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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Godly insistency in prayer implies consistency, persistency, and resiliency of life.

You do not become good by the quantity of your deeds, but by the moral quality of them.

A "cussing" father and a fussing mother are pretty sure to have children who both "cuss" and fuss.

A long face and a long prayer on Sunday do not make restitution for short weight or short change on Saturday or Monday.

Heaven is far away and hell is near to the man who hates his fellows; but Heaven is near, because it is in his heart, if he loves God and men.

Pack up your troubles in a private prayer and lay them before the Lord, and He will either lighten the load or give grace and grit to bear it.

A joke at the expense of the other fellow rangles in his heart and makes an enemy; but if it is on yourself, it wrinkles his face with a smile and gains a friend.

THE SUNDAY PROBLEM: WHAT IS THE SOLUTION?

Under the act of the Legislature, which authorized the people in any county with a population of 75,000 or more to vote on the question of Sunday Baseball, an election was held on April 2 in Pulaski County, in which are located the two cities of Little Rock and North Little Rock, which, without counting the rural population, have a population of about 85,000, and the result was approximately 6,800 for Sunday Baseball and only 1,925 against it, or a vote of a little more than three to one in favor of legalizing this commercialized amusement on Sunday. This result was no great surprise to those who were in close touch with the situation in this county.

Practically all of the Protestant ministers were outspoken against it, but there was no organized effort to stir the voters on the subject, because the ministers suspected that a majority of their members were in favor of the measure and consequently proper support could not have been had for a real campaign, and it was thought best not to attempt a formal fight with little time and no resources to carry it on when it was known that the other side, because there was money in it for them, could handsomely finance their campaign.

The total vote cast was almost 9,000, and a little less than 2,000 were against Sunday Baseball. There are approximately 24,000 white Protestant church members in Pulaski County and perhaps 10,000 negro members. At a low estimate there must be 8,000 legal voters among the 24,000 white Protestants. Consequently, if three-fourths of them had voted against Sunday Baseball it would have been defeated. As many of the most active civic workers favored the measure, it is certain that practically the full strength of those who wanted Sunday Baseball was cast. It is equally certain that far less than a full vote of church members was cast. This indicates a degree of indifference which is significant.

Even the liberals would doubtless admit that twenty years ago in a fair election the result would have been different, and the measure would have been defeated by a substantial majority. Our ancestors, for the most part, were a Sabbath-loving people, and we have had on our statute books good laws for the protection of Sunday from unnecessary labor and conduct of any kind calculated to interfere with a quiet and worshipful day, and these laws until within the last twenty years were as well observed as other laws.

Forty to fifty years ago, when most of the oldsters were boys and girls, conditions were very different. It was not a violation of the law to ride or walk around and visit, and almost the only way in which one could break the Sabbath was to work in the fields or open a store or go swimming, fishing or hunting. Only on the occasion of a storm or flood or some unusual condition of

A STONE IS HEAVY, AND THE SAND WEIGHTY; BUT A FOOL'S WRATH IS HEAVIER THAN THEM BOTH. WRATH IS CRUEL, AND ANGER IS OUTRAGEOUS, BUT WHO IS ABLE TO STAND BEFORE ENVY?—Prov. 27:3-4.

the crops, was it thought necessary to work in the field, and as people did not need to buy groceries or dry goods on Sunday there was no occasion to open a store, except to keep a prescription clerk in the drug store for emergencies. As practically all work and amusement could easily be avoided on Sunday, there was little temptation, and those who broke over were regarded as real sinners and severely criticized. This was not Puritanism, but the keeping of a quiet, workless Sabbath under conditions which hardly suggested the necessity of secular activities.

Then came Sunday trains, mails and newspapers, which at first were patronized only by extreme liberals and occasionally by the church members who convinced themselves that such things were harmless and needed. Then came ice and milk and the apparent necessity of restocking the refrigerators; then cold drinks and baker's bread, eating more and more at hotels and cafes, riding street-cars, using the telephone and telegraph, and increasing use of the railroads for excursions and long journeys and perishable fruits and vegetables. Then the automobile appeared, and as it was not considered wrong to drive or walk out on Sunday, it surely was not wrong to use the automobile for just such visits as had been made in buggies and wagons. These automobiles had to have gasoline and repairs, and while many tried to avoid unnecessary buying on Sunday, the very fact that emergencies seemed to justify the maintenance of filling stations and repair shops caused them to be open and it was easy to fall into the habit of using them. About the same time moving pictures and baseball became highly commercialized, and in the large cities, where a majority of the people were foreigners and accustomed to the Continental Sabbath, in which open beer gardens and amusements were customary, it was easy to repeal or nullify Sunday laws and permit all kinds of amusements. Then in recent years golf has become popular among a certain class of people of sedentary habits, and even church members felt that it was no serious infraction of the Sabbath to play such a quiet and refreshing game. Now because of the fact that a majority of our people live in the cities and towns and are directly or indirectly connected with the railroads, the street cars, the newspapers, the telephones, the hotels, cafes, cold drink stands and drug stores, the filling stations and repair shops, and because practically all use automobiles and buy gasoline and repairs on Sunday, and because each person is inclined to think that his occupation is more or less necessary, we are practically all involved in some sort of conduct which fifty years ago would have been regarded as serious violation of the Sunday laws. This has resulted in a loss of regard for Sunday as a holy day, and now it is considered by the liberals as merely a rather unusual holiday and even by the majority of Christian people as having no such restrictions on conduct as it had fifty years ago.

This brief summary of changing conditions and habits is given so that we may understand the cause of our present changed attitude and laxity of conduct in connection with the Sabbath. Of course, the fact that we do not observe the seventh day as required in the Fourth Commandment and the relation of Jews and Catholics to our Sunday have helped to break down respect for the first day of the week as a holy day. There is a vast literature published which reflects this attitude, and a certain element of religionists and irreligionists who take a peculiar delight in breaking down the Christian Sabbath or Sunday. Even the

teaching of our own denominational Sunday School literature has become so liberal that it does not help much in inculcating regard for Sunday laws. While practically all Protestant preachers occasionally protest against the increased secularizing of the Sabbath, few of them ever preach on the subject, and many, perhaps most of them, use Sunday trains, Sunday automobiles, and Sunday papers, and buy gasoline and repairs and drinks on Sunday, and many allow their children to do on Sunday those things for which they themselves would have been severely rebuked in childhood. To be perfectly frank, the vast majority of Christians now have practically ceased to try to differentiate between what may and what may not be properly done on the Sabbath day, and have consequently no conscience on the subject and treat the whole question as one in which the principle of expediency may be permitted to rule. Even those who themselves are trying to observe a truly holy day are less inclined than they would have been fifty years ago to criticize others and to prevent desecration of the day. In other words, while we are living in a day when, in many things collectivism prevails, in this matter we are adopting a doctrine of extreme individualism which is unwilling to put restraint upon others.

We believe that the Pharisees in the time of Christ had so perverted the use of the Sabbath by their interpretations of the law and their practices that they had made it a burden instead of a staff, and that the Master was seeking to relieve the people of the burdens which the Pharisees had fastened upon them, still we do not think that the Fourth Commandment was repealed by Him any more than were other Commandments repealed. The principle of one day in seven to be observed as a holy day for rest and unusual communion with God and the obligation of the civil authorities to protect those who wish to use the day as God intended, it seems to us, are still binding, and the vast majority of our people are subverting deep moral principles and gradually weakening moral sanctions, and as a result there will be a deterioration of moral character. As the change has not come in a day, so the effects will not be immediate. There is still a strong moral element among our people; but in another generation this will be gone, and if the next generation accepts the standards of Sabbath observance that are gradually being adopted, Sunday will be merely a holiday for most of the people, and its religious significance will have vanished. That this will be a dangerous condition every real moralist will admit; but how to prevent it is the question which no one is just now apparently prepared to answer.

It certainly becomes the duty of ministers, teachers, and law-makers, in particular, to study, and, if possible, find a solution which is in harmony with the fundamental principles of Christian morality and which can differentiate rightly between that which the laws of the land should and should not properly attempt to maintain. The question is, What does God really require of his people in their attitude and conduct on the Sabbath? and What can the state as a civil regulator consistently and legally do for the maintenance of a proper Sabbath?

At this time, we shall not undertake to answer these questions, but are content to analyze the situation and suggest that our wisest men should study and be prepared to find the solution which is both right and practical. We shall gladly open these columns to well-considered discussion—not tirade, not lamentation, but constructive suggestions; for, if the kind of people who read this paper cannot offer the proper solution, we doubt whether it can or will be found in our day. Let it be distinctly understood that while we do not advocate the Pharisaic or Puritan observance of the Sabbath, we do recognize the fact that the swing is altogether too far in the other direction, and the happy medium ground should be sought and found.

METHODIST CALENDAR.

Pine Bluff Dist. Conf., at Stuttgart, April 16-17.
 Monticello Dist. Conf., at Dumas, April 16-18.
 L. Rock Dist. Conf., at Bauxite, April 23-24.
 Paragould Dist. Conf., at Piggott, May 1-3.
 Batesville Dist. Conf., at Yellville, May 7-8.
 Helena Dist. Conf., at Clarendon, May 7-8.
 Texarkana Dist. Conf., at Foreman, May 9-10.
 Jonesboro Dist. Conf., at Blytheville, May 14.
 Arkadelphia Dist. Conf., at Pullman Hts., May 22-23.
 Booneville Dist. Conf., at Branch, May 22-23.
 Searcy Dist. Conf., at Bald Knob, May 30-31.
 Pastors' Summer School at Conway, June 3-15.
 L. R. Conf. Epworth League Assembly, Conway, June 17-21.
 Prescott Dist. Conf., at Murfreesboro, June 27-28.

ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT CAMPAIGN DATES.

Little Rock District, April 7-13, or as Dr. Thomas directs.
 Helena District, April 14-21.
 Paragould District, May 5-12.
 Searcy District, May 12-19.
 Prescott District, May 19-26.
 Booneville District, May 26 to June 8.
 Jonesboro District, June 16-23.
 Fayetteville District, July 1-15.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

Married at the parsonage on Rowell Circuit, April 7, Mr. Robert Thompson and Miss Lila Vinson, Rev. J. C. Williams officiating.

Having accepted invitations to address several of our churches in Houston, Texas, in the interest of the Western Methodist Assembly, the editor will be in that city Sunday.

