tillar is surrounded by a very rich and well tilled farming country, and the stores keep large stocks of goods for the tenants on the plantations. While cotton is the principal crop, considerable corn and hay are produced. The flood last year got into the town, but did not do much harm. The people feel very kindly toward the Red Cross and the Missouri Pacific Railway for timely aid. There are many comfortable homes in town and the people take a pardonable pride in the high standards of their community.

Bro. Rogers preaches also at Selma, a fine old village about seven miles southwest in the hills. When the Tillars and Harrells lived there it was, before the railroad was built, an important business point. We have there 52 members. The Sunday School superintendent is Mr. Horace Williams. I was there six years ago, and regret that I could not visit Selma again.

At Winchester, some five miles up the railroad, we have a church with 55 members. It has a well organized Sunday School under the superintendency of Mr. Jesse Peacock. Mrs. Collins is president of an active W. M. S. The president of the Epworth League is Miss Ruth Peacock. This is a good business point in the midst of a fine farming country.

Newton's Chapel is four miles east of Winchester in a splendid agricultural community and near by is a fine consolidated school. The superintendent of the Sunday School is Mr. T. D. Newton. The membership of the church is 60.

Bro. Rogers is the pastor of all these churches. He speaks in praise of his people and they seem to appreciate him. It is a good charge and he is a faithful pastor. He says that the greatest need is a genuine revival and he is working for it. My stay with him was pleasant. He hopes to have a 100 per cent list for the paper.

At 5:00 p. m. Rev. C. N. Smith, pastor of our church at Dumas, came for me in his car, and as he is a good driver we were soon at his home. It was a bad night, and the congregation was small. Bro. Smith had tried to get Bishop Boaz's sermon in the morning, but static prevented. After my sermon, it was possible to get some of the music at Zion City and to hear a part of Paul Rader's sermon at Chicago.

Brother Smith, who transferred from East Oklahoma, (Continued on Page Three—Second Column)

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Booneville Dist. Conf. at Mansfield, Mar. 22-23.
Prescott Dist. Conf. at Murfreesboro, Apr. 19-20.
Paragould Dist. Conf. at Salem, Apr. 23-25.
Monticello Dist. Conf. at Portland, Apr. 24-25.
Batesville Dist. Conf. at Swifton, Apr. 24-26.
Camden Dist. Conf. at Magnolia, May 10-11.
Conway Dist. Conf. at Salem near Conway, May 21.
Searcy Dist. Conf. at Clinton, May 22.
Pastors' Summer School at Hendrix, June 4-15.
Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah, July 5-19.
Young People's Conf. at Mt. Sequoyah, July 5-19.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS

Be sure to read the strong article by Bishop Cannon on page 3.

Evangelist Ed G. Phillips has just closed a meeting with the pastor at Robinson where much interest was manifest.

Rev. A. H. DuLaney, pastor at Marshall, writes that he would be in position to assist in a few meetings this year. Let those who need him write him soon.

Rev. J. C. Williams, pastor of Austin Circuit, is very proud of a new grand-daughter, Mary Esther, born at the parsonage, on Feb. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Edmiston.

Married at the parsonage on Austin Circuit, on Feb. 23, Mr. Oliver M. Shelton and Miss Esther Jones, and on Feb. 28, Mr. Alvin C. Miller and Miss Verna Ross, Rev. J. C. Williams officiating.

Rev. "Buddy" Jeff Smith, the blind evangelist, closed a very successful revival at Allen, Neb., on March 14. A resolution was read at the close of the last service asking his return for the next year.

Rev. J. C. Glenn will deliver the closing sermon for the Winthrop High School, Sunday, May 29. He has also accepted an invitation to deliver the anniversary sermon for the Order of Rainbow Girls Sunday, April 1, in his own church.

Rev. W. F. Blevins, our active pastor at Augusta, came in Monday with a 100 per cent list, and reported that for the first time in the history of that charge all collections were in full to date. He gives much of the credit to Mrs. Hanesworth, wife of that good superannuate, Dr. Henry Hanesworth. Bro. Blevins says that she is a true pastor's helper.

Mr. Hugh W. Robertson, son of Mrs. A. M. Robertson, of Hot Springs, is living at Darien, Conn., and is the editor of four daily papers. He is a graduate of Hendrix College, and son of the late Rev. A. M. Robertson of Little Rock Conference.

On March 4, at Guion, Mr. D. D. Dunkin of Guion and Miss Mirtie Arnold of Chastain were married by Rev. L. R. Ruble. Mr. Dunkin is manager of the sand plant and mills at Guion and Miss Arnold has been a teacher in the schools. They will make their home in Guion.

The hour to overthrow the Church has come. Arise, ye prisoners of the priest! Strike down the God superstition! The clergy are powerful because you are on your knees. Stand up! Cast aside supernatural faith and fear! Be men! Prepare for the oncoming religious revolution.—Declaration of the American Association for the Advancement of Atheism. Readers, what are you going to do about it? Your paper is needed to combat this kind of propaganda.

On Monday night of last week there was a "house warming" at the new First Church parsonage. Dr. and Mrs. Knickerbocker received their many friends and the occasion was one of real social pleasure. We do not know how the dispute between First Church, Little Rock, and First Church, Fort Smith, is to be settled. Both claim to have the finest parsonages in the state. It may be necessary to appoint a special committee of building and decorating experts to pass upon the merits of each.

At the Little Rock District Preachers' Meeting Monday, the cause of the superannuate was presented effectively by Rev. J. C. Glenn, Major J. J. Harrison, and Dr. H. D. Knickerbocker; and Dr. Thomas and Rev. H. Lynn Wade, who is director for the North Arkansas Conference, made appropriate remarks. Major Harrison's talk was wonderfully impressive. His feelings so overcame him that several times he had to stop to regain control. It is believed that Little Rock District will go beyond its quota.

On Sunday, two weeks ago, the editor had the privilege of preaching on Prohibition at Pulaski Heights Church and last Sunday morning, by special request of the pastor, presented the cause of Christian Literature. Bro. Glenn expects to have a 100 per cent list for the paper. He has a fine, active church, and is looking after every interest, and in addition is directing the "Clean-Up Campaign" for the Superannuate Endowment Fund for Little Rock Conference. He expects large results. The editor always enjoys preaching at Pulaski Heights, which is one of the coming churches of the city.

Sunday night the editor presented the cause of Prohibition at our church in Arkadelphia to an audience, which practically filled the house, in spite of the fact that the mid-term holidays caused many students to be absent and at their homes. Dr. J. L. Cannon, who has not been well for several weeks, is now much stronger and is entering upon his work this year with his usual zeal and energy. He is a great advocate of the cause of Prohibition. Without asking for a collection a nice contribution was made for the Anti-Sa on League. There is a new spirit of hopefulness concerning the future of Henderson-Brown College growing out of the recent large gifts.

The annual laymen's banquet at Pulaski Heights Church was a complete success. President Hornaday of Henderson-Brown College, delivered the principal inspirational address. Other speakers included Mr. W. A. McDonnell, active vice-president of the Federal Bank and Trust Co., Mr. G. W. Pardee, Conference lay leader, and Rev. J. C. Glenn, pastor. Mr. Ray M. Knox, lay leader, presided. Special music was furnished by the newly organized church orchestra, Mr. John P. Streepy, director, and members of the senior choir. In addition to the splendid fellowship and fine social contacts, the occasion furnished an opportunity to discuss and formulate plans for a laymen's revival to begin Sunday night, March 25. The attendance was good.

It seems that Florida can have a special session of its Annual Conference as well as Arkansas and Oklahoma. On February 28, the same day that we were having our special sessions, the Florida Conference met in the parlors of Southern College at Lakeland, considered a resolution authorizing the issuance of bonds to take care of the debt on the college to the amount of \$325,000, and by a unanimous vote adopted the resolutions. This college which has had many vicissitudes is now prospering and has 846 students and much valuable property. By issuing bonds its debt has been shifted and not paid. Our special sessions did better—they took action which ultimated a few days later in raising over \$200,000 for one college

and doubtless will be followed by equally gratifying results for the other colleges.

Dr. Geo. McGlumphy, treasurer of North Arkansas Conference, writes: "First Church, Blytheville, Jonesboro District, Rev. Jefferson Sherman, pastor, P. E. Cooley, treasurer, and Piggott Station, Rev. A. B. Barry, pastor, J. H. Thomas, treasurer, both have paid in full on the Claims for the first quarter. This is the result of fine work by the pastors, church treasurers, and people. Magazine, Booneville District, Rev. W. A. Patty, pastor, sends in a nice check on the collections much earlier than any previous year. Under Brother Patty's leadership this charge made unusually large gain last year over the preceding year. Valley Springs, Searcy District, has the honor of making the first remittance from its District. It has already paid more to the same date than any other year as far as the treasurer's records go back. Rev. Ben T. Williams was appointed to this charge a few weeks since, and is delighted with his people, and is doing fine work. Valley Springs paid in full last year, and will do it again in 1928. Owing to the delay in getting the announcement published, the First Quarterly Report of North Arkansas Conference will not be sent in before March 21. All remittances received by that time will appear in the report. It will contain interesting and inspiring figures of advance.

Dr. Geo. McGlumphy, treasurer of North Arkansas Conference, writes: "East Side Station, Paragould, has sent its third check! This all-round flourishing Church is having its greatest year under Brother J. L. Shelby's ministry. It is over paid for the first quarter on the Claims, leads the Paragould District, and ranks sixth in per cent in the entire Conference. Elaine, Helena District, has begun remitting nearly a month earlier than last year. Brother C. H. Bumpers is in his third year as pastor. In spite of the floods Elaine paid more on the collections in 1927 (increasing nearly 66 per cent over 1926) than in any year since I became treasurer. Bumpers and Elaine are a winning team. First Church, North Little Rock, Conway District, is sending \$100 every month. Brother A. E. Holloway can well claim for his Church an honor and a great blessing. It leads the Conway District in per cent paid on quota. R. J. Rice, the church treasurer, does not have to be reminded that it is "check sending time." Eureka Springs, Fayetteville District, Rev. R. S. Hayden, pastor, Mary Lena Barnes, treasurer, has sent another remittance which places it in the front rank of its District both in per cent and amount. It paid 100 per cent last year on everything. It will do it again in 1928. Rev. Lester B. Davis, Mountain Home Station, Batesville District, is looking well after the Conference Collections, having already sent in two remittances to the Conference Treasurer. He was the first to remit from his District. Watch for a fine advance. Peach Orchard-Knoble, Paragould District, Rev. W. S. Tussey, pastor, Elsie Davis Smith, treasurer, has made its earliest start on the Claims. This charge paid almost twice as much on the Collections last year as in 1926. Looking for another gain."

CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

Since the last report the following subscriptions have been received:

Paragould, J. F. Taylor, 1;
Magazine, W. A. Patty, 100 per cent, 14;
Cotter, Mrs. H. J. Denton, 6;
Hardy, J. A. Gatlin, 19;
Sheridan Ct., Robt. Beasley, 2;
Vandale, J. W. Harger, 1;
Lamar, W. J. Spicer, 15;
Fayetteville, H. K. Morehead, 1;
Plainview, H. H. Blevins, 100 per cent, 41;
Scranton, C. J. Wade, 6;
Augusta, W. F. Blevins, 28.

This is good work. Let others work their charges as quickly as possible. Practically all subscriptions have expired, and should be promptly renewed. Several pastors have not yet returned their cards, and we do not know what to expect. Please, brethren, do us the favor of reporting the cards so that our files may be complete.

THE PRIZE WINNERS

As a result of the offer of prizes for the best essay by a superannuate of North Arkansas Conference, the following are declared winners: For first prize, Rev. J. H. Barrentine, Holly Grove; second, Rev. M. M. Smith, Paragould; third, Rev. J. F. Jernigan, Walnut Ridge.

For the prizes for best essay by the wife or widow of a preacher of North Arkansas Conference: For first prize, Mrs. Henry Hanesworth, Augusta; second, Mrs. W. E. Bishop, Bentonville; third, Mrs. J. R. Edwards, Ravenen.

These personal experiences will be published at an early day, and are expected to add much interest to the movement to raise the balance of the

CONTRIBUTIONS

THE MILITANT PROHIBITION STAND.

By Bishop James Cannon.

(Bishop James Cannon, Jr., holds a position in the Methodist Church of the South which has made him an official leader of great movements for temperance and social advancement. The views that he expresses upon prohibition are not merely personal. They are representative of the prohibition sentiment that is virtually unanimous in the field of Southern Methodism as shown by resolutions adopted in local and State Conferences. The same views on the subject of prohibition are generally prevalent among Southern Baptists, not to mention Presbyterians and other religious denominations. In response to a request from the editor, Bishop Cannon has made a brief summarized statement for our readers on this subject, and herewith we present his trenchant remarks on the present attitude of Southern Prohibitionists.—Editor of The Review of Reviews.)

There are three statements which are essential to be made in my judgment for a correct understanding of the present situation. They are:

- (1) The position of "dry" Southern Democrats on the prohibition issue.
- (2) The violent attack on the prohibition law and its enforcement, including as the climax the proposed nomination of a "wet" Democratic presidential candidate.
- (3) The reaction of "dry" Southern Democrats to that proposal.

We "dry" Southern Democrats hold that Constitutional Prohibition is no longer merely a moot question. It is today a fact. It represents the high-water mark attained after many years of effort by the American people "to promote the general welfare" (which is a declared aim in the preamble to the Federal Constitution) by the restriction of the indulgence of the activities of individual members of the social order.

The very same element which is now clamoring for State sovereignty and State control of the liquor traffic formerly flouted the local State prohibitory laws. It fought bitterly the adoption of the Federal Interstate Shipment and Postal Laws. It would doubtless follow the same course should the present law be repealed, and the control of the traffic be relegated to the States.

Now "dry" Southern Democrats believe the Prohibition Law is a good law, and wherever its enforcement has not been defeated by inefficient or hostile administrative officers, that it has been a great success. By it labor has been enriched, business enlarged, public savings amazingly multiplied, the comforts and security of the home life of the working and middle classes greatly increased, and

general social morality advanced. Therefore, it is the determination of "dry" Southern Democrats that the National Prohibition Law shall be maintained and observed and enforced.

But today these same "dry" Southern Democrats face the fact that perhaps the outstanding public question is Prohibition Law Enforcement. It is openly demanded by some that the law be modified by weakening amendments. Indeed, by some others, nullification is openly advocated. Lawmakers sworn to uphold the Constitution have been declaring in defiant, lawless fashion on the floor of the Senate itself that certain people will have their liquor, Constitution or no Constitution. The Governors of two great States, although sworn to uphold the Constitution, have flatly refused to co-operate with the Federal Government in the enforcement of the Prohibition Law. They are insistently demanding that the determination of alcoholic content and of enforcement be relegated back to the States, which would inevitably be followed by the former disregard of the rights of the "dry" States.