Rev. C. J. Wade, our pastor at Scranton, reports the death on March 4 of Mrs. B. S. Rogers, a leader in the women's work, who will be greatly missed in the Scranton church.

Hedding College, an honored Methodist institution in Illinois, after 75 years of glorious history, has had to close on account of insufficient funds, and Illinois Wesleyan College, at Bloomington, has adopted its alumni.

When our Woman's Missionary Council was in session in Washington recently Mrs. Luke G. Johnson of Atlanta, Ga., was selected to convey a message to President Hoover. As Mrs. Johnson is a gifted speaker, we feel sure that she performed her task well.

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Rev. A. L. Riggs, our pastor at Luxora, writes: "Have just closed two weeks' evangelistic campaign in Sunday School. Had 18 professions of faith and 15 additions to the church. We studied Goddard's Evangelism. Sold six and got free-will offering of \$14, which is better than last year."

Supt. S. M. Yancey represented the Western Methodist Assembly in Kansas City churches last Sunday, and is spending this week at District Conferences in St. Louis Conference. He will address the Leaguers of Kansas City April 26, and visit other District Conferences in Missouri. He is getting good responses and expects a greatly increased attendance this summer.

Expenditures of approximately \$12,000,000 for new equipment and new 110-pound rail is announced by President James E. Gorman of the Rock Island Lines, Chicago, in that railroad's program for increased service for this year. This is in addition to the general improvement program announced on January 1, which involved expenditures this year by the Rock Island of nearly \$25,000,000 for new lines, and improvements to existing property.

You ought to have the wonderful travel-accident insurance policy which is offered with subscription. It pays \$10,000 in case of death on railroad, and costs only 75 cents additional with the regular subscription. Use application form found on Page 16 of last week's paper. This is the best accident insurance for the cost ever offered. If you get the paper at a reduced price in a club, the cost of the policy is 90 cents. For their own sake we would that every subscriber had this policy.

One of the best indications in Arkansas politics is the fact that in several municipalities independent candidates were running. Political conditions will never be what they ought to be until the voters become more independent and refuse to submit to the party whip. Senator Caraway is reported to have said recently in a radio address that a strong minority party is necessary in national affairs to keep the administration from misbehaving. May it not also be true in state and municipal politics?

A journalist who is known to have no sympathy either with the churches or the prohibition cause, has written: "Prohibition is almost the lone achievement of Evangelical Christianity." That is not true if the indirect achievements are considered, such as the maintenance of strong and aggressive religion in America apart from state control, but prohibition is the one great achievement of the co-operating Evangelical Churches of America and it was brought about by absolutely legitimate moral pressure brought to bear on legislatures and Congress, and the methods used were far freer from objection than those used by various organizations, such as Organized Labor, Brewers' and Liquor Dealers' Associations and agricultural and manufacturing organizations, and yet people who are in these latter organizations bitterly criticize the churches for their activity in bringing about nation-wide prohibition.

A TELEPHONE MESSAGE.

During Monday we received a telephone message from Rev. J. C. Glenn, the energetic Presiding Elder, who feels assured that we shall be able to put his District over 100 per cent for the Arkansas Methodist. Monticello and Warren have the largest deficiency, but they have plans on foot to put these places over. Every pastor is up on his toes to put his charge over 100 per cent. They have already put the Missionary Special over and have it in full or assured. There is great enthusiasm throughout the District and the expectancy is for the best year in its history.—J. J. Galloway, Commissioner.

CIRCULATION REPORT.

Since the last report the following subscriptions have been received: Charleston, J. E. Snell, 10; Calico Rock, A. L. Platt, 8; Fisher St., B. L. Harris, 1; Tuckerman Ct., H. W. Jett, 1; Magazine, W. A. Patty, 100 per cent, 14; Prescott, F. G. Roebuck, 19; Sheridan, W. R. Boyd, 100 per cent, 38; St. Francis, C. R. Fain, 100 per cent, 9; Paragould, J. F. Taylor, 2; W. Helena, G. E. Patchell, 1; Cotter, T. H. Wright, 4; Sulphur Rock-Moorefield, W. E. Benbrook, 100 per cent, 33; Mountain View, J. T. Byrd, 100 per cent, 19; Richmond Ct., F. C. Cannon, 100 per cent, 47; Newark, I. L. Claud, 100 per cent, 33; Fountain Hill, John Simpson, 6; Wiseman, L. R. Ruble, 14; Leola,

J. H. Mathews, 8; S. Fort Smith, Hoy M. Lewis, 1; Summers, J. C. Snow, 3; E. End, Van Buren, R. E. Wilson, 2; Hardy, W. S. Tussey, 1; Winfield, P. W. Quillian, 1; Hamburg, A. J. Christie, 47; Pump Springs Church, J. W. Nethercutt, 5, 100 per cent. This is fine work. Let it continue. Batesville, Monticello and Fort Smith Districts expect to be 100 per cent. They are going on to perfection, and, we trust, will attain it.

CHIDESTER AND BEARDEN.

Although I had often passed through Chidester, I had never stopped. It was not Chidester's fault. I had been invited, but something had always before prevented finding a convenient date. I planned to look in on the Woman's Missionary Conference at Camden last week, but an engagement with my dentist interfered. I had, however, arranged to be at Chidester Friday night, thinking to come back. Instead, I came directly from the office to Chidester, was met by the pastor, Rev. J. K. Harrell, and carried direct to the church, where I preached to a good week-night congregation, many of whom seemed like old friends.

The night was spent with Rev. F. R. Canfield, a faithful superannuate of Little Rock Conference, who had once served the charge and had returned and built himself a cozy cottage on a slightly elevation overlooking the town. In this comfortable home, with ample room for garden, and surrounded by people who love and honor them, Brother and Sister Canfield are enjoying the evening of life. It was a great pleasure to have fellowship with this noble, rugged itinerant who had faithfully served hard appointments on a small salary and educated his children, but always managed to keep out of debt and maintain his self-respect. Many younger men might learn lessons from him.

Chidester, half way between Gurdon and Camden, in the northwestern part of Ouachita county, in the sand hills west of the Ouachita River, is a thrifty village of some 500 population. Although it is surrounded, except on the east, by a rather poor upland country from which most of the timber has been removed and many of the farms have been deserted, Chidester is a good town with several big brick stores filled with large stocks of goods and has a good trade. It has a strong bank. The most striking feature is the large brick school house in which is maintained an excellent school with five teachers and 150 pupils, of whom 35 are of high school grade. Mr. Autry Newman, the capable principal, is a graduate of the State Teachers' College, as is his wife, who assists, and who is a member of the fine Tedford family of Lonoke County.

Our church at Chidester numbers 150 members and is an active organization. The pastor gives them about half his time and preaches also at five small places widely scattered, and not numerically or financially strong. In a poor farming country with the timber practically all cut, the rural churches have little hope of progress and present a real problem. If the forests could be restored in time the country might come back. There is a slight prospect of oil, as this territory is just outside the proved oil fields. The chairman of the official board at Chidester is Mr. T. H. Benton. The superintendent of the excellent Sunday School is Mr. J. N. Benton, but it could be a better school if it had more room. The house is a fair frame of three rooms. There is no W. M. S., but in another organization some of the women are doing good local work. There is no Senior Epworth League, but the young people of the several denominations in a Library Association carry on religious and literary work. A Junior League is soon to be organized, with Mrs. Newman as superintendent. The five-room parsonage is well located, but needs repairs.

Rev. J. K. Harrell, a brother of Revs. J. W. and F. F. Harrell, is in his third year in the ministry and second on this charge. He spent his youth in railroad work and long fought the call to preach. He is now giving himself to his work unreservedly and enjoys it. He is succeeding and his people appreciate him. On account of the recent death of her father, Mrs. Harrell is at present with her mother at Fulton, and another family is sharing the parsonage with the pastor. After meeting some of the people Saturday morning, I was carried in his car by Brother Harrell to Camden. A gravel highway has just been finished. As it is a terrain of many small hills, it needed the good road badly, and it was expensive to build because it is a constant succession of cuts and fills. It could not have been built by the owners of the land, because the land value would not justify it.

CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES.

By Bishop H. A. Boaz.

In many of our Conferences special effort is being made to secure one hundred per cent payment on all Conference Benevolences. This is wise, for the needs of a great and growing Church are ever increasing and more funds are necessary properly to carry on the work of the Church. The General and Conference Boards of Lay Activities are largely responsible for this growing interest in this work. They have done heroic work in this field and their labors are bearing abundant fruit. In 1926-27, there was a gain of \$413,824 over the payments of previous years.

The Conference assessments constitute the base of supplies for the regular work of the Church. If these are neglected the food supply of the army is cut short. This would never do. Missionary and Sunday School work, hospitals, orphanages, education, and many other important departments of the Church work are dependent on these claims. It is therefore of supreme importance that these claims be paid in full if possible. Special funds are important, but these are of prime importance.

It is a great pity that some of our pastors secure little or nothing on these claims. They seem to have no conscience on the subject, make no special effort to secure them, and then complain that no one wants them as pastors, or that they are not properly recognized!

It is a shame that our great Church collects only an average of about 70 per cent of what is assessed against it on these claims. A dollar assessed ought to be a dollar paid. The Methodist dollar ought to be worth one hundred cents anywhere. Let us

make it worth that. Some of the Conferences last fall paid as low as 38 per cent on these claims. The West Texas Conference led the Church last fall with 96.8 per cent paid. This was a fine record. The men of the West Oklahoma Conference say they will make theirs 100 per cent next fall. Three districts in that Conference paid in full last year.

In order to make sure of full payment of these claims it seems necessary to have the full amount secured in pledges and at least one-half paid in cash by the first of May. The pastors who succeed follow this program. Those who fail do not have any program of this kind, in fact, they do not seem to have any kind of a program. It is much easier to collect these sacred funds as the months go by than to wait until all the other financial claims are being stressed just before Conference. No pastor should feel that his full duty has been faithfully performed until these claims have been met in full, or the most sincere effort had been made to secure them. We are sent out to win disciples to Christ and to secure funds to send the message of love and light to those who have it not. Let us hope that we will continue to increase the per cent collected on these benevolences until we have come up to where we really belong, one hundred per cent.—Methodist Layman.

ENFORCEMENT OF THE VOL-STEAD ACT SHOULD BEGIN AT THE HEAD.

Yes, we want the Prohibition law enforced. We expressed that in our last presidential election, but do we express it in the selection of our state, county, city, and township officers?

No, indeed. We seem to disregard the prohibition laws in selecting many state and local officers. Prohibition is no longer an issue in our state politics. If, during our campaigns, we charge a candidate with drunkenness, we are such liars in politics that nobody believes us.

Mr. Hoover in his inaugural address referred to the letting down of the enforcement and obedience to our laws. The violation of our prohibition laws extends from the lowest type of ignorant criminals to judges, senators, governors, congressmen, sheriffs, mayors, district attorneys, and every class of business and professional men of this country are included in this group. Not all of them are violators of the law, but entirely too many for the law to be effective. People generally want the prohibition law enforced in some way or another.

The moderate drinker among the high class of representative citizens is causing the law to be disregarded. There is another class of so-called respectable violators—HOME BREW manufacturers. If we can't buy the outlawed product we produce it in our homes. The truth of the whole matter is that millions are favorable to and willing for the law to be enforced against everybody except themselves. If the people want the Volstead Act enforced, it can be done; and President Hoover knows how to do it.

Naturally my mind reverts to the program of food conservation put on by Mr. Hoover, our United States Food Administrator during the World War. His idea as given to State Food Administrators was first to sell the American people on conservation of food, educate them to the neces-

sity of it, and then they would do it without force, as they were as anxious to win the war as we were. His idea was first to get the people committed to the program by signing pledge cards, obligating themselves to conform to all the rules of the United States Administration. Why not adopt the same plan in the enforcement of prohibition? Put the people on record that they will not only abstain from the use of intoxicating liquors, but will assist in keeping others within the law. The signing of the card, alone, would be an act of patriotism.

Millions of pledge cards were signed at the beginning of the war, and it had a wonderful effect. The plan of our organization for the conservation of food would be an ideal one for this program. Have state, county, city, and township volunteers—men and women—to secure the signatures to these pledge cards, and continue with the organization to the end of educating the people to the importance of obedience to the law. Select men and women, boys and girls, who are outstanding—not fanatical and extremists—but broad-minded liberal folks, who might take a drink themselves occasionally if they had not signed a pledge that they would not do so and that they realized as never before that it was also a violation of the law; and if an officer, he is violating his oath of office when he swore that he would support the Constitution of the United States. In addition to this volunteer organization, we should also have officers who would force obedience when persuasion is of no avail.

In this campaign we would have the assistance of more than three million Masons who are obligated to obey

These sand hills could become truck farms and orchards, if desired, but the best hope at present is a crop of trees, if the fires can be controlled.

At Camden we called at the District parsonage and found Dr. Stowe at home and had a pleasant short visit with him. He expects a good year and deserves it. With its rapidly changing oil fields and disappearing forests and developing industries, the Camden District is interesting and promising territory. Camden is growing steadily and solidly, and presents a fine combination of the old and the new.

Taking the train at noon, I was soon in Bearden, met by the vigorous pastor, Rev. J. R. Dickerson, and, because he had visiting relatives at the parsonage, was given a comfortable room at the Central Hotel, of which Mr. J. A. Gatlin is the courteous and obliging proprietor. Spending most of evening reading and studying, I was ready for Sunday, and had the pleasure of addressing Brother Dickerson's interesting class of men. After preaching I enjoyed Sister Dickerson's fine dinner at the parsonage, and then, in Brother Dickerson's Chevrolet, of which he boasts that it is the best of all cars, with Brother and Mrs. Dickerson and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Bell of Louisville, Ky., I was quickly conveyed to Holly Springs, about twelve miles northwest, over a gravel road, where Rev. A. J. Bearden and a congregation were awaiting. I preached and presented the paper, and had a short but pleasant visit with Brother Bearden.

Holly Springs is in a fine old community in Dallas County, which, like Tulip and Princeton, suffered when the railroads created new towns. I had visited it when Brother J. H. Glass was pastor, and with him went around the circuit. Brother Bearden is in his first year there. He likes the people, but is troubled over financial conditions. In spite of this, he is hopeful of a good year. The congregation was not large, as many people had gone from the community that day.

The forests were making a brave show of green, and flowers were blooming; hence, on the return trip Brother and Sister Dickerson gathered many of nature's beauties. The country along the way is a fair farming country, slightly undulating, with strong soil, and considerable gravel. The farms were well kept and looked prosperous. Several

flocks of sheep were seen. There is a future for diversified farming in this section.

At night I attended the Senior Epworth League and enjoyed the program, and preached to a much larger congregation than that of the morning.

This is Brother Dickerson's first year at Bearden, and after building two new churches at Portland and Parkdale, he welcomes the fact that he has a beautiful brick church out of debt and needs only an addition for enlarged Sunday School work. A man of his active and constructive disposition will have that building before he leaves. He lacks vocabulary to express his delight over his splendid charge, and his people seem to reciprocate, because they voluntarily increased the salary and pay it monthly, put everything in the budget and expect to pay all in full. Practically all members regularly take the sacrament and are in love and charity with one another.

The membership is about 300, and three have been added this year. Mr. T. A. Sloan is chairman of a thoroughly business-like board. Mr. T. C. Dawson is superintendent of a well-organized Sunday School that needs only more room to make it one of the best in the Conference. Mrs. Will Gatlin is the president of a remarkably large and active W. M. S. that helps to pay the parsonage debt and buy a piano and does all kinds of worthy work. James Kennerly is president of an interesting Senior League, and Mrs. Dickerson is superintendent of a fine Junior League. There is a small but well-built parsonage, on which rests a small debt.

Bearden, in the northeastern part of Ouachita County on the Cotton Belt Railway, is a progressive town of some 2,000. Its stores would do credit to a larger town, and its residences are modern and homelike. Just out of the limits are several new and costly residences. In addition to having a good country trade, Bearden has two big mills that add much to its activities. There is a strong bank, and an excellent paper, the Banner, boosts for the town. Fine graveled highways radiate in all directions.

The school is one of the best for a town of the size. The district embraces much rural territory, and four busses bring in pupils from five or six miles around. A Smith-Hughes department is maintained, and the school band is unusual. It

will play at the Confederate Veteran Reunion in North Carolina this year. Supt. D. W. Stark and 16 teachers care for about 550 pupils. The buildings are admirable and are enlarged as needed. The community is deeply interested in the school and supports it liberally. An active Chamber of Commerce backs every enterprise and invites others.

Monday morning Brother Dickerson delivered me in ample time at Fordyce. He expects to have a 100 per cent list for the paper.—A. C. M.

BOOK REVIEWS

Education for Tolerance—By John E. J. Fanshawe. Published by Independent Education, 267 West Seventeenth Street, New York.

This is a strong and interestingly written essay. It points out the reasons for the many misunderstandings between America and Great Britain, and shows how the remedy for this lies in the youth of today. He says: "Do not let our young people grow up into egotistical, self-centered men and women," and quotes Lord Robert Cecil as saying: "Civilization is little more than progress from isolation to co-operation."

Memoirs of a White Crow Indian—By Thomas B. Marquis, M. D. Published by the Century Company, New York. Price, \$3.00.

Tales of the West in the early days when the hosts of the white man were venturing further and further out among the untamed Indians, wild beasts, trackless forests and mountains, ever hold a charm. Many of us have never been able to get beyond the stolid, crafty and cruel qualities of the Indian race nor to understand their mode of life. In fact, they were as foreign to our understanding as if they had dwelt on another globe. "The Memoirs of a White Crow Indian" form a fascinating tale of adventure of life among the Indians and in the early Indian agencies and forts of the West. The tale is a sympathetic and appreciative interpretation of the Indian, especially the Crow Indian. It is extremely well written and full of action. The reader's interest will be aroused, and when the story is ended he will lay the book aside with a better understanding of the Indian.

the Volstead Act; but many of them need to be educated to the necessity of obedience to this law and a renewed pledge would have a wonderful effect upon most of them, who might otherwise thoughtlessly continue in the violation.

Section 325 of The Edicts of the Masonic Grand Lodge of Arkansas reads as follows:

"No man who is engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be made a Mason by any of the Lodges in this Grand Jurisdiction."

Section 326 also reads:

"All subordinate Lodges within this Grand Jurisdiction are required to drop from their rolls every member who is in any way engaged in the sale of intoxicating liquors."

Other Grand Jurisdictions have similar laws. But so long as we are permitted to violate a law in secret and without interference or exposure, we will continue to violate it, and this will cause others to do the same. A pleasant reminder might save thousands from breaking this law. We are creatures of imitation. If we see others drinking with no interference, we want to try it. It has been said that so long as we make it we will drink it, and so long as we drink it, we will make it.

Some very good people drink whiskey and they consider it a piece of strategy and good generalship to procure a good quart of whiskey for a reasonable price—say eight or ten dollars. People generally have very little respect for the prohibition law, and until they are educated to see it differently it will continue to be difficult to enforce it. What we need is to have business and professional men and women join in this program. We have entirely too many officers who are not in sympathy with this law, and groups of men and women on their trail, would in my opinion, have a wholesome effect. Prohibition is no longer an issue in local politics and candidates favoring a strict enforcement of the liquor laws, would in many cases be defeated. That is for lack of information and education.

I wonder how many teetotalists we have in the Senate and Congress of the United States. If our LAW-MAKERS are LAW-BREAKERS what can we expect from the balance of the people? They should all sign pledge cards, and should be exposed if they violate them.

We should begin at the top and work down. It is the criminal who sells intoxicating liquor and it is the gentleman who buys it; and it is the poor man who languishes in our jails

for violating the liquor laws, while the man who induced him to become a criminal goes free and unharmed. It is the bootlegger's family who suffers privation, hunger, and heartaches, while the accessory to the crime goes free under the law.

Well, after all, what can we expect when it costs sixteen million dollars to elect a President and fifty to a hundred thousand to elect a governor in this our glorious land of the free and the home of the brave?

If monopoly, and the merging of increased taxes, extravagance, and crime are not checked and more respect paid to the Christian religion, the foundation of our civilization, it will not be long until we will be singing "God Save the King."—Hamp Williams, Hot Springs.

FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THE COLLEGE QUESTION.