And now as a climax to these openly "wet" maneuvers, "dry" Southern Democrats are actually faced with the proposition that they shall agree to vote for some avowedly "wet" Democrat who—chiefly because of his known hostility to the Prohibition Law—will be able to secure the support of a sufficient number of "wet" voters in Northern and Eastern States to give him the electoral votes of those States, which combined with the electoral vote of the "dry" Southern States will be sufficient to elect him President of the United States.

In short, "dry" Southern Democrats are asked in the baldest fashion to subordinate their moral convictions to partisan political loyalty. They are invited to commit moral suicide for political office. They are told that they must join in electing some man to be President merely because he is called a Democrat, regardless of antecedents or affiliations. They are offered the privilege of voting for a presidential candidate who has openly declared his bitter opposition to the principle underlying the Prohibition Law, and whose foremost friends and supporters have held the same attitude.

But it is not to be overlooked that such a man with such a record would have the appointment of prohibition enforcement officials, of District Attorneys and Federal judges, and justices of the Supreme Court of the United States. His power of veto would extend to all prohibition legislation or appropriations. Above all, he would admittedly owe his election to his "wet" official record, upon the basis of which record his "wet" supporters would confidently expect the

weakening and the practical breakdown of the enforcement of the National Prohibition Law.

Faced with such a proposition, there are multiplied thousands of "dry" Southern Democrats who hold openly that they prefer that the Democratic party shall never elect another President, rather than to succeed by such an unholy alliance, such a betrayal of their moral principles, to the damage of their children, their homes, and the communities in which they live.

Therefore, they are openly declaring that they will not vote for any man with such records as those of Reed, Ritchie, and Smith. In this crisis they will demand (1) a prohibition law enforcement plank on the platform; and (2) the nomination of a candidate to stand upon that platform who by the utterances, acts, and record, is thoroughly committed to the effective enforcement of the 18th Amendment and statutory legislation pertaining thereto.

I may be greatly mistaken in my estimate of the extent to which these views are held, but I do know that great numbers of those who are reckoned among the leaders of the moral and religious element of the South have openly and unhesitatingly declared that they will not support a "wet" candidate for President of the United States.—Review of Reviews.

INAUGURAL ADDRESS

By President Y. C. Yang of Soochow University. Delivered December 3, 1927.

(Translated from Chinese)

I deem it a distinguished honor which the Board of Trustees of Soochow University has conferred upon me in electing me to the presidency of this great institution. However, knowing my own shortcomings and limitations, and appreciating fully the complicated nature of the task in the present difficult situation, it was with great hesitancy and diffidence that I was finally persuaded to assume this grave responsibility. My past experiences and activities have not been along the line of school administration, and therefore I would not have abandoned my chosen field if not influenced by a compelling sense of duty, arising out of loyal devotion to my Alma Mater, and more particularly to the cause which she stands for, and hence my readiness to contribute whatever I can to the furtherance of the work so nobly and so ably carried on by my predecessors.

Besides this sense of loyalty to my Alma Mater, wherein I was admitted to study under a special faculty guardian when I was only a lad of eleven, and which conferred its much coveted degree upon me when I was a mere youth of nineteen, there are two other considerations which have

great weight in influencing me to accept the honor proffered me by the Board of Trustees, namely:

First: My firm conviction that there are very real, substantial, and important contributions which Soochow University can make to China.

Second: My appreciation of American friendship for China and the possible contribution which the development of Soochow University can make to the promotion of Sino-American friendship.

The development of a nation and the progress of society is dependent upon the presence of well educated leaders, which obviously only well managed educational institutions can produce. At this critical period of China's history, when the foundation of the new social and political order is not yet stabilized, and when the problems of re-construction are so urgent and difficult, the type of leaders most needed in the interest of the real welfare of the nation must be men who, in addition to possessing education, new ideas, and great ability, must also be moderate in temperament, sane in vision, and constructive in their endeavors, so that they may act as a salutary check upon the ultra-radical tendencies and excesses of the time and make real contributions to the up-building of the nation. Such and only such contributions can stand the test of time, and therefore, only such leaders can meet the urgent need of our country. Examining the history of Soochow University in this light, we are happy to note that this institution has turned out men who, while having had all the benefits and training of an up-to-date new education, have proven themselves in the world of action to be men who are moderate, practical, and constructive, and have thus earned the respect and confidence of the public. In view of the present conditions and needs of China, we cannot have too many trained leaders of this type. It therefore follows as a natural and logical conclusion that the more highly developed Soochow University is, the greater will be its service and contribution to China. No further comment I believe is thus necessary, to point out what should be the proper attitude towards such an institution as Soochow University.

Broadening out from the relation of Soochow University to society to the international aspect of its relation to the promotion of Sino-American friendship, I believe we can readily see that its possible contribution along this line is not to be slighted. Soochow University was founded, on the one hand, upon the Christian spirit of good will and fellowship shown by the American friends who promoted the establishment of this institution, and on the other, upon the appreciative response and enthusiastic support given to the

Superannuate Endowment Fund.

Rev. H. Lynn Wade and Rev. J. C. Glenn, directors of the "Clean-up Campaign," are hard at work and expect the full co-operation of their brethren.

A FINE START

When the Henderson-Brown College trustees had their annual meeting last week, Mr. H. C. Couch and Mr. A. J. Vestal pledged \$100,000 each for endowment. This, with the endowment already in hand, makes \$500,000, and other pledges, considered good, but not yet in hand, run the endowment to approximately \$600,000. This will enable the college to meet the endowment requirements of the standardizing agency, and application will be made for admission as an A Class College.

This is fine, and is just what the supporters of the amendment to Section 4 of the plan recently adopted, believed would happen. Now if the friends of Hendrix College will make up the \$350,000 necessary to secure the \$150,000 offer of the General Education Board, thus increasing the endowment to \$1,000,000, there will be no necessity for consolidating the colleges; and each may continue to live and do its special work as that may be designated by the new Board.

Then, of course, the friends of Galloway Col-

lege for Women will get together and raise the amount necessary to make the half-million needed for required endowment.

If these things are speedily done, the discussions growing out of the work of the Educational Commission will have been amply justified. We confidently believe that these results may be reached within the next six months. Let us work and pray for that result, set our colleges free, and put them on the high road to the largest possible things.

SUNDAY AT TILLAR AND DAMAS

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homa, has made a fine start and speaks in highest terms of his church and community. The church of 230 members is in fine condition. Practically all debts have been paid, and arrangements have been made for Dr. James Thomas to dedicate the nearly new building on Easter Sunday. There is no parsonage, but plans have been made for financing one and work will soon begin on a six-room colonial cottage. The W. M. S., under the presidency of Mrs. J. A. Russell, is helping to finance the parsonage. The chairman of the official board is Mr. C. H. Meyer and the superintendent of the well-organized Sunday School is Mr. Frank Gruenwald. Mrs. George Meyer is president of a fine

Epworth League, and Miss Joe Lee McKennon and Miss Jeanette Kilingsworth are superintendents of a fine Junior League. There is a strong Methodist Men's Club of which Mr. R. S. Mallis is the active president. It was my privilege to enjoy the hospitality of his home Sunday night. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Mallis, recently celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding.

Dumas is a thrifty, growing community of some 1,500 population in a fine agricultural section. It has many modern business houses, two big lumber mills, and numerous attractive homes. It is on the hard surface highway from New Orleans to Pine Bluff, as are Tillar and Winchester, and a new road will soon be made to Pendleton. The people are proud of their excellent school with its twelve grades and a good brick building. They boast of their gymnasium, costing \$3,000, which affords fine facilities for school athletics and may be used also for an auditorium. The Baptists have recently built a large brick church.

It was a great pleasure to become acquainted with Bro. Smith and his wife and married daughter. Bro. Smith has come to be one among us and may be expected to look faithfully after all interest committed to his care. He hopes to have a 100 per cent list of subscribers.

movement by leading Chinese in this section of the country. This University is, therefore, a beautiful crystal of Sino-American friendship, and stands forth not only as a beacon light of Christian truth, but as a living link of cordial fellowship between the peoples of the two countries. As such, this institution is certainly deserving of our best support. In these days when the influence of public opinion is growing in every country as an important factor in the readjustment of international relations, it behooves all patriotic Chinese who desire to see the steady improvement of the international status of our country, not to regard with utter indifference the cultivation of international good will toward us. Particularly to those who are really disposed to help us in sincere and true friendship it is all important that we should maintain the proper attitude and seek to promote that happy relationship. We all feel concerned and share fully our national aspiration to see the early abolition of unequal treaties and the complete recovery of sovereign rights. It might facilitate the early realization of the object if, having secured the good will and sympathy of the people of friendly nations, we can count upon them to create a strong public opinion in favor of the fair and just claims of China. Viewed in this broad relationship, Soochow University, although but a private educational institution, may yet contribute to the promotion of Sino-American friendship, and has in itself the distinct possibility of aiding us in the attainment of our national aspirations.

Christian mission schools have recently been subject to much criticism and attack by those who are not sympathetic with them. While some merely argue against their management and administration as leaving much to be desired, others go so far as to condemn them as a form of "cultural exploitation" of the East by the West capitalist powers. In order that our judgment may be fair, we must be careful to avoid any confusion of the issues. Concerning the various nations, not a few in number, which are supporting schools or giving financial assistance to the educational work of China, I do not propose to make any general comment. Whether all these different national groups have the same altruistic motive and are guided by the same purity of purpose, or whether there might indeed be some which have ulterior motives, is a point beyond the scope of the present discussion. In the case of such an American institution as Soochow University, its past history and present condition is a sufficient answer to the criticism. This institution was established in 1901, when just after the collapse of the Boxer uprising, there was an irresistible popular craze for everything "new" or Western. But our institution came out with a program which imposed a salutary check upon this unnatural and unhealthy tendency of the time. From the very beginning, we insisted upon giving to the study of Chinese culture at least an equal emphasis with that given to Western studies. In pursuance of this policy it has always been definitely provided for in our regulations that unless a student passes his Western studies, he cannot be promoted, and until he can fulfill all requirements in the Chinese Department he can in no wise be given our diploma. Furthermore, in the men selected to head our Chinese Department we can enumerate a number of very distinguished scholars, such as Chang Ta-Yien, Wong Mu-han, Chi Chang-Kong, and Chen Ling-Sui. The importance which we have attached to the preservation and development of the best in Chinese culture has always been a salient feature of our institution. To any criticism that the mission schools are yielding themselves, wittingly or unwittingly, as

instruments for "cultural exploitation" of the East by the West, we have an irrefutable answer in the undeniable facts and records which I have briefly touched upon and which at least place our institution beyond criticism in this respect.

We have just effected an important reorganization in the formal transfer of administrative responsibility from our American friends to us Chinese. But it is pertinent to point out in connection therewith, that we have taken this step not at all because we have been compelled by circumstances to do so, but because it is directly in line with our fundamental, traditional policy, and is, therefore, something which we have always been looking forward to accomplishing. I often heard, with my own ears, as long as twenty years ago, the statement by the late Dr. D. L. Anderson, first president of this institution, that while Soochow University was founded by Americans, it was dedicated to China for the training of Chinese to be good and useful citizens of their country, and that while circumstances made it desirable that Americans have charge of the institution for the time being, its administrative control must, in time, be transferred to the Chinese. This is not hearsay, resting upon the veracity and memory of a single individual—it can be easily confirmed by others who studied here about the same time as I did, and is also clearly recorded in the "History and Anecdotes of the Soochow University," which was published a few years ago. What is even more important is the fact that we have not only constantly asserted this as our policy, but we have consistently acted upon this as our guiding principle. Even since the establishment of this institution Chinese have had a share with their American friends in administrative offices and on the governing faculty. And when the Nationalist Government promulgated the regulations for the registration of private educational institutions, which includes those supported by the missions, and announced, as one of the important conditions, that the Board of Trustees must have at least a majority of Chinese as its members, this institution found itself in the happy condition of already having complied with this regulation before it had become a requirement. As to the effort of getting a Chinese to take over the presidency of the University, I have personal knowledge that such was already definitely in the minds of the university authorities when, five or six years ago, the Board of Trustees elected a Chinese to be vice-president of the University. It is, therefore, quite clear that the present transfer of administrative responsibility is a voluntary, spontaneous movement on the part of our American friends, who have, on more than one public occasion, expressed their gratification in now being able to bring about a situation which they have always looked forward to with pleasant anticipation. There is, thus, nothing really radical to speak of in the present reorganization, it being the natural and logical development of a policy fixed since the establishment of the institution.

However, Soochow University has been able to reach its present state of efficiency and development not only because its educational policy has been fundamentally sound, but also because we are fortunate enough to have been favored with an unbroken line of able administrators. Our first president, the late Dr. D. L. Anderson, laid carefully the foundations of the University with broad, statesmanlike vision. After ten years of very able administration, his mantle fell upon Dr. J. W. Cline, who, in a practical business-like fashion, worked with painstaking and untiring effort to place the University upon a solid and stable basis, financially and otherwise. Upon the foundation thus consolidated, Dr. W. B. Nance, our

third president, with his much respected scholarship, liberal ideas, and constructive ability, wrought wisely and well, bringing the University to its present state of development and efficiency. Then came Mr. J. M. Pan acting-president for the greater part of this year, to whom the University is indebted for wise guidance through one of the most delicate periods of school administration. Among others who have had to do with the administration of the University, mention must be made of Mr. L. G. Lea, who rendered much valuable assistance to the University, particularly under its first president, Dr. Anderson.

But efficient administration alone does not make a great University, unless complemented by a high standard of teaching by the faculty. Our tribute to those who have made the University what it is now, therefore, will not be complete without reference to the distinguished professors who have served on the faculty. To Dr. G. G. Gist we are indebted for the national reputation of our department of Biology, whose good work was later ably carried on by Dr. Wu Ching-fu. Similarly, to Dr. E. V. Jones we are indebted for the development and recognized efficiency of our Departments of Chemistry and Physics. Among others whose names can be specifically mentioned are Dr. T. C. Shao, first Chinese dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and Mr. Charles F. Rankin, first dean of our Law School in Shanghai, which he successfully promoted. Finally, one other name I must mention—and I do this with a good deal of feeling. I refer to the late Mr. R. D. Smart, who held my hand when we met for the last time at the Methodist Centenary Exposition in Columbus, O., and requested me with all earnestness to give my Alma Mater the first chance for my services when I returned to China. But I mention him not for sentimental reasons alone, but also for the much more substantial one of his having built up the Mathematics Department, and more particularly for his being the first one to develop athletic interest among the students and for giving our athletes such an exalted idea of good sportsmanship that every one of them is always taught to be, first and last, a gentleman on the field, whether winner or loser. In this hasty mentioning of a few names I am still far from having given honor to all those to whom honor is due, but time does not permit me to proceed further in this manner. All those who have worked faithfully here are

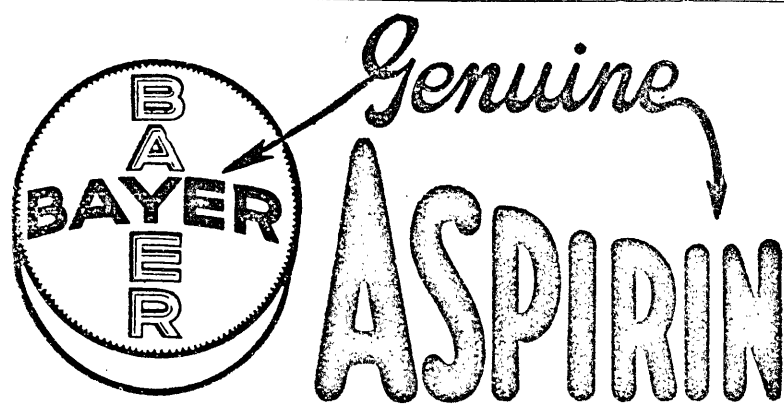
contributors to the greatness of Soochow University, and whether generally known to others or not, they have their reward in the satisfaction that comes from a consciousness of good work faithfully done.