The Board of Thirty, to whom the Annual Conferences committed the interests of our colleges, have reached the wisest possible conclusion. The Conferences themselves had determined the status of Galloway Woman's College, that it was to be maintained at Searcy, and pushed forward as a first-class college for women. They had also determined that Hendrix and Henderson-Brown should be merged into a single institution, all details being left to the Board. They settle these details by going to Conway and proceeding to build up and maintain there such an institution as the Church needs.

When a little more than two years ago the plan for a central institution at Little Rock, existing institutions to be correlated therewith, was submitted, there was an agreement practically unanimous that this was the thing to be done. It was a vision that appealed to our imaginations. Personally, I yet believe it would have been our best course, and would have given our Methodism the educational primacy of the state. It could have been done, if we had stood unitedly behind the plan. But our unanimity faded out in a few weeks, in the face of local interests and divergent opinions. Thus the vision itself faded, for nothing short of united action could ever have achieved it.

A divided constituency has been the bane of our educational work through all the years since 1890. There was an agreement in 1884, the Centenary Year of American Methodism, that we would get together and stay together. During the six years that intervened we made most important progress, really laid the foundation of all we now have. But since 1890 we have been working at cross purposes, and our divisions have been very costly. And this is true, no matter how sincere we have been, no matter with what high and pure motives men have acted. The simple fact is and has always been that we were never in position to build and maintain three first-class colleges for the Methodism of Arkansas. This some of us have always known, and this the event has proved. The effort to do so has been a futility that some of us have never been willing to follow.

Now that we have gotten together once more, let us lay to heart the lessons of the past and address ourselves to the task ahead of us. If there have been any animosities, let them be forgotten. Our deep and fundamental loyalties should be centered not on any locality nor any persons, but on a great cause, far above any local or personal interest.

—Jas. A. Anderson.

METHODIST EDUCATIONAL TOURS.

A unique travel feature is being offered under the auspices of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, located at the Methodist Publishing House, in Nashville, Tennessee, known as the METHODIST EDUCATIONAL TOURS.

There has been a feeling for some time that some effort should be made to remind the Methodist families who are traveling from time to time that they should view with interest, enterprises which the church promotes and in which they have a definite investment in workers and property throughout the Methodist denomination at home and abroad.

It was felt that a suggestion should be made to the members of the Methodist Church and their friends that while traveling for recreation and pleasure, they might visit the Methodist work and workers on the fields where they would get a glimpse of the Church activities. This survey of the work would result in their being inspired and better informed upon returning home than perhaps any impression received from the literature of the Church publications or other sources of worthwhile information that are available at this time. This personal inspection is intended to supplement the printed message.

The first Educational Tour to be launched is one to Europe where the Methodist will be seen at work in Belgium, Poland, Czecho-Slovakia, and the Methodist work of the sister denomination in France and Italy.

In addition to this, efforts have been made to give the students and members of the faculties from Educational Institutions an opportunity to go to historic England and Scotland, see places intimately connected with John Wesley, John Knox, and the early English poets, seeing at the same time, the Walter Scott Country.

The Methodist Church has about seventy-four colleges, universities and academies under its supervision with a student body of more than 33,000. The members of the faculties and students of these institutions will have the privilege of making this Educational Tour under the guidance of some of the leading Methodist ministers who will act as official chaperons and lecturers.

Among the most important places of interest on this Tour will include the Imperial Palaces in Berlin and Potsdam; Vienna, the capital of music and also imperial Palaces; our Missions in Poland and Czecho-Slovakia; Mt. Vesuvius and Pompeii at Naples; the Forum, Coliseum, Catacombs, St. Peter's Cathedral and the Vatican Garden in Rome; the Pitti Pazzi Galleries in Florence; St. Mark's Square and Church, the Doges Palace and Gondola trip, visiting points of interest in Venice; the Cathedral and Da Vinci's masterpiece "The Last Supper," in Milan; the Louvre, Pantheon and Eiffel Tower in Paris, and the Palace at Versailles, also Fontainebleau.

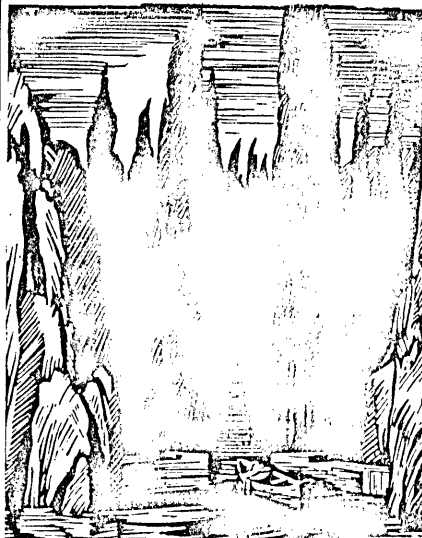
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The travel arrangements are being handled by the Travel-Service Department of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 810 Broadway, Wm. M. Cassetty, Jr., Executive Secretary. For literature describing the Tour write to A. C. Millar, 1018 Scott St., Little Rock, who will assist you in making your arrangements.



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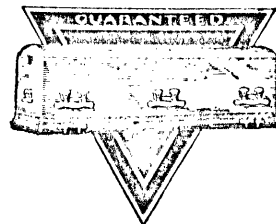
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FOR YOUTH

FLEAS: A PARODY.

I think that I shall never see
A bug as jumpy as a flea;
A flea that hops around all day,
And jumps on me to my dismay;
A flea that may in summer bite,
And which I cannot put to flight.
Flies are caught by fools like me,
But who on earth can catch a flea?
—Congregationalist.

AGE A STATE OF MIND.

Youth is not a time of life—it is a state of mind. . . . It is a temper of the will, a quality of the imagination, a vigor of the emotions. It is a freshness of the deep springs of life. Youth means a predominance of courage over timidity, of the appetite of adventure over love of ease. This often exists in a man of fifty more than in a boy of twenty. Nobody grows old by merely living a number of years. People grow old by deserting their ideals. . . .

"Whether seventy or sixteen, there is in every being's heart the love of wonder, the amazement, at the stars and the starlike things and thoughts, the undaunted challenge of events, the unfailing childlike appetite for what next, and the joy and the game of life. You are as young as your faith; as old as your doubt; as young as your self-confidence, as old as your fear; as young as your hope, as old as your despair. In the central place of your heart there is a wireless station. So long as it receives messages of beauty, hope, cheer, grandeur and power from the earth, from men, and from the infinite, so long are you young."—International Paper Monthly.

THE VALUE OF PERSEVERANCE.

Mildred Gray tossed the bag which she had been beading on the table with a sigh of disgust. "I'm tired of that. I don't intend to finish it. It is tedious and it takes too long."

"Mildred, the things you begin and never finish would make a great pile. I know one drawer in your bureau that is full," remarked her friend, Daisy Warren, who was busy with a bag similar to the one Mildred had just tossed aside. "Mother always insists that I finish what I begin. She says that is the way to learn perseverance."

"I will be persevering, when I am older," returned Mildred carelessly, forgetting that the time to learn perseverance is in youth.

Perseverance is the ability to keep working at a task, after the first glamour has departed. It marks the difference between failure and success. It is stubborn, for it hangs on to an undertaking, and gets it done. Perseverance is a virtue. It is an indication of strength of character and of will power to keep on and on in any right course of action.

There are evidences of lack of perseverance all around. It may be unfinished fancy work, as in Mildred's case; it may be the youth who did not finish the college course; the girl who started to improve by attending night school, then dropped out after the first few weeks; the young woman who is only a commonplace musician, because she lacked the will to practice faithfully.

Girls, how many unfinished things have you that testify to your lack of perseverance? Perseverance means sticking to a task until it is completed. It was the perseverance of Good-year that produced rubber; the perseverance of Burbank gave to mankind better vegetables and fruits, and

FOR CHILDREN

"IF."

If all the lads and lassies should remember for a day
To do their errands and their tasks as surely as they play,
Should hang their hats and jackets up, and put away their toys,
Should remember that the garden is the place to make a noise—
Why, what a pleasant world for mothers this would be?

How very many happy faces we should see!
For, children don't remember, as everybody knows;
But, if children should—why—just suppose!

If all the children's mothers turned forgetful in a day;
Instead of taking care of toys, they threw them all away,
Forgot to bake the cookies, and forgot the tales to tell,
Forgot to kiss the aching bumps and make the bruises well—
Why, what a dreary world for children this would be!

How very many melancholy little folk we'd see!
For mothers all remember, as everybody knows;
But, if mothers shouldn't—why—just suppose!—Ex.

A DOG AND CAT FRIENDSHIP.

"Buddy" and "Snubs", my puppy dog and my kitten, are a living refutation to the generally accepted hereditary enmity between these two species. They are not like the proverbial cats and dogs; on the contrary, their attachment to each other is deeprooted, in fact, they are inseparable friends.

True, for a short period of their acquaintance, Snubs did not cherish the presence of Muddy. At the approach of the latter, Snubs' back would arch, his tail would form a handle to his body, and his soft fur would bristle. A terrific hissing and spitting would follow the insistence of Buddy to come near the kitten. Nothing would be left for the dog but to retire at a respectful distance and bark at her. But as this bark was innocuous, the kitten soon learned to disregard it, her back would become even and fluffy again.

But the enmity between these creatures did not last long. Every day saw less and less of it. And now there are no better pals, no truer friends, than Buddy and Snubs. For hours they will play, running after each other, actually playing the game of hide and seek. When at last tired and exhausted, they fall asleep, the dog in his dog's way, all stretched out, and the miniature kitten resting on his chest, curled up between his paws.

Peacefully they often eat their meals from the same dish, although occasionally, when Buddy gets hold

more beautiful flowers; the perseverance of Edison has made electricity the servant of man; that of the Wright brothers gave the airplane to the world. The perseverance of David Livingstone opened up the continent of Africa. Perseverance develops faith, and hope goes hand in hand with faith. The men just mentioned had enough to discourage them; they might have given up, but perseverance refuses to be discouraged; it refuses to look at an undertaking as hopeless, it refuses to quit, and it starts anew after each failure.

Cultivate the habit of perseverance.—F. H. Chace.

of a good juicy bone, it is better for Snubs not to be within his reach. And let Buddy likewise beware, when Snubs is busy with a piece of fish. Their friendship at such moments seems to be forgotten. But when such unpleasantness is over, friendship between them is re-established and reigns supreme.

One night my peaceful sleep was interrupted by the persistent barking at the closed door of my room. When I opened the door, the dog led me to the vestibule door, on the other side of which the mewling of a kitten was heard. It was Snubs. On the other hand, when Buddy once disappeared for many hours, Snubs was quite unhappy; he was restlessly looking from one room into another, trying to locate his friend. And it was a happy reunion indeed, when at last Buddy returned home.

Such is the friendship between my dog and my cat, in spite of the proverbial enmity of cats and dogs.—M. J. Konikow, in *Our Dumb Animals*.

A HEARTY MEAL.

Many boys and girls lean back in their chairs at the Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner table and sigh because they can eat no more. I wonder what you would do if you were to sit down at a dinner like the one I am going to tell you about.

General Grant, who, as you learn in your history, was a great general in the Civil War, and who served two terms as President of our country, once went with his wife on a trip around the world. While in China he was invited to a state dinner, and this is a part of the seventy courses set before him:

Sweetmeats, fruit rolls, apricot kernels, melon seeds:

Ham with bamboo sprouts, smoked duck and cucumbers, pickled chicken and beans, red shrimps with leeks, spiced sausage with celery, fried fish with flour sauce, chops and vegetables, fish with fir-tree cones and sweet pickle.

Fresh fruits dried in honey, chestnuts, oranges, honey, goldcake.

Bird's nest soup, roast duck, mushrooms and pigeon's eggs, shark's fin and sea crabs.

Steamed cakes, ham pies, vermicelli, baked white pigeons, stewed chicken, lotus seeds, pea-soup, ham in honey, radish cakes, date-cakes, suckling pig whole.

Fat duck, perch and meat pies, con-

fectionery, fat fish, roast mutton, pears in honey, soles of pigeons' feet, wild ducks, thorn-apple jelly, egg-balls.

Whew! Are you still hungry? Suppose you suggest this menu to your mother for the next holiday dinner, and see what she thinks of it.

Of course this was supposed to be eaten with chopsticks, two long, slender rods, which required more skill to handle. It is to be hoped the General and his wife were furnished forks to eat with.

When they were in Japan they were served meals without bread, butter or salt, which were to be eaten while seated on mats on the floor.

While in England they were invited to dine with Queen Victoria. His young son, Jesse, was also invited. When they arrived at the palace the boy was informed that he was expected to eat at another table with the Queen's attendants. He declared that before he would eat with the servants he would walk back to the station and leave. You can imagine that there was quite a hullabaloo, and finally the American boy had his way, and was invited to the royal table. Probably almost any English boy would have been glad indeed to be invited to eat at second or third table, but you know how American boys are.

General Grant was a very brave man and a good president. He had some traits of character that any boy or girl should imitate. One was that he never used profane language. He said once that it was never any temptation to him to use such words. Another was that he was very kind to animals, and could never bear to see them cruelly treated. Once when in camp he went with a companion to hunt wild turkeys. They found the turkeys, but Ulysses was so interested in watching them that he forgot to shoot. Later, when he was an officer, he saw his teamster beating a horse in the face. He gave that teamster such a scolding as I expect he never forgot, and besides, ordered the man to be tied to a post for six hours as a punishment.

You see a person can be very brave and still be very tender-hearted and kind. There are a good many things in which we can follow the example of General Ulysses S. Grant. But if you are ever entertained as he was with a dinner of seventy courses, do be careful.—Nellie Good, in *Texas Christian Advocate*.

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Woman's Missionary Department

This week the North Arkansas Conference W. M. S. is in annual session in Batesville First Methodist Church. A cordial welcome was given the large delegation and everything is being done for their comfort and for the success of the meeting. We hope to have interesting notes from this great meeting for our department next week.

NEW Y. P. AUXILIARY AT CHARLESTON.

The young people of Charleston Methodist Church, met at the church Sunday, March 17, and organized a Young People's Missionary Society. The following officers were elected:

President, Laura Cole.
Vice-President, Marjorie Brown.
Treasurer, Myrtle Snider.
Secretary, Dymple Floyd.
Recording Secretary, Vera Lee Floyd.

Supt. Publicity, Pauline Bond.
Supt. Social Service, Maridale East.
Supt. Supplies, Geneva Jones.
Pianist, Vera Lee Floyd.
Song Leader, Maridale East.

The following names complete the list of members: Tess Jones, Vestal Jones, Beulah Cole, Bettie Bell Cole, Jessie McConnell, Lena Snider, Ruth Bevel, Connie Chastain, Zeta Cole, and Genelle Smith.

On March 26, we met with Miss Laura Cole, with 16 members present. A short discussion of March program was held. Light refreshments were served and enjoyed by everyone.

"I have never seen a more enthusiastic group of young people than we have found at Charleston, the greatest number of talented girls and they are willing to use their talent for the Church. We have had four meetings and are hoping to be able to send a good report soon."—Mrs. J. E. Snell, Supt. of Young People.

ANNUAL MEETING AT CAMDEN.

Mrs. W. S. Anderson writes:

"The Camden ladies have done themselves credit as hostesses, in their homes and at the church. Refreshing luncheons were served in the basement of the church each day. Our visit to the Country Club gave us a fresh breath and rest with delicious refreshments. Our three missionaries, Misses Hortense Murry, Lucy Wade and Georgia Bates, and our field worker, Miss Willie Mae Porter, have been a great inspiration to us. A collection of \$100 will be presented to the three out-going missionaries as a gift from our Conference delegates."

NOTES FROM ANNUAL MEETING AT CAMDEN.

From Minutes of Mrs. J. M. Stinson, Secretary.

The Jubilee Year was brought to a close on the evening of April 2 with a Jubilee banquet. The program was arranged by our gifted historian, Mrs. F. M. Williams. Tributes of appreciation, love and respect were paid to those who labored so lovingly and so well through the fifty years. A large and appreciative crowd was present.

Tuesday evening, Rev. H. H. Griffin, pastor of Camden Church, conducted the devotional services. The choir rendered a beautiful anthem.

Mrs. Steel introduced the honor

guest, Miss Esther Case, who spoke on "My Trip Through Africa." For an hour Miss Case held the interest of her audience as she related enlightening incidents, and wonderful opportunities for service, and the pressing need of these 3,000,000 people who live in Africa.

Miss Case, Mrs. Steel stated, is one of our very own, having been born and reared in Arkansas. We are happy to have her inspiring messages and invaluable counsel through these days of conference.

Wednesday morning, with Mrs. E. R. Steel presiding, after silent prayer and the organ recital by Miss Elise Rumph, "Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart" was sung by the congregation.

Mrs. E. R. Steel led the devotional using a portion of the 14th chapter of Exodus. The theme was "The Reality of Our Task. Hear the Voice of God, 'Go Forward.'" Mrs. Steel said some were looking back on the flesh pots of Egypt, some were standing still to see the salvation of the Lord. If we are to be true disciples, if we hope to accomplish our task, there must be no let-up or going back. We must go forward.

"We believe we have the one panacea for the pain and sin of the world. Then we must pass it on. What can bring peace? Jesus Christ is peace. Will we give Him to a sin-torn world? The giving of Jesus is your task and mine." Mrs. Steel closed with an earnest prayer that the women would respond wholeheartedly to this call.

Mrs. Purifoy Gill then rendered a beautiful voice number.

The secretary was instructed to send telegrams of regret and appreciation to Mesdames Briant, Pemberton, Carl Voss and Mrs. L. E. N. Hundley.

Miss Case spoke of the Missionary Voice, telling of its many splendid qualities, and Mrs. Steel spoke of the book "Missionary Imperative" and recommended it to be a very helpful volume.

The following guests were introduced: Miss Bates, Miss Murray, Miss Porter, Miss Wade, and we were pleased to have the following ministers in attendance: Rev. J. E. Cooper, Rev. S. K. Burnett, Rev. J. W. Thomas, Rev. J. T. Thompson, Rev. B. F. Scott, Rev. H. H. Griffin.

The secretary read a greeting from the Little Rock Conference Deaconesses who are now on furlough and at Scarritt: Miss Florence Whiteside, Miss Bessie Bunn and Rosalie Riggins.

Reports from officers and superintendents will appear in full in minutes. The president commended most highly the work done by these faithful workers.

Mrs. Wade said it was the plan to bring a resume at these noon worship hours of the devotionals given at Council on the Beatitudes. "Who are the poor in spirit? The simple, kindly, trusting folk, who are striving to become better Christians, in striking contrast to the Pharisee who held himself rich in spirit." She also brought some beautiful thoughts on "Blessed are they that mourn, being interpreted, 'Blessed are they who are alive enough to suffer for His sake.'"

The devotional Wednesday afternoon was conducted by Miss Willie May Porter, rural worker for Camden District, who used as her theme "Full-time Service." She read a portion of the 18th chapter of Matthew and the 148th Psalm. She stressed the thought that we must all be full-time workers for our Lord. Mrs. Bob Daly gave a beautiful solo. The Rev. J. H. Glass was introduced and asked for co-operation from the Supply De-

partment in the Superannuate work. He asked that names of preachers to whom boxes are sent be given him.

The afternoon session was given over to reports of District Secretaries, who reported progress in many lines. These reports were fine and will be published in the minutes.

Mrs. Kress, newly elected secretary of Prescott District, spoke in appreciation of the splendid services rendered by Mrs. Briant through the years, and asked for the prayers and co-operation of the District.

Mrs. Hundley's report on Gibson Auxiliary was given by Mrs. Webb. Mrs. Hundley reports 39 members of Gibson Auxiliary. Mrs. Hundley's resignation was accepted with regrets.

Out of the Conference of District Secretaries two recommendations were made to Conference, which were adopted, as follows:

That the duties of Gibson Auxiliary be left with District Secretaries. That all literature sent out by Publicity Superintendent be sent to Presidents of Auxiliaries.

The recognition of the Jubilee Auxiliaries was one of the events of the Conference. Each Auxiliary was represented by a bearer of a pennant with the date of organization upon it. Those organized in 1878 greeted all Jubilee Auxiliaries. As each group came forward the choir sang an appropriate hymn. When all were around the chancel Mrs. Steel expressed our pleasure in receiving them, and they retired singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers." Mrs. S. W. C. Smith presented an interesting account of our finances, outlining the growth during the fifty years. As always, she made her figures live before us, and impressed us with the necessity of an increase in finances if we have hope of growing.

Mrs. W. P. McDermott brought an interesting account of the Council meeting in Washington.