Going back further historically, Soochow University is but the latest form which Southern Methodist education has assumed in China. Traced to its beginnings, we have first the school established by Mr. Tsao Tsz Zeh, the Buffington Institute established by Dr. A. P. Parker, the Anglo-Chinese College established by Dr. Young J. Allen. All these men were pioneer educators who did much to pave the way for the establishment and development of Soochow University. They have all passed away, but they have left their footprints on the sands of time to encourage and inspire us in our work.

For myself, as well as for my foreign and Chinese colleagues assembled here, I say that we will do our best to continue the work which our worthy predecessors have so nobly and efficiently carried out. We shall follow their good example and faithfully execute the trust which has now passed to us, to carry out the object of the founders of the University.

Having accepted the responsibility which the Board of Trustees has seen fit to place upon my shoulders, it will, of course, be my object and ambition not only to maintain the present status of the University, but also to work for its further development and expansion. However, no matter how entertaining it might be for me to lay before you grandiloquent plans for its future growth, it would be utterly out of place for me to do so, as I am, as it were, just stepping onto the threshold of this great institution.

Practical propositions and concrete plans can only be intelligently suggested after I have had the time and opportunity to make a careful survey of the entire situation, to weigh the relative importance of the different problems, and to adjust them as circumstances may permit. Without further investigation, we may, however, at once lay down as obvious truths, first, that in any organization the thing most essential to its welfare is the spirit of harmonious cooperation, while for any individual the greatest asset of life is the possession of real manly character. Accordingly, I shall accept as the general guiding principle of my administration, first, the cultivation of a harmonious spirit of cooperation on the part of all those concerned



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with or interested in the University, and second, the development of character after the pattern of the "model" man.

You can probably easily gather from what has already been said that I am not so valiantly ignorant or ignorantly valiant as to believe that the building up of a University could be the task of a single individual or even a small group of individuals. Those who are in charge of the institution would, to the best of their ability, make the best use of the means placed at their disposal, and would, to the best of their judgment, lay out practical plans for its further development, but to translate these ideas into actual accomplishments, the active co-operation of all those who are concerned and should have an interest in the University must be secured. I am glad to see gathered here at this inaugural ceremony, besides the faculty and student representatives, the members of the Board of Trustees, who also represent the Founders, distinguished officials of the Government delegates from sister institutions, parents and guardians of our students, and members of our Alumni Association, including our distinguished president, Mr. Chang I Ling—all friends and well-wishers of this institution. I am sure you all have great hopes in this University, but I want to assure you that the University also has hopes in your goodwill for and interest in the institution. May I now address just a few words to you, and in particular:

1. To the Founders. It is true that we have just effected certain changes in our internal organization which are designed to place the administrative responsibilities more directly upon Chinese leadership, but it would be calamitous to the institution if you should feel that, having made this change, you could now drop off to the side-line and look on as interested bystanders. No! you are still active participants, and, to be true to the great cause which this University stands for, you are under obligation to remain active participants. Perceived in its true significance the transfer of administrative responsibility to the Chinese is not, to use a mathematical simile, a process of subtraction of substitution, but one of addition. Whereas, before you

have more or less assumed the sole responsibility of running this institution, you have now, by your own invitation, secured the active co-operation of the Chinese. In other words, whereas you had before one force working alone, you have now two forces working in co-operation. If you should drop out or lessen your support, when we are just ready to push forward with redoubled energy, nothing could be more unfortunate to the cause of this great Methodist institution of learning. All that has been done before would merely be love's labor lost. But I have every confidence that you see the significance of the situation, and will not let this golden opportunity slip by.

2. To the Alumni. The progress and development of a University is, to a great extent, dependent upon the loyalty and enthusiasm of its alumni. This is particularly true in the case of a private educational institution. Realizing, therefore, how important it is to maintain the closest relationship with the alumni, it is provided in the reorganization scheme now under consideration that six out of the fifteen members of the Board of Trustees shall be from the alumni. Such is the high esteem with which the University regards the alumni, who have always been loyal and enthusiastic. But it is my sincere hope that you will take an even keener and more active interest under the present administration, which is headed by one who, though he has come by virtue of his election by the Board of Trustees, would, in all likelihood, not have done so but for the fact that he is an alumnus and therefore desired to demonstrate the loyalty of the alumni to their Alma Mater, as a testimonial that we who know the institution best appreciate its value most. I hope, therefore, that you will regard me as your own representative, charged with your own commission to serve your Alma Mater, and will, accordingly, give her your untiring and unreserved support, more than you have ever done before.

3. To the parents and guardians of the students. There is perhaps no group of persons who are more keenly interested in the condition and welfare of the University than yourselves. The student body of this in-

stitution is made up of your own sons and daughters, younger brothers, and other junior members of your families. You are, therefore, no less concerned for their proper education and training than are the faculty and staff of this institution. We are fully conscious of the trust that you have committed to us, and are determined faithfully to execute this trust for the advantage of the students under our charge, and, we trust, to your entire satisfaction as well. It shall be our effort to keep you advised from time to time of the general condition and policies of the University, and I hope it may also be our privilege to have your constant advice as well as your active co-operation, for we have the same interest at heart and are working for the same object.

4. To the Public at large. The success which the University has been able to achieve in this first quarter of a century of its existence has been due not only to the soundness of its principles and the efficiency of its administration, but also to the confidence and patronage which it has enjoyed from the public. Hereafter we shall strive yet more faithfully and energetically to serve society in the advancement of sound education. May we hope in return that the public at large will, in the interest of the cause of education and for the promotion of Sino-American friendship, take this institution under the shelter of its protecting wings and give us every encouragement and support, to assist us to realize fully our object of turning out, in increasing numbers, each year, young men who are well educated, sound morally and spiritually, practical and constructive, who can and will unselfishly devote themselves to the ideal of service and truly advance the welfare of society, thus realizing the object for which the institution has been founded.

A LIBERAL GIVER

"I do not know of anybody in any Church in the connection who has given so generously to the cause as a poor mother here on the Georgetown Circuit in Texas," declares the Rev. D. W. Carter of the Texas Mexican Mission, who has charge of the work among Mexicans.

"Recently while raising our annual collections I appealed to the congregation to give in the spirit of sacrifice and to do all that they possibly could. One woman, the mother of a large family, whose aged husband is unable to work, came forward and gave me \$5.00 which she and her children had earned picking cotton. This was indeed a sacrifice on her part. I do not know of anybody in the Church who has done more—or even as much."

Mr. Carter, who is 78 years of age, has been in charge of this circuit ever since his superannuation, and has built two chapels for the members at no expense to the Board of Missions. The total membership of this circuit is 55, and a meeting is held annually in special effort to increase the membership. There was never any organized work on this circuit until opened by Mr. Carter.

There was no school for Mexicans in Georgetown until Mr. Carter brought up this matter before the members of the school board. Such a school has been opened and is proving a great success. Two boys who were sent from this Mission to the Wesleyan Institute at San Antonio, Texas, have made good.

There is a great opportunity for work among the many Mexicans in the state of Texas. "I cannot do more than I am doing on account of my age," says Mr. Carter, "but if we

had the men and the means this work could be greatly extended."

BISHOP AINSWORTH CALLS FOR AN ADVANCE

"Advance! Go forward! The time for a new day of march in Methodist missions has come." This is the message of Bishop W. N. Ainsworth just returned from China, in describing the need of the spread of the gospel among the teeming millions of the Orient. "No longer must we expend our thought and our energies in merely trying to hold our trenches. The day has arrived when we must go forward. All conditions among Oriental millions call for a new enlistment of American Christianity in their behalf."

Bishop Ainsworth is calling upon the Church to participate in a worldwide program of missionary expansion, first, for the good of the Church herself; Second, for the salvation of the millions who have never had the opportunity to hear the name of Jesus Christ; third, for the protection of the world against the flood of devastating ideas that emanate from centers where the teachings of Christ are unknown.

"Especially ought the friends of Christ to be friends of China today," says Bishop Ainsworth, "for in a little while China is going to change the center of gravity of the whole world movement. If we set up among them the program of Jesus Christ now, it will not only save them from destruction, but probably save us and the whole wide world as well. In the face of such a challenge Methodism must advance. The time for a new day of march has come."

THE GENERAL MINUTES AND YEARBOOK

Like the previous issues, this is the General Minutes of the Annual Conferences to which has been added a section of general and statistical information regarding the working machinery of the Methodist Episcopal

WOMEN'S PAINS

They Were Relieved by Cardui Which This Georgia Lady Took on Her Mother's Advice.

Columbus, Ga.—"I don't see why women will drag around, in a half-hearted way, never feeling well, barely able to drag, when Cardui might help put them on their feet, as it did me," says Mrs. S. Hunter, of this city.

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Church, South. In addition to this, the editor, Curtis B. Haley, has given it the personal touch by adding many stories of many things of an entertaining and informing nature. The book is not a creature of chance, but is the product of twelve months' careful and painstaking work, in which Mr. Haley had the co-operation of the bishops, the fifty-three secretaries of Conferences and missions, and scores of station preachers, connectional officers, presiding elders, Sunday school and Epworth League workers, missionaries, and not a few laymen. Mr. Haley's gleanings in many fields has assembled a vast deal of information useful to every member of the Southern Methodist Church.

A brother in the Holston Conference once upon a time asked the writer of this story for a list of the books read by Dr. Arthur J. Moore, who at that time was not the pastor of Birmingham's big Church, and he added: "He is one of the best preachers I have heard, and I want to know what he reads." The Yearbook in part answers the question, for under the heading "Favorite Books of Our Preachers" Dr. Moore says that McDowell's "Good Minister of Jesus Christ" is his favorite book. This is only one expression selected from a

list of more than one hundred preachers. On the subject of books Mr. Haley's compilation of a list of "Worth-While Histories of Methodism" is a valuable reference.

If one is interested in church building, he will find on pages 398-400 a list of churches and Sunday school buildings erected or contracted for during the year. This is followed by the "Beginnings of Our Annual Conferences," a chapter of great interest to future historians. The list of "One Hundred Largest Churches" has undergone considerable revision, and the shifting of places will be a surprise to those who have kept pace with the ebb and flow of Church prosperity.

In a list of Churches in the connection showing a hundred or more members received on profession of faith Druid Hills, Atlanta, Rev. R. L. Russell, D. D., pastor, appears at the top, with 309, followed by Mount Vernon Place, Washington, with 291; Second Street, Macon, Ga., with 280; and First Church, Houston, Tex., with 213. The fifty-one other Churches in the list range from 100 to 187.

The list of favorite hymns and texts of 200 preachers, each title of which was suggested by not less than four, indicates a renewal of interest in the hymnology of the Church, and in this connection it may be of interest to call attention to the course in hymnology and sacred music conducted by Prof. Charles C. Washburn at Scarritt College.

There are many other interesting features, in addition to those previously printed; and while the temptation is great, the space in the Christian Advocate will not admit of the printing at this time. A few of the titles are: "Heroes of Half a Century," names of living preachers who have been on the Conference roll for fifty years or more, listed by Conferences; "Degrees Conferred on Southern Methodists," "Long-Service Pastors," "Chief Lay Officers of Some of Our Churches," "New Courses of Study for Our Preachers," "Pre-Episcopal Occupation of Our Bishops," and "Methodists in Congress." Of especial interest are the personally signed statements by the several connectional officers and others concerning the work of the outstanding boards and associations, business statement of the Publishing House from March 31, 1890, to February 28, 1927, subscriptions and collections of the Christian Education Movement from July 1, 1921, to December 1, 1927, Centenary collections to October 31, 1927, annual statement of Publishing Agents, directory of general boards and connectional officers, and a list of names and addresses of presiding elders and Sunday school and Epworth League secretaries.

Last year 5,000 copies of this book were printed, and the edition was exhausted in thirty days. The price is only 75 cents.—W. H. Fitzgerald, in Nashville Christian-Advocate.

MR. WALKER'S LEGACY TO LANDER COLLEGE AND OTHERS

The many friends of Lander College are much gratified to learn of the noble bequest to the college made in the will of Mr. W. Frank Walker of Greenville, who recently went to his reward, and by which one-third of his estate appraised at \$102,000.00 is ultimately left to Lander College, and another third each to Wofford College and the Textile Industrial Institute. It is a gracious memorial, and makes one think of the Bible promise, "The righteous shall be held in everlasting remembrance." Long after all of us now living have gone to dust this sacred fund will go on and on blessing untold numbers of South Carolina men and women with a richer, sweeter, wider and higher life. To what better use can a man put the money, little or much, which God has let him collect and use for a

little while, than to coin thus into character of eternal beauty?

I am wondering if there are not men and women among us, who can see daily the great and good work of our colleges, who will put the colleges in their will for a large or small amount according to their means, who will follow Mr. Walker's noble example and with him hear and obey our Savior's solemn charge to us, "I say unto you to make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness that when you fail on earth they may receive you into everlasting habitations."

Would such a use of money not be infinitely better than simply to pile it up to go back into business channels when we are gone, or to leave so much to our children as to turn them into pampered poodles and rob them of a true motive in life? It is said that some people in New England do not think they can go to heaven unless they have left something to Harvard or Yale. I would that some such idea would take root in our Southland about our colleges here.

But why wait until we are gone from this world? Let us enjoy our good deeds while we are living. Let us leave our money or some of it to our colleges, and let the college pay us an annuity on it until our death. We could thus get the income on our property and besides be blessing thousands of other lives at the same time. We would also be saved the anxiety of making or changing our investments, and with a fixed and sure income, bid care begone, and rejoice to know that our money was at the same time enriching many other lives. We would then settle our financial questions for this world and the next, and be at peace.

I would that our friends under whose eye this falls would think on these things.—R. H. Bennett, Lander College, Greenwood, S. C.