Miss Mable Whitehead, a returned missionary from Japan, and Miss Koo Okujo of Koba, Japan, were presented to the Conference. Miss Okujo is a protege of the Elizabeth Rimmel Bible Class of Little Rock.

THE CAMDEN MEETING.

Mrs. F. M. Williams.

Due preparation, hearty welcomes, sweet fellowship and a wonderful program culminated in the splendid annual meeting of Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society at Camden April 2-5, which must have been the result of effectual prayer and unity of spirit in hostess people and guests. Sweet and sacred memories of other meetings keyed our anticipation for this annual session. We were not disappointed in any way, except in the absence of our Camden pioneer, Miss Lizzie Stinson, but the cheery faces of Mrs. S. B. Proctor and Mrs. J. T. Sifford brought happy recollections of other days.

By motor and train, delegates soon made Camden the scene of missionary activity, and noon found us ready to enjoy the good things Camden had prepared for us.

Outstanding in beauty and sweet fellowship was the luncheon tendered the Executive Committee by Mesdames J. M. Stinson and V. O. Buck at the home of Mrs. Stinson on W. Washington avenue.

The beauty of spring blossoms was added to that of other exquisite settings, and the five-course luncheon was not only beautiful but most appetizing.

As the history of our auxiliaries has been a prominent thought in our year's work, much interest has been

centered in the jubilee banquet held in the banquet room of the Episcopal Church.

A profusion of flowers had transformed the room into a bower of beauty, and interest in the program was noted in every face. As the speakers' tables began to be filled many were the exclamations of appreciation of the costumes representing the different periods in the past fifty years. High collars, Paisley and old silk shawls, leg o' mutton sleeves, Mrs. Hotchkiss' little black bonnet and many other relics of other days made real the picture of those early days and their heroines.

After several orchestral numbers Mrs. J. M. Stinson gave informal greeting, introducing Mrs. V. O. Brack, local president, who gave hearty words of welcome. Mrs. E. R. Steel responded and then introduced the historian, Mrs. F. M. Williams, who presented the jubilee program.

After a cursory glance at the 50 years past, Mrs. E. L. Holmes, a living remnant of the first auxiliary organized at Warren in 1873, made clear and happy remarks concerning that early work.

Mrs. H. B. Allis, in high-collared, old-fashioned costume, represented Mrs. H. D. McKinnon and this first period of our missionary endeavor. Mrs. H. King Wade was readily recognized by her costume as Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss; Mrs. W. P. McDermott

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with middle parted hair and balloon sleeves represented Mrs. S. N. Marshall as the first Home Mission president; Mrs. L. A. Moorman was a very real representation in a costume belonging to Mrs. Ella McRae Thomas and her period; Mrs. W. S. Anderson represented the gifted Mrs. C. F. Elza and the fifth period of our work, after which the historian in fitting words presented to the president the labors of fifty years, which she accepted with appreciation. The program was interspersed with music from groups of children and young people in foreign costumes, and solos by Mrs. H. B. Lide and Mrs. Louise Watson Daley. The jubilee banquet, attended by 250 interested listeners, was considered a high point of the conference.

Reports showed great progress in all the work. The honor guests, helpful and inspiring, were Miss Esther Case, Misses Willie May Porter, Georgia Bates, Hortense Murray and Luey Wade, whose messages will be given later.

Camden was profuse in entertainment for the large delegation. A beautiful feature was the tea at the Country Club, but best of all the sweet fellowship in the homes and the sight of friends of other days. It was good to be at Camden.

ZONE MEETING AT TILLAR.

A zone meeting of Monticello District, W. M. S. was held at Tillar Methodist Church March 27, with Mrs. James Gabbie as leader. The meeting opened with singing "The Kingdom Is Coming," and prayer by Rev. Mr. Miller of Dumas. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Peacock and response was by Mrs. J. O. Bickham. A beautiful devotion led by Mrs. S. V. Clayton was followed by a solo by Mrs. Eugene Dobson, with Mrs. Homer Kimbro at the piano. Reading, "A Rejected Soul," Mrs. Carolyn Sponenbarger; dialogue, "A Morning Call," by McGehee W. M. Society; hymn, "Love Lifted Me;" paper, "Leadership," by Mrs. Tom McNeely of Dumas.

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Reports were given by presidents of each W. M. S. represented—Arkansas City, Dumas, McGehee, Winchester and Tillar. The meeting was then turned over to Mrs. Rucks, district secretary of Lake Village. A vote was taken as to whether or not to continue zone meetings in this zone. Majority ruled to continue, McGehee asking for next meeting. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Leonard, the officers were directed to different rooms to study duties of the departmental leaders. Refreshing punch and cookies were served after dismissal and a social half hour was enjoyed by all.—Mrs. Argie Henry, Publicity Supt.

ZONE MEETING AT EUDORA

The first zone meeting for 1929 met at the Methodist church of Eudora February 7th. There were fifty members present from the Dermott, Arkansas City, Lake Village and Eudora auxiliaries, Montrose being the only society not represented in this zone.

The meeting was presided over by Mrs. Sponenbarger of Arkansas City. An interesting and very helpful program was presented, the principal speaker being Mrs. L. A. Smith of Hermitage, a returned Korean missionary, who had as her subject: "A Visit to China." She gave her listeners an insight into the life of the Chinese people.

Mrs. H. T. Rucks of Lake Village, district secretary, talked on the program that is being put on by the whole church and urged that every Missionary Society co-operate in this work.

A delicious salad course was served by the Eudora ladies.

LAKE VILLAGE

At the regular meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society last Tuesday afternoon a special appeal for adult leaders in the young people's work was made in a message from Miss Julia Lake Stevens, young people's superintendent in the Southern Methodist Church.

The committee on Social Service work reported some fine things being done and asked for donations of discarded clothing that they might use where needed.

Due to the fact that one of our efficient officers and most faithful members is to leave us in a few days, at the close of the meeting the society went in a body to the home of Mrs. R. D. Stevenson for a surprise visit. Mrs. G. H. Bagby expressed the good wishes of the society and as a token of love and appreciation of Mrs. Stevenson and her work among us, presented her a basket of individual gifts.—Publicity Superintendent.

GROUP MEETING AT GRAVETTE.

Group meeting of Zone No. 2 was held in Gravette March 26, in M. E. Church South. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Bruce Miller of Siloam Springs.

The service opened with hymns "The Kingdom Is Coming," and "Jesus Calls Us." The pastor of Gravette, Rev. Mr. Justice, had charge of the devotions. Psalm 34 was read responsively, followed by a prayer by Rev. Mr. Justice. Song, "The King's Business."

Mrs. Woodward of Gentry gave a very interesting talk on "The Ideal Missionary Society." She emphasized the fact that the president and officers of the society should be consecrated women.

Mrs. Guy Murphy of Siloam, had a round table discussion on Bible and mission study, which was enjoyed by

Sunday School Department

COKEBURY TRAINING SCHOOLS IN NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Hunter.—Rev. F. R. Hamilton has started his very fine custom as elder in the Helena District by teaching a one-teacher Cokesbury school at Hunter. The "Small Sunday School" was used as a text. Nine people from three denominations took the work.

Rev. R. A. Bevis is pastor of the Hunter Church, and never fails to have training schools in his church each year.

Umsted Memorial.—Rev. W. M. Edwards is pastor of the Umsted Memorial Church at Newport. Rev. J. W. Johnston, pastor at Swifton and Alicia, and Mr. M. E. Moore, a layman from Moorefield, were with Brother Edwards and taught "What Every Methodist Should Know" and "The Small Sunday School." Twenty-five enrolled in the school and eighteen met the requirements and received credit. This was the first school of this kind for the church.

McCrory.—Rev. J. F. Simmons and the extension secretary spent a very pleasant week in an approved school at McCrory, March 17-22. "Missions" and "The Small Sunday School" were the courses offered. Twenty-five enrolled in the school and nineteen took the work for credit.

The pastor, Rev. W. J. Spicer, is a firm believer in the training work. He was sick and could not attend the school. Three different schools were represented. McCrory is not satisfied and has already asked for another school.

Bethel.—Bethel is a church on the Hackett charge. Rev. G. R. Ditterline is pastor. This is the second school he has had on his work this year. Rev. J. B. Stewart of Lavaca taught the course, "The Small Sunday School." This was the first school to be held in this church and Brother Stewart says that the spirit was fine.

all. Mrs. Clifton McAllister of Gravette, sang a beautiful solo. Mrs. O'Daniel of Gravette gave a very helpful talk on the Missionary Voice. Mrs. E. H. Smith gave a very interesting talk on social service. Mrs. Joe McAllister rendered a pretty piano solo. Mrs. D. Y. Thomas, superintendent of children's work, gave a very helpful talk on the young people's work. A lovely lunch was served at noon and enjoyed a social hour together.

In the afternoon Rev. Mr. Murphy of Siloam, led the devotional.

Gravette is a jubilee auxiliary with 12 members. They have paid \$50.00 to the church budget, and it is a fine little society. Gentry has 18 members with 10 subscribers to the Voice and their social service committee is doing fine work. Siloam Springs has 47 members, 14 subscribers to the Voice.

Eureka Springs has paid \$100 on chairs for the church auditorium, finished three study books and received the gold seal for the jubilee year and it has been placed on diploma. Mrs. C. L. O'Daniel was elected president for the coming year and Mrs. J. L. Oswalt secretary, both of Gravette. There were 43 ladies present.

A little play was given by Mesdames Campbell, McArthur and Perry, "The Missionary Operation," and it was enjoyed by all.—Mrs. Ben Garst, Secretary.

Eight people received credit for the work.—Glenn F. Sanford, Extension Secretary.

COKEBURY SCHOOL IN AUBREY CHARGE.

We closed a Cokesbury school at Oak Forest, on the Aubrey Circuit, March 15. There were eight splendid pupils in the class, all of whom took work for credit and each one made unit.

The book taught was "The Small Sunday School." The class was taught by the pastor.

We will begin a school at Moro, April 22. We hope to have this class conducted by our beloved P. E., Rev. Fred R. Hamilton.—J. W. Harger, P. C.

COKEBURY SCHOOL ON HACKETT CHARGE.

We closed a five-night Cokesbury School at Bethel, on the Hackett Charge, last week. The pastor, Rev. G. R. Ditterline, had everything ready, with seventeen enrolled in the class. "The Small Sunday School" was the course taught, and eight took the work for credit. The spirit and interest of the school were fine. The weather was bad and the roads muddy, but the folks came right on every night, some of them walking almost (Continued on Page 10.)