WHERE DO YOU BELONG?

One class sees everything through rose-colored glasses. All is lovely and the goose hangs high. There are some inconsistencies in the world, but no one means to be bad. To be sure some do naughty things; they lie and steal, and rob, they live in adultery and even commit gruesome murders. But they are just a little off balance and should be dealt with gently. The psychiatrists by psy-

choanalysis discover that even the worst are not really to be censured. At heart they are good fellows. They were just seeking a thrill.

Another class says, yes, a great many things do not meet my approval. I know there is much in society and, government, yea even in the Church, that ought to be remedied, but it can't be done. From time immemorial we have had evil conditions, and we always will have. So what's the use making any fuss or raising any disturbance. He who does will incur the ill-will of some and perhaps the displeasure of many. He will only hurt himself and stand in the way of his own advancement. A man is a fool who sets himself against the evils of his day.

Then there is a third class that sees something radically wrong with the world. Judging by certain standards bequeathed to them, the world is very much out of joint. There is a crying need of reform. Society has certain tendencies, which, if not checked, will destroy our social institutions. Democratic government must regain its hold upon the people. There must be greater respect for law. The Church has need of a spiritual awakening or we are lost in the fogs of materialism, formalism, skepticism, and worldliness.

But this is true of the third class. They believe conditions can be changed,—wrongs in society righted, abuses in government stopped, and a more vital life come to the church everywhere.

In what class are you?—F. C. Cannon.

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Children Cry for



Mother!

Child Gets Sick, Cross, Feverish if Constipated

Mother! Your child isn't naturally cross and peevish. See if tongue is coated; this is a sure sign the little stomach, liver and bowels need a cleansing at once.

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Nothing equals "California Fig Syrup" for children's ills; give a teaspoonful, and in a few hours all the foul waste, sour bile and fermenting food which is clogged in the bowels passes out of the system, and you have a well and playful child again. All children love this harmless, delicious, "fruity laxative," and it never fails to effect a good "inside cleansing." Directions for babies, children of all ages and grown-ups are plainly on the bottle.

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tomorrow, but get the genuine. Ask your druggist for a bottle of "California Fig Syrup," then see that it is made by "The California Fig Syrup Company."

FOR YOUTH

WHY NOT THINK?

It's a little thing to do,
Just to think.
Anyone, no matter who,
Ought to think.
Take a little time each day
From the minutes thrown away,
Spare it from your work or play,
Stop and think!

You will find that men who fail
Do not think.
Men who find themselves in jail
Do not think.
Half the trouble that we see,
Trouble brewed for you and me,
Probably would never be,
If we'd think!

Shall we journey hit-or-miss,
Or shall we think?
Let's not go along by guess,
But rather to ourselves confess
It would help us more or less
If we'd think!

—Author Unknown.

MILDRED'S NEW VIEWPOINT

The Home for the Aged stood on the corner. A big, roomy building that in spite of its stateliness looked bleak and desolate at this time of the year, for the fountain no longer played, the trees were bare of leaves, and the lawn brown.

Mildred, hurrying by, heard some one calling her.

She looked up.

There, on the porch, beckoning her, was a little, thin, frail, white-haired figure.

Mildred quickened her steps.

"Why!" she cried, as she hurried up to where the little white-haired woman stood, "it's Mrs. Higby, isn't it?"

The wind even on the porch ruffled the white hair. Little Mrs. Higby nodded.

"Yes, it's me, child," she replied.

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Troubling You

No man or woman can make a mistake by flushing the kidneys occasionally, says a well-known authority. Eating too much rich food creates acids, which excite the kidneys. They become overworked from the strain, get sluggish and fail to filter the waste and poisons from the blood. Then we get sick. Rheumatism, headaches, liver trouble, nervousness, dizziness, sleeplessness and urinary disorders often come from sluggish kidneys.

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This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for years to flush and stimulate the kidneys; also to help neutralize the acids in the system, so they no longer cause irritation, thus often relieving bladder weakness.

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She paused.

"Are you going down past the minister's?" she asked.

Mildred smiled.

"Why, yes," she answered.

A look of relief dawned on the old wrinkled face.

"It's all right then," she replied.

And then she handed to Mildred a dollar bill with the creases carefully smoothed out of it.

"It's for missions," she explained, her face lighting as she spoke. "And if you'll be so kind as to hand it to the minister he'll know what to do with it."

"My niece, Sally Plummer, out West, sent me that dollar bill," she went on. "She said she wanted me to buy something for myself; but, land sakes! I couldn't spend it that way, when we are recallin' some of our missionaries because their ain't money enough to pay 'em, and cuttin' salaries of them that does stay 25 percent. I'd cut a pretty figure buyin' myself something with that dollar bill, when things are in that shape."

She smiled at Mildred.

"You just give it to the minister and tell him I sent it for foreign missions," she added, happily.

A moment later Mildred was on her way, with the dollar bill tucked snugly in her purse. There were other bills beside that one in the pretty little hand-bag, for Mildred was going to buy her a suit, and father had been more than generous.

She did not really need one, of course. Still, when one could pick up a bargain, one was foolish not to do it.

But, somehow, as she walked along, Mildred wasn't thinking of a new suit. She was seeing instead a little, thin, feeble old woman with white hair, and the eager light on her wrinkled face.

Did people really love missions like that? Love them enough to give up their last cent, and be glad they had it to give?

Mildred knew that in the Home for the Aged a dollar bill had its uses. Fruit, for the bill of fare in the Home was always plain. What could be nicer than that? Then there were the magazines, for most of them on the center table in the big hall were old. Flowers, for the great rooms were singularly bare. Yet, notwithstanding these conditions, here was old Mrs. Higby, cheerfully foregoing all that dollar bill would buy and giving it to missions.

She supposed she ought to be more interested in them herself. What was it Mrs. Higby had said? That they were recalling some of the missionaries because there wasn't money enough to pay their salaries. And cutting those who remained 25 percent?

She supposed she could go without that suit. Still she didn't want to do it. She had not yet made up her mind when she arrived at the parsonage. At any rate, she would deliver Mrs. Higby's dollar bill.

But, as she rang the parsonage bell, a miracle happened. Old Mrs. Higby's little thin figure faded away, and in its place there on the busy street, Mildred, light-hearted, gay, untouched, careless, found herself looking into the sorrowful face of one who said, centuries ago, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."

A moment later she stood before the minister.

"Mrs. Higby, up at the Home for Aged, sent you this dollar bill for missions," she began.

And then, the first thing she knew she was pouring into his hands the contents of the pretty little hand-bag. There were crisp bills, silver dollars, quarters and dimes.

"And here is mine to go with it."

But to herself she was saying, "And I, if I be lifted up, will draw all men unto me."—Susan Hubbard Martin, Kind Words.

FOR CHILDREN

JOHN AND THE JONQUILS

By Mrs. F. H. Jones.

John, not much past seven,
Watches a pot of gold;
Studies the power of leaven
That makes its leaves unfold.

He sits gazing at ease:

"Open, little flower,
Little Jonquil, open, please
Where is your power?"

"'Twas only just last night
I saw your big brothers
Closed so fast and tight
They're opened now and others."

"Hurry! Jonquil, hurry!
'Tis marvelous fun!
Think, without a flurry,
You've opened everyone." —Paragould, Ark.

MARY ELIZABETH'S CORNER

Every little candle, burning clean and bright,

Every little star that shines through darkest night,

Brings a happy message. Don't you hear them say,

Make the corner brighter where you are today?"

sang the children practicing across the street.

"Oh, Mary Elizabeth," cried Muriel Deane, running in all out of breath "could you—would you—let me take your pink parasol for the drill? I'm just as ashamed as I can be to ask you, when you've never had a chance to use it yourself. But I can't be it unless I can borrow one somewhere. Mother says she can't afford to buy one now, and I do hate to be left out of it at the very last minute."

Mary Elizabeth had almost guessed Muriel's errand before she said a word about it. She had been afraid somebody would want to borrow the lovely little parasol that Aunt Edith had sent her from France. And she had counted so much on using it herself; but she had been sick nearly all summer, and it was really too late for parasols now. Anyway, she could not use it this year. Muriel wasn't always the most careful little girl in the world; ought she to let her have it? Perhaps Mary Elizabeth might have hesitated the least bit about replying to Muriel's question had not the last words of the cheery little song come popping into her mind "Make the corner brighter where you are today." Was this one way to make her corner brighter? She couldn't be in the drill herself, but the parasol could. It didn't take long to decide.

"Why, of course, you can have it. Muriel," she said generously. "And you'll want it to practice with tomorrow morning, so you might as well take it now. It's right there in the clothes-press, on the highest shelf."

"I'll get it for you, dear," volunteered mother. "I can reach higher than Muriel." And Mary Elizabeth thought her voice sounded unusually pleasant.

"I can't ever, ever thank you half enough," declared Muriel, when the parasol was in her hands, "but I'll never forget this, Mary Elizabeth."

So it was Muriel Deane, instead of Mary Elizabeth Perrin, who went down the street early that afternoon, proudly carrying the lovely pink parasol, and smiling happily. Mary Elizabeth watched her as long as she was in sight. A happy little smile that must have been twin to the one that was on Muriel's face, played about her mouth and chin, and her blue eyes sparkled.

"My, but I wish my corner was bigger," she said as she looked about the sunny room. "If I could only run down to the store on an errand for Mrs. Dix, like I used to, or sing in the concert for the Children's Home, but I can't. I can just sit in my chair and think and think. Oh,

but I can put my carnations and geraniums in the window. They're the prettiest ones I ever had."

Other people must have thought they were pretty, too, for they kept looking up at the front window of the big white house. What they said Mary Elizabeth couldn't hear, but she could see the smiles on their faces, and she wondered what made them look so happy.

"I guess happiness is catching," she decided at last, "like the mumps or the measles. But there comes the popcorn man, and, why yes, right in back of him is the peanut boy. They don't look as if they had sold much. I wonder—"

But Mary Elizabeth didn't wait to wonder; she tapped lightly on the window pane, and the popcorn man, who had been anxiously watching the house, smiled. Then the peanut boy looked up and smiled too. Mary Elizabeth held up two tencent pieces. Five minutes later she was the possessor of two bags of popcorn and two of peanuts. Down the street went the popcorn man and the peanut boy. And they smiled as they thought of the generous little girl in the wheelchair by the front window of the big white house.—The Child's Hour.

JUST FOR FUN

A pin has a head, but has no hair;
A clock has a face, but no mouth there;

Needles have eyes, but they cannot see;

A fly has a trunk without lock or key;

A timepiece may lose, but cannot win;

A corn-field dimples without a chin;

A hill has no leg, but has a foot;

A wine-glass a stem, but not a root;

A watch has hands, but no thumb or finger; —

A boot has a tongue, but is no singer;

Rivers run, though they have no feet;

A saw has teeth, but it does not eat;

Ash-trees have keys, yet never a lock;

And baby crows, without being a cock.—Christine Rossetti.

THE UNHAPPY TASTERS

There once lived in the House-of-Never-a-Smile a little boy whose business it was to taste ice cream for a living, who never had any other work to do but to taste ice cream all day long.

And in another house, called the Never-Very-Happy-Place, a little fellow lived who was obliged to taste candy all day long. Yes, that was his work, tasting candy all day long.

And in still another Frowning House there dwelt a small lad who made a living by tasting chocolate cake all day long—just chocolate cake, chocolate cake and nothing else.

One day the Listening Fairy visited each one of these little boys, and this is what she heard:

"Oh," mourned the Unhappy Ice Cream Eater, "if only I could taste something not quite so cold, if only my job were eating something dry and crumbly that a fellow could set his teeth into—nice fat chocolate cake, for instance—how happy I would be."

And "Oh," sighed the Candy-Tasting-Boy, "how hard, how fearfully hard this candy grows! If only I could have something soft and smooth to taste of, I'm sure I'd never complain. If I could just taste ice cream all day long, what a jolly old time I would have!"

And "Oh," sighed the Always-Chocolate-Cake-Fellow, "if only some one would give me a real biting job, life would then be worth the living! I don't believe those candy-tasting chaps have the least idea how happy they really ought to be. If I could do just what they do all day long, you'd never get any grumbles out of me!" And the Listening Fairy went away half smiling, half sad.—Bernice Powell Peabody, in Child's Gem.

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W. M. S. CALENDAR

L. R. Conference, W. M. S., Annual meeting April 3-6, in First Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. Delegates are requested to send names with time of arrival to Mrs. J. R. Sanders, 1815 Poplar street, Pine Bluff, Ark.

North Arkansas W. M. S. Annual meeting April 10-13, at Paragould, Ark.

In the W. M. S. Council meeting in Nashville, Tenn., March 14-21, Arkansas Methodism will be well represented by Mrs. E. R. Steel, president, and Mrs. W. P. McDermott, Cor. Sec. L. R. Conf.; Mrs. E. F. Ellis, president, and Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Cor. Sec. N. Ark. Conf. W. M. S.; also Mesdames S. G. Smith and R. A. Dowdy and maybe others from our State. We hope to have letters from them, giving us a taste of the feast of good things they will enjoy at this great Jubilee meeting of the W. M. S. of the M. E. Church, South.

N. ARK. CONFERENCE W. M. S.

I hope that the North Arkansas Conference observed the call to prayer. Pray also for our annual meeting in Paragould April 10th to 13th.

Each adult, Young People, and Children's Auxiliary is allowed one delegate each and I hope every society is planning to send a representative.

A cordial invitation is extended to all former officers of the White River, Arkansas, and North Arkansas Conferences to attend the annual meeting at Paragould, Arkansas, April 10th to 17th.—Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Pres.; Mrs. W. L. Oliver, Cor. Sec.

LAMAR ORGANIZES

Lamar has organized a Missionary Society and is getting ready to take the whole program. It was one of the faithful organizations of the old Arkansas Conference and furnished one of its most efficient officers in Mrs. J. S. Garner, who served as president and recording secretary for a number of years.—Mrs. R. A. Dowdy.

PARAGOULD FIRST CHURCH

Our Auxiliary is slowly increasing in numbers of members, which is divided into six circles, two of which are studying "Jesus, Our Ideal." We like it very much. We are planning for the Woman's Missionary Conference, which meets here April 10-14.—Mrs. Letha Dillman, Supt. Pub.

TRUMAN AUXILIARY

This Auxiliary starts the year well with well-chosen officers, under the leadership of the president, Mrs. Geo. O. Campbell, Supt. Study and Publicity, Mrs. A. N. Story. We all love and appreciate Rev. Mr. Story and his fine family who come to us from Leslie, and whom we feel will do us good throughout the year.—Reporter.

STRONG CHURCH W. M. SOCIETY JUBILEE TEA

The W. M. S. of the Methodist Church celebrated the beginning of the Jubilee Year of the missionary work by giving a beautiful and instructive tea Friday afternoon last from 2:30 to 5. The church auditorium was made bright with baskets and bowls of jonquils, daffodils and pots of ferns. The forty-nine years of work were represented by seven periods of seven years each, each seven years being given by a lady

costumed in the fashion of the period she represented.

The program was closed by a talk on Korea by Mrs. Gerdine, a returned missionary.

After the program, the guests were invited to the basement where tea was served.

The table was covered with a beautiful lace cloth and was centered by a basket of jonquils.

Mrs. C. H. Love and Mrs. R. T. Nabors, assisted by Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Buckley, presided at the table.

Many guests called during the afternoon. Out-of-town guests were Mrs. Gerdine, Mrs. Rushing, president of the W. M. S., First Methodist Church, and Mrs. McWilliams, Mrs. Clarence Russell, Mrs. C. H. Williams, all of El Dorado.

The offering amounted to \$32.50.—Mrs. R. A. Burgess, Reporter.

W. M. S.

The W. M. S. or the M. E. Church met for a social meeting Monday, the 27th, with Mrs. Palmer and Mrs. Spencer hostesses at the home of the latter.

Most of the ladies worked on embroidery for a future bazaar. Those who did not work were asked to solve a complicated contest. A very delightful luncheon was served.—Reporter.

A LETTER FROM MISS NELLIE DYER

Woman's Bible School, Seoul, Korea, Feb. 11, 1928.

Dear Mrs. Dowdy: I believe I have not yet thanked the women of the North Arkansas Conference in a very normal way for providing my salary. I would like to express my thanks through you. I appreciate very much the fact that my support comes from the women of my own Conference.

I had a very interesting trip out here last summer. I enjoyed especially a day's stop in the Canadian Rockies and the short time we spent in Japan. However, after seeing both the Rockies and Japan we were delighted with the scenery in Korea. The mountains are lovely.

I have met all of the missionaries of our mission who are on the field now and many missionaries from other missions. We reached Korea in time for the Annual Meeting of Missionaries in August, also during the Christmas holidays many of our missionaries had a prayer retreat at Songdo. They are a fine group of men and women.

The three of us who came in August are living at the Bible School with Miss Trusley, principal of the school.

Seoul is an interesting old city. There are many modern buildings as well as parts of the ancient city, the old walls and some of the old gates which date back hundreds of years. Many nationalities live here. There are various languages, customs and dresses among them. There are Buddhist, Shinto, Confucian and Christian places of worship in or near Seoul.

My great task this year is language. I have a private teacher between 25 and 30 hours a week and my study is supervised by one of the older missionaries who comes for a lesson about once a week. The language is very difficult and I am glad the time is given us for it. I feel I have passed one little milestone, for I've made a short talk in Korean. Of course it was memorized.

I teach a Sunday School in English at one of the churches. The class is largely college men who are studying English. Also, I am teaching a small English class in the Bible School. I wish you might know the girls in this school. Perhaps you understand that this school is the Scarritt of Korea. Most of the girls expect to be Bible women. They are wholesome, lovable, and earnest in purpose. It is too bad that there are not enough scholarships provided for the girls who want to come here. A scholarship is only \$50.00 a year.

I am looking forward to a regular appointment next year. I hope I will be sent to one of the girls' high schools.

It is a great privilege to live and work among the Koreans, whom I am learning to love more and more. I am so glad that I know the women of my home Conference have a share in my life through their interest, money, and prayers.

With love for each of you.
 Nellie Dyer.

Miss Nellie sent her picture, too, taken in Korean costume, between two of the Korean teachers. A very interesting group.—Mrs. Dowdy.

MARCH 14—A DAY OF PRAYER

Extract from Mrs. Lipscomb's page in the Missionary Voice:

"For several months past, the Jubilee Prayer Leagues have been keeping their covenant in secret and meeting in groups in their local churches as they found the convenient time. Now it is planned that all of us shall meet in our several groups in our local churches at one time, and that time is to be on the morning of March 14th from 10 to 12 o'clock. On that day and at that hour three groups composed of the members of the Woman's Missionary Council, the missionaries and deaconesses, and the visitors to the Council from the Conferences, will meet in Nashville in the Wightman Chapel and the assembly room of Scarritt College and in McKendree Church, respectively, for a period of retreat for prayer and meditation. Each of the groups will be led in its devotions by some one who is specially prepared for the service. These retreats will be the initial services of the session of the Woman's Missionary Council, which will hold its session in Nashville March 14-21."

THE COUNCIL MEETING PROGRAM

Careful and prayerful preparation is being made by a special committee for the program of the Council meeting to be held in Nashville, March 14-21.

The morning of the first day will be spent in prayer and meditation preparatory to the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of woman's work for women in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Every auxiliary throughout the connection is being asked to join in this by spending time together for the same purpose and at the same hours.

On the afternoon of the first day of the meeting the Belle Harris Bennett Memorial Building at Scarritt College will be formally dedicated.

The entire week of the meeting will be spent not only in an appreciation of all that has gone before, but in re-evaluating that which has been accomplished and planning and preparing for the days to come.

Among the speakers will be Mrs. Henry W. Peabody, Chairman of the Woman's National Committee on Law Enforcement; Miss Margaret Burton, Executive Secretary of the Department of Education of the Young Woman's Christian Association; Miss Bertha Conde, Young Woman's Christian Association Secretary and Author; Dr. Ralph Sockman, pastor of Madison Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, New York City; and Dr. H. M. Cox, President of Emory University. A number of the bishops of the

Church will be present and participate in the program.

Invitations have gone to boards of other denominations with whom the Council is co-operating in missionary work asking that they send fraternal delegates to share in the Jubilee celebration. An unusually large number of deaconesses, missionaries, and nationals will be present, and also fraternal delegates from other lands.

One of the outstanding features of the program will be the recognition service, when pioneers will receive the honors due for long and faithful service.

REQUEST FROM FIRST CHURCH, PARAGOULD.

The North Arkansas Woman's Missionary Conference will meet with us April 10-13.

All delegates are requested to send their names, with the time of arrival, to Mrs. J. M. Lowe, chairman of our entertainment committee, Paragould, Ark.—Mrs. Letha Dillman, Pub. Supt.

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FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

Little Rock Conference for February
Second Report

The following Missionary offerings have been reported from Sunday Schools in the Little Rock Conference since our first report. This brings the total for February up to a nice figure, but still short of our goal.

Arkadelphia District	
Sparkman	\$ 5.00
Traskwood	1.75
Manning	.53
Zion (Princeton Ct.)	2.00
Bethlehem (Arkadel Ct.)	1.80
Ebenezer (Traskwood)	1.15
Willow	1.10
Leola	3.00
Previously reported	45.51
Totals, 19 Schools	\$61.84
Camden District	
Bearden	\$ 6.85
Buckner	1.87
Kilgore's	.75
Previously reported	52.39
Totals, 12 Schools	\$61.86
Little Rock District	
Primrose	\$ 3.00
Old Austin	1.00
Hunter	2.25
Hickory Plains	1.00
Highland	7.00
Winfield	39.24
Previously reported	111.50
Totals, 24 Schools	\$165.08
Monticello District	
Previously reported	\$ 29.72
Pine Bluff District	
Stuttgart	\$ 30.00
Wabbaseka	1.50
Star City	2.32
Brewer	1.05
St. Charles	1.50
Gillett	4.54
Pleasant Grove	.83
Previously reported	88.40
Totals, 28 Schools	\$130.14
Prescott District	
Hone (Jan. Feb.)	\$ 26.62
Saline	1.10
St. Paul (Jan. Feb.)	2.31
Previously reported	41.53
Totals, 18 Schools	\$ 71.76
Texarkana District	
Fairview	\$ 13.15
Previously reported	48.05
Totals, 10 Schools	\$ 61.20
Standing By Districts	
Monticello, 7 Schools	29.73
Arkadelphia, 19 Schools	61.84
Camden, 12 Schools	61.86
Little Rock, 24 Schools	165.08
Pine Bluff, 28 Schools	130.14
Prescott, 18 Schools	71.76
Texarkana, 10 Schools	61.20
Totals, 118 Schools	\$ 581.61
— C. E. Hayes, Chairman.	

FT. SMITH STANDARD SCHOOL.

The eighth session of the Ft. Smith standard School closed Friday night, Mar. 9. This School broke all records in the state so far as attendance

and credit issued are concerned. 250 enrolled in the School and we issued 217 credits and there will be four office credits which brings the number up to 221 credits. Enthusiasm and intense interest predominated and the spirit of the school was all that could be desired. The school was held in our First Church, Ft. Smith, where there has been a wonderful awakening in Sunday School work since Conference. First Church won the Loving Cup with 114 credits, but it was no easy matter to outstrip Brother Hook and his splendid workers at Dodson Avenue. The other churches of Ft. Smith and Van Buren were well represented in the school. Also Greenwood, Hackett and South Ft. Smith had good delegations in the school. There were 13 schools represented with 11 pastors present and taking work. The presiding elder, Rev. H. Lynn Wade, was dean of the school and took credit in the course on Evangelism. He was untiring in his efforts to make the school a success. The splendid spirit of friendly rivalry between Brother Hook and Brother Dawson, (Dodson Avenue and First Church) added very much to the success of the school. There were six courses offered. Dr. C. J. Greene teaching the Bible, Rev. C. W. Lester, Evangelism, Rev. W. V. Womack The Church and its Work, Rev. G. G. Davidson, Organization and Administration, Mrs. C. C. Burton, Intermediate Senior Psychology, and Miss Fae McRae Beginner Worship. I think we have never had a school where the spirit and interest have been finer.—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

DISTRICT INSTITUTES

We are just approaching our group Institute work and within the next few weeks will cover our entire Conference in this work. I wish to call attention of pastors and superintendents to the importance of attendance and of reports to these institutes. Notices and blanks for reports will be sent out within the next few days and we want every school represented. We want to study the problems down in your own field and at first hand. We can't do this without you and your reports. Do not file nor lose the blank, but fill it out and after making it to the institute turn it in to the secretary to be filed in our office. This information will be valuable to us.—G. G. Davidson, Conf. Supt.

ARKANSAS METHODISM'S LARGEST DISTRICT TRAINING SCHOOL.

The Fort Smith District held the eighth session of its Standard Training School for Sunday School and Church Workers last week with 217 credits issued by the six instructors. The nearest rival to this honor is the Texarkana District which issued 175 credits two weeks ago. Of course the Little Rock School is larger, but it is considered a state school since the District Staff of each District in the state is required to attend this school for credit and conference.

The following instructors taught at Fort Smith: Rev. G. G. Davidson, "Organization and Administration," 24 credits; Mrs. C. C. Burton, "Intermediate-Senior Pupil," 22 credits; Rev. C. W. Lester, "Evangelism," 19 credits; Miss Fay McRae, "Beginner Worship," 25 credits; Rev. W. V. Womack, "The Methodist Church and

Its Work," 54 credits; and Prof. C. J. Greene, "The Worker and His Bible" (New Testament Section), 74 credits.

The School was held in First Church, Fort Smith, which church received 114 of the credits awarded, which is said to be the largest number to have been issued to a single church. A loving cup was also awarded to First Church for having the largest number present and taking credit based on the percentage of Workers' Council.

The following compose the District Staff under whose direction, in conjunction with Rev. G. G. Davidson, the North Arkansas Conference superintendent, the School was held: Rev. H. Lynn Wade, chairman; Rev. E. H. Hook, secretary-treasurer; Rev. C. C. Burton, superintendent Teacher Training; Mrs. H. L. Wade, superintendent Elementary Training; Mrs. C. C. Burton, superintendent Adolescent Work; Rev. Dana Dawson superintendent, Adult Work; Rev. W. V. Womack, superintendent Missionary Work.—Reporter.

MT. CARMEL, BRYANT CIRCUIT

The Willing Worker's Class of the Mt. Carmel Sunday School now hails you. This is an organized class and the officers are as follows:

Miss Alice Wise, president; Elsie Nance, vice president; Robert Anderson, secretary; Julia Mac Raper, treasurer; Chas. H. Rhodes, teacher.

This class has been organized since August, 1927, and has accomplished some good work. It is the only working organization class on the charge of Bro. Tomlin.

By the good works of this class the pastor sets it as an example for the rest of his circuit. Others are organizing.

The Sunday School was slowly dying and this teacher thought that perhaps an organized class would help to revive it. This bunch of husky boys and girls got together and elected their officers and began to have meetings on the first and third Friday nights in each month. They began by having a small program each Sunday morning, attended to by the program committee. In a few weeks they gave a box supper which brought them a total of \$16.25.

They then began to prepare a Christmas program. Books were ordered at the small cost of 70 cents. They conducted a fine program and had a "snow house" instead of a Christmas tree, which was something different and easier to fix. All of the responsibility was taken by the class and it cost in all \$13.50. A committee was appointed to collect money to help pay the expenses and a total of \$7.68 was collected.

Another box supper was given Saturday night, February 18, and as it was a bad night only ten boxes and a cake were for sale, but the proceeds were remarkable. They amounted to \$24.25.

The church was assessed \$20 for Missions and this class paid every cent of it out of their treasury.

This class is made up of Juniors They have blue and white as class colors and have class pins.

They are going to have a regular supper and program Saturday night, March 24, with the proceeds of this and the remaining \$13.98 they are going to paint the interior of the church and make other needed improvements.

The young matron's class is now organizing and they are going to help this class and together they are going to put Mt. Carmel on the Sunday School map.

If you have an organized class, write to us about it through the good old Arkansas Methodist and let's exchange ideas. If you don't have an organized class, why not organize one? We will help you all we can. Our class song is "Count Your Blessings." Why don't you? We do and we come out ahead.—Reporter.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

MARCH MEETING OF THE INTER-CITY UNION

The Epworth Leaguers of the First Methodist Church of North Little Rock will entertain the members of the Inter-City Epworth League Union at their March meeting, Monday, March 19th, at 8 o'clock.

Only two more meetings will be held in this Union year. Leaguers and true friends are urged to continue their loyal support and increase the attendance. Come out 500 strong Monday evening!—Publicity Director.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS

Last week we held two Group Meetings in the Pine Bluff District. The first was held at DeWitt, and the second was held at Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff.

DeWitt. Despite the rain we had representatives from Humphrey, Roe, Stuttgart, Gillett, St. Charles, DeWitt, Pleasant Grove and Pine Bluff. There were 50 in attendance. There was fine interest and the meeting was in every way a success.

Carr Memorial. The next meeting was held at Carr and we had 66 present. There were representatives from Grady, Star City, Rison, Sherrill-Tucker, Lakeside, Hawley, First Church, Sheridan and Carr Memorial. This was another fine meeting.

The ladies and Epworth Leaguers at both churches served a nice lunch at 6:30, which we appreciated very much. This half hour of social feature was a fine part of the program.