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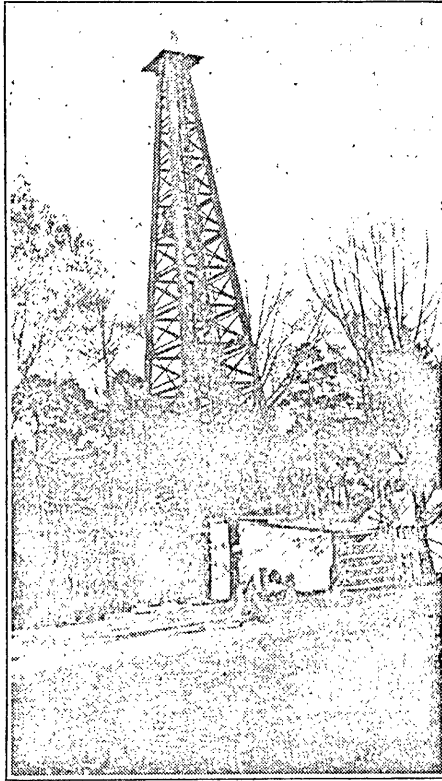
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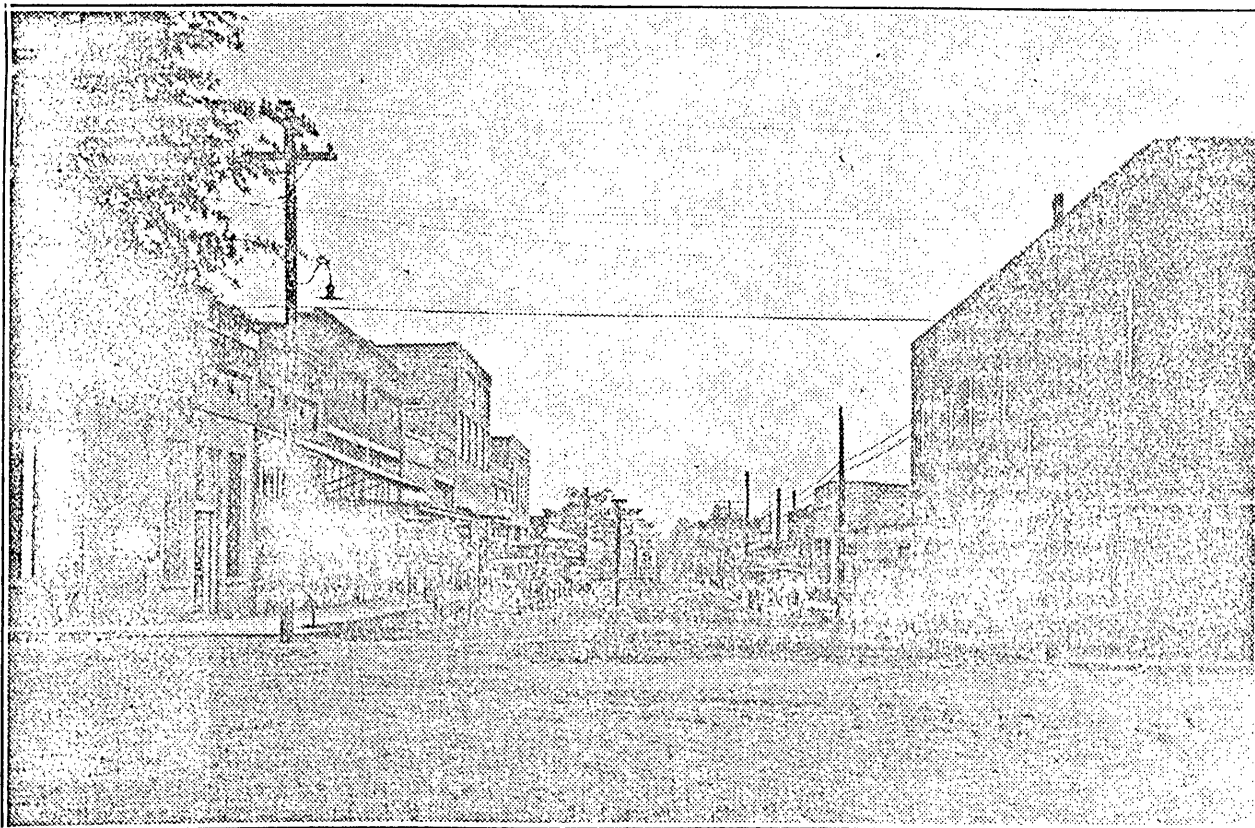
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REV. R. A. TEETER,
Pastor Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church of Stephens was served last year by Rev. W. J. Clark. The record shows a general increase in the finances of that year.

Work is progressing nicely for the current year. The Easter revival closed on Easter Sunday with a class of 18 admitted to the church on profession of faith and four by certificate.

The congregation is made up of genuine Methodists who know the doctrine and policy of our church and who love it.

STEPHENS

Stephens is located on the Cotton Belt railroad in the southwest part of Ouachita county, in the southwest part of the state. It is on Highway No. 3 which leads from Camden to Texarkana and is served by No. 2 from Camden to Pine Bluff, which connects the east, west, north and south. Also a new highway between Stephens, Mt. Holly and El Dorado will soon be opened for travel and will shorten the distance by 19 miles. This will be a good gravel road.

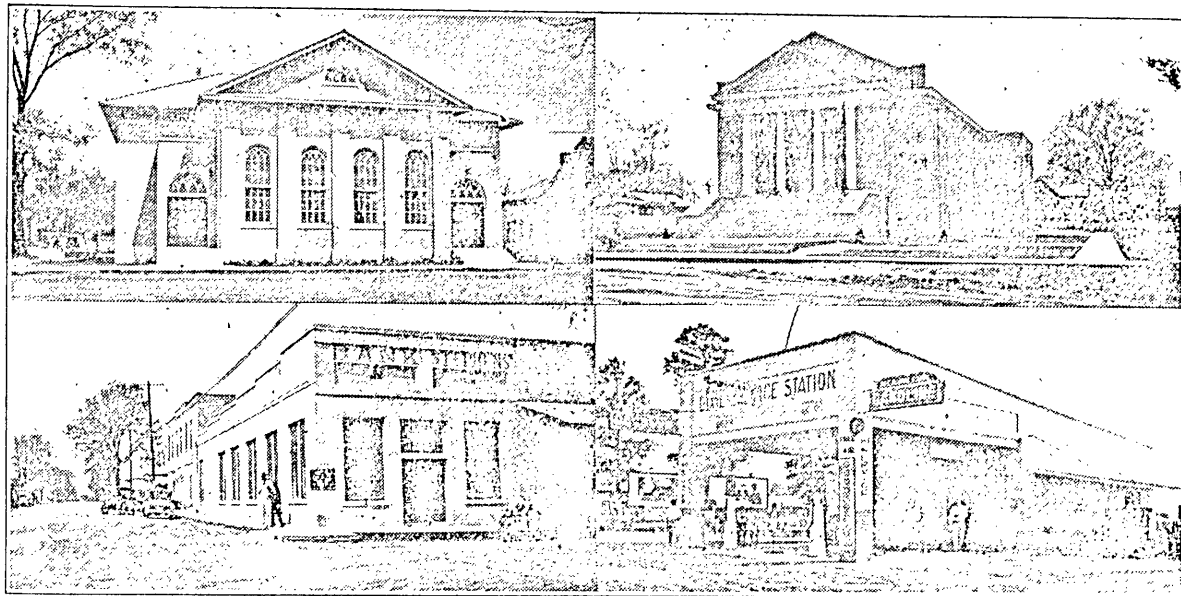
It has a population of 1,200 and is steadily growing.

Stephens has four churches, two Baptist churches, Methodist and Christian. The Methodist and Baptist church buildings have been built within the past 18 months at a cost of approximately \$50,000. The town has one of the best High Schools in the state. It has 24-hour electricity and gas and 300 producing oil and gas wells in the oil center of Arkansas.

Stephens is surrounded by one of the best farming sections in Southwest Arkansas and is one of the best cotton markets in the state. The two banks have assets of more than three quarters of a million dollars. Stephens is located in the best timber belt in the southwest. The soil is adapted to fruit growing, especially peaches.

Excellent opportunities for dairying are offered because the winters are mild and short and grazing unexcelled. Stephens has excellent soft water and the streams are never failing and plentiful. New people are always welcomed heartily.

Stephens was incorporated in 1885. It has three modern drug stores, 25 mercantile establishments, two automobile agencies, three modern service stations, three feed stores, two good restaurants, 300 producing oil wells in the vicinity, two cotton gins, one saw mill, one cotton warehouse, one wholesale grocery, a good Chamber of Commerce, Masonic lodge, Woodmen of the World, Boy Scout troop, high



Magnificent new edifice of the Stephens Methodist Church, the First Baptist Church, recently completed at a cost of \$20,000, the Bank of Stephens and the Dixie Service Station.

school, Parent-Teachers Association, four churches.

Tests on the clays found near Stephens show them to be excellent for brick and tile. With the supply of natural gas, good cheap labor and other industrial advantages, Stephens is in a favorable position for the development of this, as well as other industries. A modern ice plant is now in course of construction here.

Churches.

The First Baptist church has recently completed a magnificent new building, erected at a cost of \$20,000. This building provides an auditorium ample for 350 people and an educational building that enables them to have a Standard Sunday School, as well as other activities of church work. Fourteen departmental and class rooms can be cared for at opening. It is so arranged that other class rooms may be provided as needed. The church membership is 215. The pastor is Lloyd Sparkman, who is a product and a graduate of Ouachita College.

Harmony Missionary Baptist church is perhaps the oldest church in this section. It dates back long before the town of Stephens was founded. At that time it was located at Seminary Hall and is the first work of the Baptists in this section. It was moved to the town in 1865 and became the First Baptist church of Stephens, still remaining in the Columbia Baptist Association until about 1909.

Church of Christ—In the year 1911 a few of the members of the Whitefield congregation living in and near Stephens with the aid of Brother J. H. Shisnant, organized a local congregation in Stephens. There were sixteen charter members, a few of whom are still worshipping with this congregation. A building was completed in 1915 for this church.