The persons serving on the speakers' team were Rev. J. A. Henderson, Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, Rev. J. C. Glenn, Mr. Leslie Helvie, Mr. C. Ray Monk and the writer. Brother Holmes was ill with Flu and so was Miss Audrey Wharton, or they would have taken their part on the program.—S. T. Baugh.

SUMMARY OF GROUP MEETINGS

Little Rock Conference

With the two group meetings held in the Pine Bluff District last week we have held twelve such meetings in the past 60 days.

Presiding elders, pastors, conference officers, chapter officers and visitors have expressed themselves as believing that these meetings are some of the best work we have done in the last year or two.

Much of the fine results of such meetings cannot be stated on paper. It is impossible to weigh or measure spiritual and moral forces. It is the judgment of those attending these meetings that they have been more than worth while.

Following are some of the visible results:

Reached most of the Chapters of 4 Districts.

Held 12 of these Group Meetings.

Had present 650 young people and pastors.

Secured a complete mailing list for 4 Districts.

Secured several hundred dollars in Mission Pledges.

Arranged for the organization of about 10 Unions, two of which have since been organized.

Sold 7 Handbooks; gave away 100 Year Books and 75 Eras.—S. T. Baugh.

NORTH ARKANSAS ANNI-VERSARY DAY

Attention Pastors and Leaguers!

The fourth Sunday night in March is the time for the Epworth League Anniversary Day program. This year's program is to be a Valley Springs Training School Special. The purpose of the program is two-fold: to give our people information about our school at Valley Springs, and to secure a freewill offering. Seventy-five per cent of all the money raised on Anniversary Day will go to Valley Springs Training School. The other

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The Conference League, in session at Searcy last June, set a goal of \$1,000 as an Anniversary Day offering for this year. This \$1,000 was apportioned to the districts as follows:

Fayetteville	\$120
Ft. Smith	120
Conway	120
Helena	120
Jonesboro	120
Booneville	100
Batesville	100
Searcy	100
Paragould	100

Let us raise the total of the \$1,000 goal. That would mean \$750 for Valley Springs. With nearly 10,000 Leaguers in our Conference this is a small task.

Send your offering to your District Secretary. Then let all District Secretaries forward at once to the Conference League Vice-president.

Where there are Leagues will the pastors give their fourth Sunday evening service to their Leaguers and permit a free-will offering to be taken? Where there are no Leagues will the pastors please present the interest and needs of Valley Springs Training School and take a free-will offering and send same to the District League secretary of said district? In making this request we are staying within the regulations of our church.

Below will be found a suggested program and some material out of which to build a program. Other materials are being sent to Leaguers throughout the Conference.—Ira A. Brumley, Conf. Vice-pres.

Suggested Outline of League Program

(This suggested program was made by Prof. M. J. Russell, principal of Valley Springs Training School.)

I. A short history of the school.

Manner of its founding.

Emphasize the facts that—

It was founded by the North Arkansas Conference.

It belongs to this Conference.

II. How it is to be built and supported.

It must rely wholly on donations.

It gets nothing from the Centenary or Christian Education funds.

Charges a small tuition fee.

Gets some help from the Boards of Education and the Board of Missions (usually about a thousand dollars from the General Board of Education—eight hundred this year; an appropriation of \$2,500 from the Conference Board, which nets between eleven hundred and twelve hundred; \$500 from the Board of Missions).

Several of the Sunday Schools help.

A few individuals have given some.

III. The purpose of such a School:

To help the poor boys of our mountain districts to get a high school education.

To help the boys and girls of the rural districts who do not have access to high schools (gives the boys and girls work on the farm and in other places).

To find and train those who will continue their education and become leaders in our Church.

To give special religious training that cannot be given in the state schools.

IV. Some things the school has already accomplished:

Has become a "B" grade High School.

Has graduated 42 boys and girls.

Has influenced 37 to continue their education in higher schools of learning.

Has led more than 30 to become student volunteers.

Has made it possible for more than 250 boys and girls from 15 counties to attend school, most of whom would not have had that advantage if this school had not been here.

Has had 15 ministerial students.

Has given Christian training at the impressionable age to its students.

Has given to a community church services every Sunday (this church would not have had services more than once a month).

Has given us a Gold Seal League for the last two years.

V. The needs of the school:

Buildings.

Equipment.

More maintenance fund.

The school has a farm and farm houses, but no school buildings or dormitories. It has one dormitory perhaps three-fourths completed.

VI. Teachers:

School has four regular teachers.

The pastor teaches the Bible and coaches in athletics.

Has a teacher of piano.

Teachers make a sacrifice to work here—

They have few conveniences.

Away from centers.

Often have to wait for part of their salaries.

Valley Springs as a Layman Sees It
The following letter is the answer of a request made by the Vice-president:

Mr. Ira A. Brumley, 1719 Schaer Ave., North Little Rock, Arkansas.

Dear Sir: I am in receipt of your letter of February 29th requesting information concerning Valley Springs. Valley Springs is a village of perhaps 300 population, located two and one-half miles from the line of the Missouri & North Arkansas Railway. It, for many years, has been one of the best rural communities, from a moral standpoint, in Arkansas. For many years a splendid academy was conducted at Valley Springs under the direction and supervision of such men as the late Prof. T. F. Albright and J. C. Eaton, who is now connected with the school at Imboden, Arkansas. Many splendid young men and women went forth from this school to various parts of the country, and have made very useful and successful citizens in their respective communities.

Valley Springs has a most excellent religious atmosphere and it is an ideal place for a boy or girl to go to school, because there are but few vices and temptations there to detract from their school work. The population consists of religious, mountain people who are willing to make sacrifices for their fellow man. The school influence there at this time under the management of Prof. M. J. Russell is second to none within my knowledge or observation. A boy or girl can attend school at that point for less money than any place within my knowledge, and it is one of the very few places where it is safe for young boys and young girls to go and not have the protection of

their own parental influence. The school management looks carefully after the moral conduct of its students, and we have observed that whenever a boy or girl comes to Valley Springs to go to school, that it is only a short time until they drop into the large family influence obtaining in that community.

They are having a hard struggle to finance the proposition and make it the character of school that is desired. They have recently built a most elegant dormitory, sufficient to house probably some sixty or eighty girls, although they are having financial difficulties in completing payment of same.

Valley Springs has a climate that is unsurpassed in the Ozark region. Its water supply comes from springs that are unexcelled anywhere. Its inhabitants are a unit for law enforcement. The Sunday School and Church privileges are splendid. There are no factional differences existing among the people. They all stand as a unit for higher education, pure and undefiled religion and clean government. It is ten miles from Harrison, the county seat of Boone county, or as it is sometimes expressed, twenty minutes from the county seat. Good roads are giving connection with all parts of the country and it is only a matter of a short time until it will be easily accessible to those desiring to go by Valley Springs.

The Valley Springs Training School has purchased, adjacent to the village, about 140 acres of good, fertile, tillable land, and many of the boys attending school at that place pay a substantial portion of their board and tuition in work upon this farm. A goodly portion of the expense of the dining room at the dormitory is overcome by products from this farm. There is some indebtedness against the farm, and the school is not making the progress in the way of buildings that it should make on account of depressed finances. If you, through the Epworth League in Arkansas, can render financial assistance to Valley Springs Training School, you will be performing a great service, the direct benefits of which will go to poor boys and poor girls in Arkansas who are unable otherwise to obtain a high school education.

If you desire further information concerning the school, and will indicate the lines along which you desire information, I shall be glad to furnish same to the best of my ability. With sincere good wishes for your success in the very splendid undertaking now in your hands, I beg to remain,

Yours very sincerely,

J. Sam Rowland.

(Note: Mr. J. Sam Rowland is a layman of Harrison, Arkansas.)

Valley Springs Students In Hendrix

(The following statement has been made by Dr. J. H. Reynolds, of Hendrix College, in answer to a letter of the Conference League Vice-president.)

Valley Springs for three or four years has been sending Hendrix College some of our best students. Two of them graduate this year. Several of them have been life-service students. None of them has failed. All of them have made good.

One of the boys entering this last September is an orphan without means. He worked his way through the Academy and is now working his way through Hendrix. He is preparing for the ministry. He is absolutely without means. He is making a very fine record.

Another Valley Springs student who entered last fall is preparing for the ministry, is without means, and he has paid a large part of his expenses by work this year. They are both pure gold. The Academy is, therefore, rendering a fine service in giving such worthy boys an opportunity to get a high school education.

NEWS OF THE CHURCHES

SEND IN MONEY FOR BOOKS

I hope that the pastors in Arkansas will be prompt in remitting to the Board of Missions the money for the books sold. If you have any books that you cannot sell please forward them to the Board with your remittance for those you have sold. Many pastors have made arrangements to distribute all the books they ordered in their Church homes and have remitted for all of them to the Board of Missions. Do not send the money for your books to me.—J. F. Simmons.



BIG BANQUET FOR ALL VALLEY SPRINGS STUDENTS

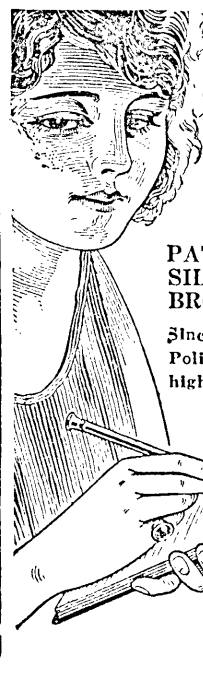
At Valley Springs, Ark., on March 16, we are expecting that every student that ever went to school at Valley Springs either since the present Training School has been in operation, or in days gone by, attend this banquet.

You will be delighted to come back to the dear old place and meet your old friends, partake of the refreshments of the hour, and see what wonderful changes have come about as a result of the work that your Church has done through Prof. Russell and his co-workers. If you are coming over the M. & N. A. from the South, drop us a card, and we will meet you at Olvey, with free transportation. If you are coming from the North, over the M. & N. A., and desire to stop at Harrison, then we will meet you there, and bring you to see the same old wonders that you looked upon in your younger days. Some of you can find the same old rocks that you sat on when a bashful boy, trying to get up the courage to say, "Sally, I love you."

You can't afford to miss this, the first opportunity, to come to the old school home you have ever had. We are looking for you. Remember, just a card will call a nice auto to the train and some one to greet you.

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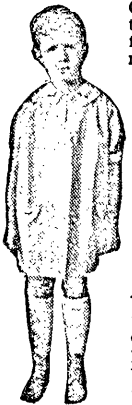
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distinct of the awfulness of sin, and the way of repentance of our sins, through our blessed Lord. The Gospel was preached with great force and simplicity, stirring the hearts of those who live without God. A great number came forward for prayer, one re-consecration of life, and a number held up their hands for prayer. God reigned supreme throughout the revival. Many anxious souls were stirred to the realization that the time is drawing nigh.

A brother of another denomination came to me and said: "Bro. Mathews, I cannot understand why people stand back and refuse your calling, your pleadings, to turn for God. When the invitation was made so plain and distinct." I answered: "God handles his teachers and His Word the way He wants it preached." We expect to be victorious. I have placed the meeting in God's hands, and I will be directed by God's outlines and directions.

My topic tonight, "The Target," Heaven or Hell, Matt. 7:13-14. God reigns supreme. The people's choice not mine, I will close here tonight and will get into another battle against the Devil Mar. 19 to Mar. 28, at Mount Olivet Church. Line up of topics with which I hope every one on my circuit will see this line up and come to hear the sermons:

Mount Olivet Church

Pleasures of Sin, Mar. 19, 7:30
Cleave To The Right, Mar. 20, 7:30
Apologies, Mar. 21, 7:30
Satan Bound, Mar. 22, 7:30
Little Sins, Mar. 23, 7:30
The Devil's Cash Box, Mar. 24, 7:30
Fools Company, Mar. 25, 11:00 a. m.
Sonship, Mar. 25, 3 p. m.
Filial Duties, Mar. 25, 7:30
End of the World, Mar. 26, 7:30
The King's Highway, Mar. 27, 7:30
Look To the Prize, Mar. 28, 7:30

I am lining up one of the greatest drives ever put on here on the circuit. Expecting 100 per cent April drive for the Arkansas Methodist.

The great campmeeting is arousing many dear friends to come to the front and help in the great drive, because many souls are in quest of God's work. I look for one of the greatest years we have even had this year on the Rowell Circuit.—J. H. Mathews, P. C.

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

North Arkansas Conference

Batesville:
Tuckerman Ct.; Eli Craig \$ 50.10
Mt. View; J. T. Byrd 50.00
Strangers' Home 7.00

Booneville:

Conway:
Paris; E. W. Faulkner 303.00
First Church, Conway; J. M. Workman 100.00
Vilonia; E. B. Williams 3.00
Cabot; R. A. Teeter 110.00

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Bentonville; W. T. Thompson 62.86
Pea Ridge; W. C. Hutton 12.61
Decatur-Springtown; Leon Henderson 3.50
Springdale; C. H. Sherman 51.80
Ft. Smith:

East Van Buren; Earl Cravens 19.85
Helena:
Brinkley; Geo. E. Patchell 50.00
Crawfordville; J. R. Nelson 32.00

Jonesboro:
Nettleton; C. F. Wilson 30.00

Paragould:
Maynard; L. F. Lafavers 35.00
Walnut Ridge; S. G. Watson 130.00
Hoxie; J. E. Lark 87.25

Secoy:

Bellefonte-Alpena; J. E. Peters 25.00
Leslie; T. C. Chambliss 19.50

Little Rock Conference

Arkadelphia:

Sparkman; S. B. Mann \$ 44.50

Camden:

Chidester; J. K. Harrell 8.00

El Dorado; J. D. Ham-

mons 1,200.00

Smackover; J. W. Thomas 150.00

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Oakdale; J. B. Pickering 7.25

Forest Park; B. F. Musser 51.00

Alexander; I. O. Donaldson 2.00

Mabelvale-Primrose; F. R. Harrison 20.00

Texarkana:

Hatfield; E. B. Adcock 4.00

Lockesburg; L. C. Gatlin 21.90

DeQueen; R. H. Cannon 15.75

Standing by Districts

Little Rock Conference

Arkadelphia, J. W. Mann \$ 44.50

Camden, J. J. Stowe 1,658.00

Little Rock, James Thomas 3,443.72

Monticello, E. R. Steel 145.00

Pine Bluff, J. A. Henderson 755.49

Prescott, J. L. Dedman 230.00

Texarkana, F. N. Brewer 309.64

\$6,586.35

North Arkansas Conference

Batesville, H. K. King \$ 487.62

Booneville, F. E. Dodson 328.00

Conway, J. M. Hughey 627.50

Fayetteville, F. M. Tolleson 498.97

Ft. Smith, H. L. Wade 511.25

Helena, J. A. Anderson 82.00

Jonesboro, F. R. Hamilton 40.00

Paragould, Wm. Sherman 545.20

Searcy, W. P. Whaley 44.50

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Total for both Conferences \$9,761.69

—J. F. Simmons.

"THE DAY OF MARCH HAS COME" CHARGES

I am glad to give below another list of churches and pastors that have sent in an offering larger than last year. These charges and pastors feel that our great Church should beat a forward march in our missionary operations. This makes a total of twenty-eight charges that have struck up this forward march. I would like to publish a long list in the next issue of this paper.

Charges and Pastors 1927-- 1928

Concord,

J. C. Williams \$12.50 \$13.00

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—J. F. Simmons.

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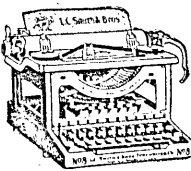
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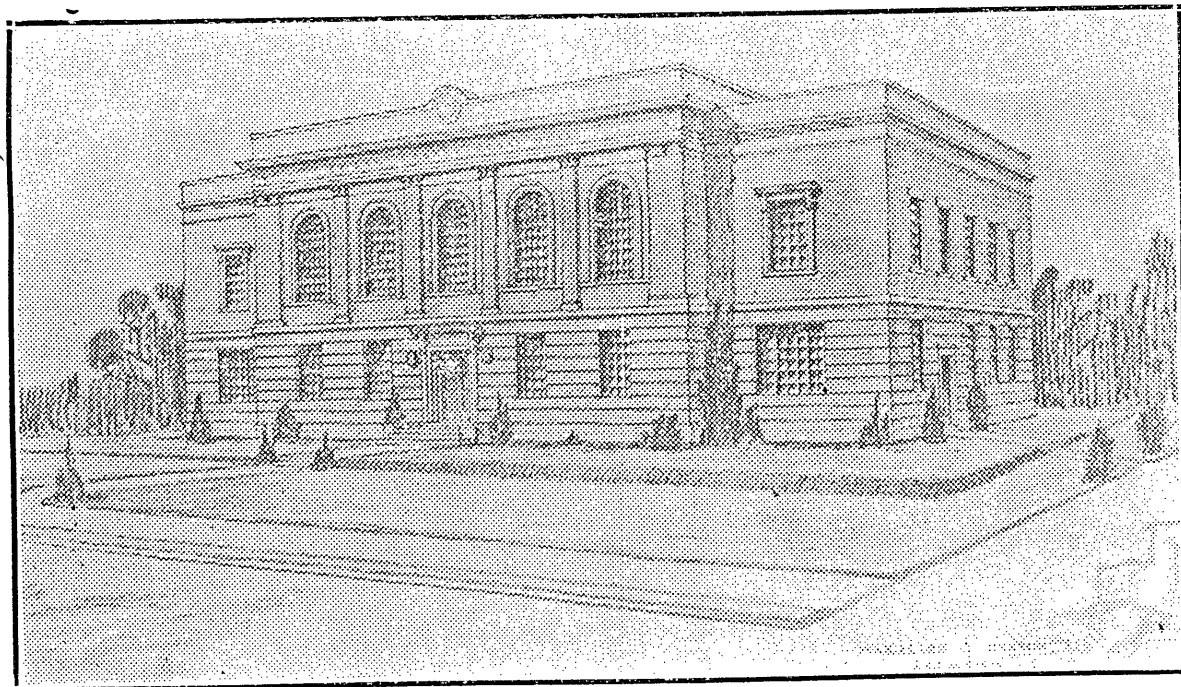
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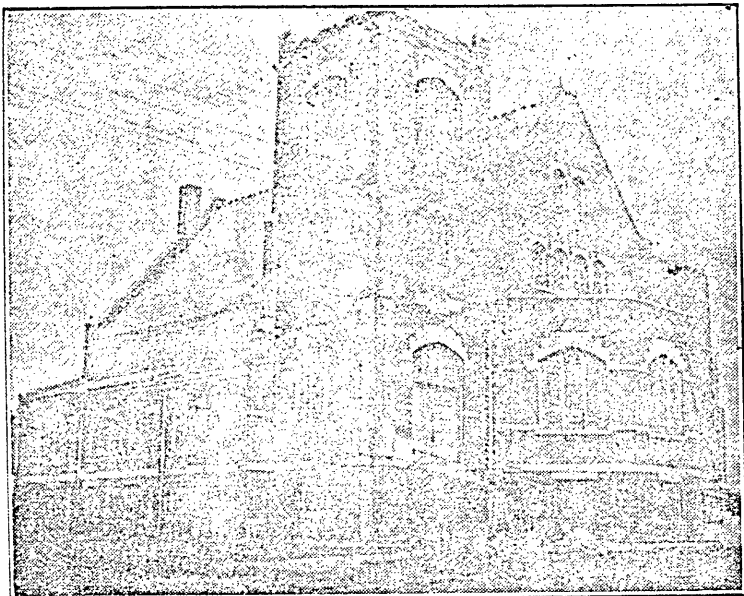
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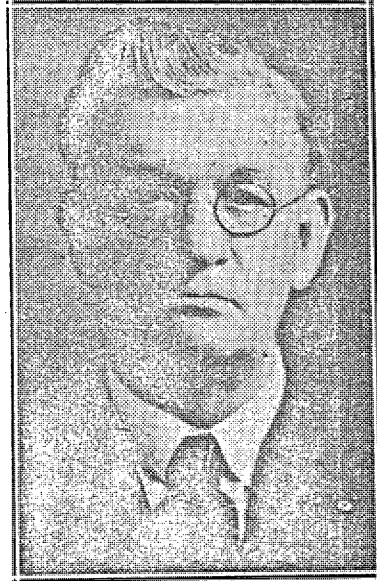
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BOONEVILLE, FIRST CHURCH

Booneville Church was organized just after the Civil War by Rev. F. M. Moore in a log cabin near Oak Hill cemetery with a membership of seven, all of these, with the pastor, have gone on to heaven. These glorified ones laid the foundation better than they knew, for they were builders together with God. In that list of names are such loved members as Mr. and Mrs. Marvel Rhyme, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Lee, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Cochran, the father of Judge Cochran of Paris, Ark. These have ever had their successors who have carried on this church, a few of which are the Murpheys, Castleberrys, Bevins, Harveys, Evans and Thomas. Time would fail me should I tell of many others like these whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

We could not fail to mention the name of one of the great men who has stamped, for good, the life and times of the church and community, that of the sainted Rev. G. W. Evans, who resided here from 1876 till he entered heaven in 1914. He is the father of a distinguished son, Hon. Jephtha Evans, one of the great lawyers of this state. He is active in the practice of law associated with his brilliant son, Mr. C. I. Evans. Closely associated with him was Rev. F. M. Moore who lived here for many years to bless this community with his life.

Among the presiding elders we notice the names of such men as F. M. Moore, H. M. Grenade, S. H. Babcock, Stonewall Anderson, James A. Anderson, F. S. H. Johnston, W. T. Thompson, James H. O'Bryant, B. L. Wilford, W. B. Hays, who ascended to God from the toiling road of service here, and, now, our very efficient F. E. Dodson. There are others whose names we can not get.

Among the pastors of the early days we note the names of such men as F. M. Moore, G. W. Evans, S. S. Key, T. M. C. Birmingham, J. M. Hawley. And from minutes we find the following: D. N. Weaver, 1898-1900; W. A. Freer, 1901; F. M. Tolle-son, 1902; John C. Keen, 1903-1904; J. W. Keathley, 1905; George M. Barton, 1906-1907; J. H. Eakes, 1908; F. E. Dodson, 1909-1911; James H. O'Bryant, 1912-1914; W. T. Martin, 1915-1916; E. S. Harris, 1917-1918; L. B. Ellis, 1919; R. H. Lewelling, 1920-1922; E. H. Hook, 1923-1924; Charles Franklin, 1925; B. C. Few, 1926; F. A. Lark, 1927.

Under these names the church has grown from a small membership of seven to a membership of about 450. Besides these leaders have worked many men and women in official life and membership who are of sterling character and consecrated zeal. I think of no church that stands truer to the great essentials of Christian life and character. It is a blessed heritage that these have bequeathed

to us of the year 1927-1928. May we not fail them.

From the little log cabin in the woods the church building has grown till today we have one of the best equipped buildings in the conference. It is prepared for doing B-grade work in all departments of the church and they are doing it with a heart and a will. The church as it stands today is a monument to the zeal, enthusiasm, good judgment, and leadership of Rev. F. E. Dodson, our present presiding elder, with his consecrated body of men and women who toiled unselfishly with him. And, by the way, there is no man in the conference whom our people love and esteem more than he, with his good wife and the fine family. He is at home with them. Happy to have him back with them. A fine piece of remodeling was done by that indefatigable worker, Rev. E. H. Hook, who does more in two years in a church than most of us can do in four or five years. I know this is true of the present pastor. I would not speak for the others. I guess when we, as pastors, go in we too often forget those who go before us, and whose toil and labors we inherit. We could not do without them.

We found a wonderfully working church when we came here last fall. We have not needed to introduce anything new, just carry on with what we have. The best business men of Booneville are on our official board, headed up with B. B. Bevins, president, R. L. Whittam, sec., J. O. Barlow, treas., R. A. Sadler, rec. steward, and O. M. Bevins, district steward, and the following members: W. T. Roberts, Dr. B. D. Clutch, Dr. W. T. Bacon, Dr. N. E. Armstrong, Dr. A. R. Headrick, R. M. Harvey, J. O. Adney, Omer Yarborough, Sam Cauthron, Charles I. Evans, Joe Lamb, H. G. Murphy, R. C. Melton, H. G. Moore, Leo Barlow, Dr. John Stewart, S. A. Roberts.

We have a very efficient lay leader in the person of C. M. Roberts, who is working with a staff of consecrated helpers, which are as follows: Miss Com., Mrs. N. F. Armstrong, Mrs. B. B. Bevins, Mrs. H. G. Moore, Mrs. C. M. Roberts: Stewardship Com., Miss Marcelle Phillips, who is a real tither, and also, the tireless District League Secretary: Superannuate Endowment Com., C. M. Roberts, O. M. Bevins, and Omer Yarborough: Christian Literature Com., Mrs. Charles I. Evans, Mrs. Ernest Roberts, and Mrs. F. A. Lark: Director of Golden Cross Society, Dr. John Stewart, with Dr. S. P. McConnell as assistant. These are doing a real piece of work.

We have a Standard Sunday School ranking 98 on our standard. I have found no better superintendent anywhere than Mr. W. T. Roberts and his body of helpers. He is working continually at his job, putting

many hours in his office, though he is one of our busiest men. He will tell you his success comes from his assistants and the perfect backing of the church. I would say that it is all together. We have several "Gold Seal" graduates, and many of the other diplomas. The council is near A-grade in attendance, the program of school is followed out in the severest detail.

The Missionary societies, there are No. 1 and 2, are 100 per cent in almost every way. No. one is headed up by Mrs. F. E. Dodson, and No. two by Mrs. Charles I. Evans. They meet every Monday in study courses and other things, filled in with true social hours in the regular times. They backed up the pastor and took his course when he taught in the church, "New Tasks for New Times." They saw to it, with the fine lay leader, that the Missionary Special was presented to every member of the church. No. two sees to the publishing of the bulletin of the church.

The Epworth Leagues are functioning as Senior and Hi-Leagues, with the Epworth Juniors working with Leagues and Missionary Society, as directed by our church. Mr. Morris Dodson is doing wonderful work as head of the Senior League, and the same class of work is being done by the Hi-League under leadership of Mrs. Townsley. Mrs. D. B. Griffir and Mrs. Morris Dodson have a fine class doing good work in the Epworth Juniors. Miss Marcelle Phillips is ever working and encouraging the young people to do their best.

We have a Boy Scout troupe under the mastership of J. W. Hoyt Martin who leads the boys into real scoutdom.

This is the pastor's 31st year in the pastorate, and it is one that should be his best. He began his work at Van Buren, East End, in 1897. Spent six years in the work in the West, California and Oregon one year at Huntsville, Ark.; one year at Berryville, Ark.; two years at Eureka Springs, Ark.; four years at Prairie Grove, Ark. and one year at Paris, Ark.; two years at Rogers, Ark.; one year at McCrory, Ark.; a part of a year at Heber Springs, Ark., when he was moved for "work" to North Little Rock, Ark., where he stayed four years; two years at Van Buren, Ark.; four years at Newport, Ark. and now he is beginning at Booneville, hoping it will be the best of all.

We are planning great things for the year among which is a revival led by Rev. (Judge) Frank Morris of Dallas, Texas, one of the leading evangelists of Methodism. We are hard at the work, helped by the support of the splendid people, and a Mrs. Lark who is best of all.

Booneville District covers a very choice territory of our great state. It includes Scott, Logan, Yell, Perry,

and a part of Sebastian, Franklin, and Conway Counties. The people as a whole are of high type, big hearted, law abiding and loyal to Church and State.

There are twenty-three pastoral charges in the Booneville District, every preacher is putting on the whole program of the Church. Surely there is not a District in Methodism better manned than the Booneville District. We are praying and expecting a great year along all lines.

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BOONEVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Booneville Public Schools have aptly been called the "key" to the educational opportunities of South Logan County. This rare privilege is given to the Booneville Schools because it is by far the largest and strongest school in the southern district of Logan County, and is the only one which offers four years of standard high school work above the grammar school.

The school system employs a faculty of nineteen teachers distributed as follows: 10 in the grammar school and nine in the high school, including two special instructors in music and expression. The faculty consists of a corps of strong and capable instructors, all of whom are live and progressive. The enrollment in the grammar school averages about 640 during the year, and in high school it reaches about the 160 mark. Many of these students come from the nearby rural communities after finishing the grade schools, and enter the Booneville High School for their secondary schooling.

The school is housed in three substantial and serviceable brick buildings, the most recently constructed of these being a beautiful new high school building costing \$40,000.00. The high school is splendidly equipped with all modern conveniences necessary for first class instruction and is second to none in this respect when compared with school buildings of its neighboring towns of equal population and wealth.

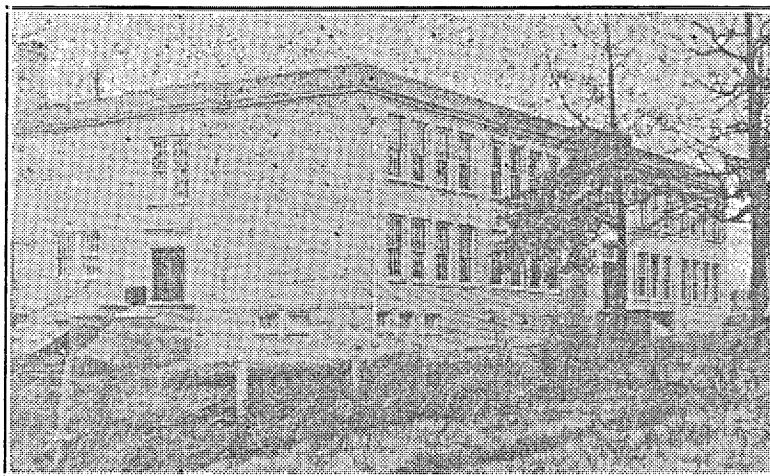
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as Vocational Agriculture for boys who are inclined in that direction, and Home Economics for girls. Thus the vocational side of the child's training is not neglected while giving him the necessary literary polish acquired in other fields of knowledge.

The school is backed up by a very progressive board of education, a live and interested citizenship, and an effective and efficient Parent-Teacher Association. This organization has equipped the domestic science department and the school library during the present year, and is planning many other equally important and needful improvements.

The pastors of the local churches visit the school each Wednesday morning and deliver helpful and inspiring messages to the entire student body, thus adding that moral and religious touch to the child's training which is not provided for in the regular curriculum. Training along this line is further augmented through a very active Hi-Y club for boys, and a Girl Reserve Club for girls. A splendid school spirit prevails among the student body, and the moral and intellectual life on the school campus is far above the average found in schools the size of Booneville. The people of Booneville feel that their little city has no greater economic or social asset than its public schools, and they are taking a fond and just pride in the rapid development of their school system.

BOONEVILLE SANATORIUM

Located near Booneville and almost within the shadow of Mt. Magazine, the highest point in the state, is the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium, an institution which offers a chance for regained health to the thousands of persons who fall victims to the dread white plague. The location is almost ideal and a state-wide search would fail to reveal a spot which would offer scenic beauty superior to that of the sanatorium.

The sanatorium is situated on the crest of a mountain four miles from Booneville. From the portico of the main building one can look to the south over a rugged expanse of hills and valleys and mountain forests to a background of ranges many miles in the distance. To the northeast the view is blocked by the broad breast of Mount Magazine as it towers to the highest altitude of any point in Arkansas some 15 miles from Booneville.

Needs Co-Operation

In position to benefit by the wonderful scenery of the Booneville section are several hundred tuberculosis patients who are seeking a return to health. Until one visits this State Institution and sees what is being done for the tuberculosis victims of Arkansas it is difficult to appreciate in the proper spirit the need of co-operative aid nor does one realize how easy it would be to stamp out the disease if the ordinary warnings of the Red Cross and other agencies were heeded.

When patients are taken to the



Dr. John W. Stewart,
Supt. of Sanatorium, Booneville, Ark.

sanatorium in the early stages of tuberculosis, they have an excellent chance to be cured. The ratio of cures among patients who remain at the institution is as follows: First stage, 95 per cent; second stage, 50 per cent; third stage, 10 per cent. The patients get pure sun-light, fresh cool air, pure milk and water, proper food and the attention of skilled physicians and trained nurses. These are advantages which the patients could never receive at their homes for they are persons who could not afford them.

Reject Hopeless

The sanatorium does not want and will not accept those persons who are in the last stages of tuberculosis. The institution is for curative purposes and not a place to nurse persons who are beyond hope. Such patients, it is contended, are better off among their friends and relatives instead of strangers.

The institution is under the superintendency of Dr. John Stewart, who took charge in May, 1913. He came to the Arkansas Institution from the Missouri tuberculosis sanatorium at Booneville, Mo., where he served as superintendent for a number of years. When Dr. Stewart assumed charge of the Arkansas sanatorium, the institution had been in operation but three years and was able to care for but 82 patients. Now he is caring for more than 300 at a time, a result of a constant fight by the superintendent for a bigger and better institution.

Among the improvements made by Dr. Stewart is the development of several acres of wooded hill land into rich peach and apple orchards and grape vineyards. The institution now has a dairy herd of more than one hundred thoroughbred Holstein cows, an ice plant, up-to-date waterworks, laundry and several modern stucco, steam-heated buildings.

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tread and trembling hand opened the door to see what all the noise meant and the good wife raised her eyes from her sewing to see what was coming. My! it was exciting to see the happy faces of men, women and children as they marched in headed by the beloved pastor, none empty handed, but arms and hands filled with such things as are needed in the larder and on the table to meet the needs of the household. After a short talk by the pastor and a few words in reply by the writer, they made their deposits of all the good things. Then, after prayer by Bro. Harrell and a few minutes spent in general conversation, the happy crowd of comers scattered and left the humble superannuate and his wife by themselves to pray and thank God for His goodness in letting us live among such a host of dear friends that made us feel that we are not the "Forgotten Man and Wife," as some might term it, but remembered of God and the good folks of Chidester in a special way. May God bless the ministering hands of these good people and our great Church and the brotherhood of our Little Rock Conference, is the prayer of this superannuate preacher and his wife.—F. R. Canfield.

FISHER STREET CHURCH, JONESBORO

Our Mission School was held the second week of February and was well attended. A different speaker took charge each evening.

Sunday night, March 4, the pageant, "America's Obligation," was given by the Young Peoples Missionary Society and a nice plate offering was received. Our quota on the Mission Special has been over-subscribed. The work at Fisher Street is going along nicely.—Correspondent.

ROE CIRCUIT

On Sunday, March 4, we received the splendid program and Bishop Boaz's sermon which was broadcast from KTHS, Hot Springs, for our church service at 11 o'clock. A splendid crowd was present and seemed to enjoy the unique service very much. As J. C. Glenn suggests: "We are all full of our subject" by now, and Roe will go a long way in closing our Superannuate Endowment obligation in full this year.

Our Mission Special campaign went over with splendid success. The month of February was observed throughout to keep this all-important matter of our Church before the people. Group sermons were directed along the line of Missions, with the result that we went over the top with one hundred per cent. We will send in our quota this week in full.

Under the leadership of our superintendent, Brother H. S. Stewart, our Sunday School is doing splendid work. We have a fine organization with all departments functioning well, even through the bad weather. A fine training class, with twelve or fifteen members participating, meets once each week to discuss lessons in one of our approved texts in Sunday School work. We have just closed the book on "The Sunday School Worker," by Sensabaugh, and will immediately take up "The Life of Christ," by Humphrey Lee. Those participating take the written work in answer to the questions as sent out by our General Office. This study class will be kept up throughout the year. We plan to hold our Cokesbury Training School in the very near future.

Our Epworth League is well organized and carrying on a fine program, some twenty-five or thirty young people participating. One hundred dollars will be raised this year by the League toward our Superannuate Fund. We will send delegates to our State Institute this year. We will go in a body on Thursday evening of this week to our District Group Meeting at DeWitt.

Our good ladies are carrying on their missionary work in a great way.

When we have a really big job to be done we call on the ladies and they never cease praying and working until the problem is accomplished. It was our ladies who made possible the success of our Special Mission campaign. We are also just closing a \$560 repair program on our church and parsonage at Roe.—Jno. L. Tucker, P. C.

THE LITTLE CHURCH IN THE RURAL DISTRICT

Is it not too true that the rural districts are going through a crisis that in a few short years will make our country churches a thing of the past, unless something is done? None realize this more than we who were born and reared in the country.

The writer believes that one cause for this is that conditions have forced, or are forcing, a change in agriculture in the highlands of Arkansas, especially in the parts of Arkansas where cotton has been grown for a money crop, for we realize now that we cannot compete with the States west of us. There are parts of those States, the prairies of Western Oklahoma and Texas and a part of New Mexico, where once cattle roamed by thousands, now growing cotton, for they can produce cotton at a much lower price than we can possibly produce it. However, some of the farmers in the uplands of Arkansas are obliged to grow some cotton, but some are making a good start in dairying and also truck growing, and some make pretty good money in the poultry business. But there are many other things that could be done, and I think will be done in the near future.

We feel that in a few years there will be more prosperous men in the rural districts, but it will take time for a country to change from its pioneer ways and methods of farming.

Now, you might ask, What effect this would have on the churches? The writer believes it creates a sense of unrest, and unrest, if it lasts, naturally leads to indifference, and indifference will wreck the life of the individual, the home life and the church.

May we wake up to the fact that now is the time to get busy and save our country churches.

This can be done if all could realize that together we stand and divided we fall—spiritually speaking and in a financial way, too.

May God help us to look into the future; not back to the yesterdays!

Now, we want to ask the officials of our great Church to continue to stand by us by lending a helping hand in devising plans and means whereby we may be able to retain our churches in the rural districts.

The writer believes the Church can do a great work by helping the rural districts through this crisis, that we may have many prosperous and happy churches in the country for Christ's sake.—James Simpson, P. C. of a small church in Polk county.

BEEBE CHURCH

It was planned, through the courtesy of a local radio dealer, to install a plant in the church Sunday and hear the sermon of Bishop Boaz at Hot Springs at 11 o'clock. Some trouble in getting Hot Springs station Saturday, made the dealer fear we couldn't get Sunday's sermon and the

plant was not installed in the church. At the close of Sunday School, Dr. Hugh Garrett, superintendent, invited the audience to his home to listen in on his machine to the Bishop's message. They accepted and pastor and people attended in a body this great state-wide service.

The program was splendid and our people were delighted with our good Bishop's sermon. Every word could be distinctly heard by all present. All who heard the Bishop's earnest plea for the cause of our worthy Superannuates, their widows, and children, were made to feel a deepened appreciation for the great work of these faithful old veterans of the Cross, and a fuller sense of obligation to care for them in their old age.

Bro. George Mason, chairman of the Board of Stewards, was the first man to say, "Let's go and hear the Bishop's message." So we went and all were helped in hearing our great Bishop. We hope to have him in our local church during the year.—W. J. LeRoy, P. C.

CAN YOU BEAT IT?

These reasons were given by different members of the Mission Study Class at Richmond at the beginning of the study of the chapter, "Why Foreign Missions?" I number them in the order given:

1. Because Christ commanded us to preach the gospel to every creature.
2. Christ gave Himself for us and we should give ourselves for others.
3. All people should have the gospel preached to them.
4. Any people not giving the gospel to others will die.
5. We are to Christianize all foreign countries.
6. World peace must come through missions.
7. People are saved through this work.
8. Every creature must have the gospel before Christ comes.
9. That we may have a better civilization.
10. Would have to go to foreign fields to teach some nations.
11. The strong should bear the infirmities of the weak.
12. That we may not be selfish.
13. That we may prove our love.
14. Should have foreign missions for the reflex action that comes to us.
15. Need of the world is calling. "Come over and help us."
16. For business reasons.

Of course some of these answers are really included in others, but it shows the class was alert.—F. C. Cannon.

"A better knowledge of Jesus Christ and of the English Bible." This is the motto of a Bible class in Nakatsu, Japan, whose membership includes teachers from six or eight government schools and several private schools. The motto was suggested by one of the students of the class. Practically all these men, although they have not accepted Christianity, attend the regular morning preaching services at the Nakatsu Church.

Does the Holy Ghost reign in your heart?

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson for March 18

JESUS TEACHES SINCERITY

LESSON TEXT—Mark 7:1-23.
GOLDEN TEXT—Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Obeying God and Our Parents.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Honoring God and Our Parents.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Sincerity in Religion.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Jesus Denounces Formalism.

I. The Emptiness of Formal Worship (vv. 1-7).

The tendency of the human heart is to depart from the life and to choose the mere form which is calculated to express the life. The traditions and customs adopted by men for the temporary help of the spiritual life frequently are crystallized into laws and made to supersede the laws and institutions of God.

1. The charge against Christ (v. 2). This was that Christ's disciples ate bread with unwashed hands. The charge was not on the basis of physical uncleanness, but their disregard of custom which was to engage in the thorough washing of the hands before eating, as well as washing the pots and vessels.

2. Examples of empty forms (vv. 2-4).

(1) Washing of the hands before eating (v. 3). They not only washed their hands often but diligently and intensely.

(2) Washing of cups, tables, pots and brazen vessels. The ceremonial washing applied to the vessels as well as the hands.

3. Explanation demanded by the Pharisees (v. 5). They asked Christ to explain why His disciples ignored the tradition of the elders with reference to ceremonial cleansing.

4. Christ's answer (vv. 6, 7). He declared that worship which centered in forms was as empty and meaningless as was lip service where the heart was away from God. This He calls hypocrisy, even such as foretold by Isaiah, the prophet. Men of his day made much of external observance and of religious rites, while their hearts remained unchanged.

II. Making the Word of God of None Effect (vv. 8-13).

1. How it may be done (v. 8). It was done by punctiliously observing the precepts of man, such as washing of the hands, pots, etc., while ignoring the commandments of God. This is being done by those who make much of the externalities of religion but at the same time are indifferent to the moral requirements.

2. An instance cited (vv. 9-13).

The law of God as given by Moses said, "Honor thy father and thy mother, and whoso curseth father or mother, let him die the death: but ye say, If a man shall say to his father or mother, It is Corban, that is to say, a gift, by whatsoever thou mightest be profited by me, he shall be free, and ye suffer him no more to do ought for his father or his mother." The law of God demands of children that they care and provide for parents in their need. According to an accepted tradition among the Jews, if a man should consecrate his goods or possessions to the Lord's service by pronouncing over them the word "Corban," which means "the gift," his goods would be thus dedicated to God, and would not be available for help to his parents. It was possible, therefore, for a man to be enjoying wealth while his parents were in destitution.

III. The Real Source of Defilement and Impurity (vv. 14-23).

1. Sin is moral and spiritual. Uncleanness before God is not of the body save as the body is directed by the soul. A man is not defiled by that which enters his mouth but by that which springs out of his soul.

2. That which springs out of the heart—the deliberate choice of the will—is the source of defilement (v. 20).

3. A list of evils springing out of the heart (vv. 21, 22). The awful list is as follows:

Evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness, which all come from within. This catalogue includes every possible form of evil. Every one of them originate in the heart and when they become acts of the will and life they defile the man. It is only when temptations and solicitations lead to indulgence by the deliberate act of the will that they corrupt a man.

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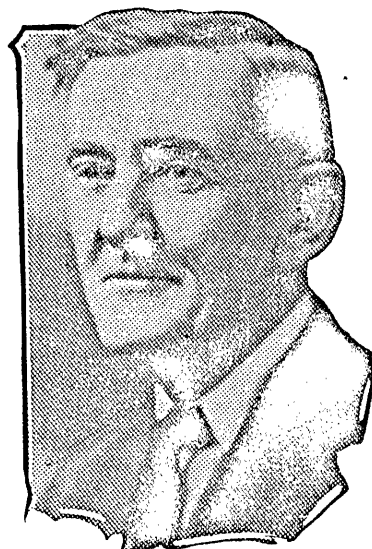
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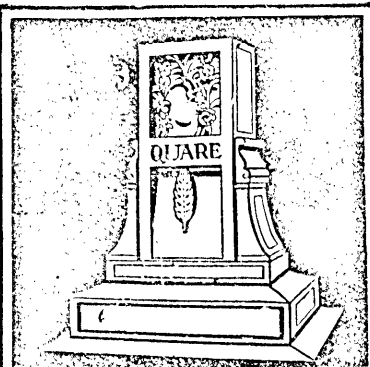
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