During the first six or eight years this congregation had a substantial growth, its membership numbering about 100. There is at present a smaller membership. The church is doing good work and continues to provide a place of worship for those of its faith.

Stephens has a splendid class "A" high school, teaching the 12 grades. There are 350 pupils enrolled. No teacher is employed in this school who has less than two years college work and in the High School department must have some college degree. Dr. J. G. Lile is superintendent. He is a former teacher of Ouachita College. The High School department has increased from 60 students in 1925 to 115 at present.

Approximately 123,391,228 pounds of freight are shipped from Stephens annually, which consists of cotton, cottonseed, cottonseed hulls, lumber, oil field materials, heavy oil and cattle. The tonnage received is 60,211,617 pounds. This consists of automobiles and accessories, building materials, coal, casings, pipe, gas line material, feed (grain and hay) flour, fertilizer, groceries, ice, live stock, (mules) merchandise (dry goods) oils and gasoline, printing materials and gravel.

Over four million feet of lumber are shipped annually from Stephens. Also 4,000 bales of cotton per year are shipped.

Dairy products are increasing steadily in the Stephens vicinity. The farmers are becoming interested in dairy development. There are several good dairies in the community.

The farm lands in Ouachita county, in which Stephens is located, produce well, many fruits, vegetables, cotton, corn and hay crops. It is especially adapted to peaches, berries, etc.

A Large Producing Oil Well

The McDonald Brothers recently brought in a gusher, estimated to produce 300 to 400 barrels per day. It is known as Charlie McDonald Well No. 1. This well is located about eight miles east of town. The McDonald Brothers Well No. 1 has been pumping

for some time in this new field. These two wells open an extension to the Stephens oil field activities. Already people are flocking to this territory and opening up eat shops, stores, etc. Temporary houses are being erected on the field. Two other derricks have been erected and will begin drilling immediately. The extent of activities in this new field yet remains to be determined, but the indications are that it will perhaps be the most productive field in this section of the state. This gusher is the largest producer yet brought in.

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three miles after working all day. This makes two Cokesbury schools and three courses for the Hackett charge this year. Brother Ditterline is a fine Sunday School pastor and all his schools are in fine shape.—J. B. Stewart, Instructor.

FOURTH SUNDAY MISSIONARY OFFERINGS

Little Rock Conference. Second Report for March.

Following Sunday Schools in the Little Rock Conference report the amounts listed as Dual Mission offerings for March. The response for March was very gratifying.

Arkadelphia District.

First Church, Hot Spgs.	\$20.00
Manning	1.23
Manchester	1.16
Hunter's Chapel	1.00
Leola	2.60
Oaklawn	2.25
Previously reported	26.90

Total \$55.14

Camden District.

Norphlet (Feb. & Mar.)	\$ 3.00
Marysville	1.59
Waldo (Jan.)	2.80
Waldo (March)	5.08
Bearden	6.30
Wesley's Chapel	1.50
Smackover	15.00
Previously reported	51.54

Total \$86.81

Little Rock District.

Winfield	\$44.53
Capitol View	10.00
Asbury	14.50
Previously reported	126.90

Total \$195.93

Monticello District.

Fountain Hill	\$ 1.00
Tillar	5.00
Rock Springs	1.40
Dumas	8.05
Previously reported	\$43.29

Total \$58.74

Pine Bluff District.

Roe	\$ 1.65
Tucker	2.56
Hawley Memorial	5.20
Union (Rowell)	1.00
Gillett	3.94
Previously reported	64.40

Total \$78.75

Prescott District

Antoine	\$ 2.00
Mineral Springs	4.38
Friendship	1.33
Gurdon	10.00
Rosboro (Feb. & Mch.)	3.20
Center (Center Pt. Ct.)	.90
Spring Hill (Feb. Mch.)	1.17
Wakefield	.90
Glenwood	4.00
Previously reported	40.29

Total \$68.17



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Texarkana District

Brownstown (Paraloma Ct.)	\$ 1.41
Cove	1.49
Dallas	2.25
Sylvarino	.42
Hatfield	2.43
Walnut Springs	1.25
Pleasant Hill	1.00
Green's Chapel	.71
Previously reported	43.05

Total \$54.01

Standing By Districts

Arkadelphia, 15 schools	\$ 55.14
Camden, 15 schools	86.81
Little Rock, 21 schools	195.93
Monticello, 16 schools	58.74
Pine Bluff, 21 schools	78.75
Prescott, 23 schools	68.17
Texarkana, 14 schools	54.01

Totals, 125 schools \$597.55
—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

ITINERATING

Prescott.—At the invitation of Brother Henderson I attended the Prescott District meeting in the interest of Superannuate Endowment. Things move well in that district, and they were making an earnest effort to close out the Superannuate cause.

I presented the Epworth League Anniversary cause and spoke of the Cokesbury Training work. Found fine interest. The presiding elder says that the district will be 100 per cent.

The ladies of Prescott church served a delightful lunch at noon. Rev. F. G. Roebuck was in the midst of his revival with fine interest. I drove back to Little Rock Tuesday afternoon.

Gillett and Little Prairie.—Leaving Little Rock Wednesday morning I drove to Gillett and out to Little Prairie for a meeting at 4:30 p. m., where we organized a Cokesbury school. Organized another Cokesbury school at Gillett that night. Rev. Geo. W. Warren is the pastor and he is doing a fine work. The Sunday school shows a steady growth, and the Epworth League is doing good work.

New Edinburg.—Friday afternoon I drove through Rison, where I had a few minutes visit with Mr. Acru-man and Rev. A. W. Hamilton, then on to Kingsland where I had a nice visit with Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Scott, then to New Edinburg, where I organized a Cokesbury school. Saturday morning I drove to Sheridan and ate breakfast and on to the office for some necessary work.

Leola.—Saturday afternoon I drove to Leola and delivered a church sign. Rev. J. H. Mathews is having a great year on that charge.

Thornton Ct.—Saturday night I met the workers with Rev. Geo. E. Reutz at Harmony Grove on the Thornton Circuit, and organized a Cokesbury school. Had a nice visit with Rev. F. R. Canfield. Brother Canfield is one of our most faithful men.

Norphlet.—Sunday I had the privilege of attending Sunday School at Norphlet. Mr. W. T. Knowles is the fine superintendent, and Rev. J. E. Waddell is the pastor. Brother Waddell has led his people in providing a splendid place for worship with plenty of class rooms, and the Sunday School is growing.

Macedonia.—Sunday afternoon I drove from Norphlet to Princeton where I had an engagement to be with Brother Groves, the pastor, at Macedonia. We had a fine service. They have just organized an Epworth League. The Sunday School is moving along nicely. Brother Groves secured a number of pledges on the Conference Claims.—S. T. Baugh.

Epworth League Dept

FAIRVIEW SENIOR CHAPTER

Things were dragging in the chapter. The attendance was good and the programs were fair, also the recreational program, but nothing had been paid on the mission pledge.

About the middle of February the president of the chapter, Mr. Jarrell Winkle, made a very earnest appeal to the members to pay up on their pledges. He followed this with a council meeting which the pastor attended. A plan was worked out under which the chapter was divided under two captains, Miss Margaret Hartshorn and Mr. Kelley Goodson, and a contest started the following Sunday to last until March 24, Anniversary Day. The sides were to be given points for new members, attendance, participation on devotional programs, church attendance, with amount collected on pledges to be the most valuable in number of points.

There was little open rivalry but the most concerted effort on the part of all to raise the mission pledge. The membership of the chapter was urged to pay up regardless of which side they happened to be on in the contest. The big idea of both captains was to raise the pledge regardless of who won. The result of the contest was that sufficient money was raised to pay the mission pledge, also to pay a local debt the chapter owed, and enough left for a good nest egg on the Summer Assembly delegates fund.

The contest was so close that the chapter president declared himself the winner and loser and entertained the chapter with a combination Weiner Roast and Marshmallow Toasting.

The chapter wound up the contest by putting on an excellent Anniversary Day program and raising their full quota for the offering.

With Rev. Claude R. Roy, their fine pastor, backing them so wonderfully, we are expecting even greater things from these fine young folks.—Reporter.

ANNIVERSARY OFFERINGS

Little Rock Conference Second Report.

Reports of Epworth League Anniversary Day observance in the Little Rock Conference continue to come in. This pleases your Board members and Conference workers very much. We appreciate so much the fine spirit back of this observance.

Below is listed the amounts received since the first report, the total for Districts to date:

Arkadelphia District.

First Church, Hot Spgs.	\$14.59
Mt. Carmel (Holly Spgs.)	1.60
Holly Springs	1.50
Five churches Princeton Ct.	2.00
Previously reported	36.00

Total \$55.69

Camden District.

Norphlet	\$ 3.50
Fredonia	6.45
Previously reported	20.55

Total \$30.50

Little Rock District

Pulaski Heights	\$30.00
Mt. Tabor (Austin Ct.)	4.07
28th Street	8.00
Henderson	5.65
Hamilton (Carlisle Ct.)	1.70
Hazen	6.45
Douglasville	5.30
Providence (Hickory P. Ct.)	2.25
Bethlehem (Hickory P. Ct.)	1.75
Hickory Plains	2.64
Johnson's Chapel	.43

Cross Roads	.93
Previously reported	94.60

Total \$163.87

Monticello District.

McGehee	\$12.50
Previously reported	14.40

Total \$26.90

Pine Bluff District.

Sheridan	\$ 6.50
Rison	18.00
Altheimer	6.85
Wabbaseka	3.75

Total \$35.10

Prescott District

Gurdon	\$ 8.00
Friendship (Blevins)	3.00

Total \$11.00

Texarkana District

Fairview (Texarkana)	\$20.00
Ashdown	6.25
Previously reported	3.85

Total \$30.10

Totals By Districts

Arkadelphia, 7 charges	\$ 55.69
Camden, 4 charges	30.50
Little Rock, 13 charges	163.87
Monticello, 2 charges	26.90
Pine Bluff, 3 charges	35.10
Prescott, 2 charges	11.00
Texarkana, 4 charges	30.10

Totals, 35 charges \$353.16

Honor Roll.

The following charges, with pastors named, have reached their goal on Anniversary offering, and are thereby placed on the Honor Roll: Pulaski Heights, Rev. J. M. Hamilton; Douglassville, Rev. Virgil D. Morris; Hickory Plains Circuit, Rev. Emmett McKay; Rison, Rev. A. W. Hamilton; Fairview, Rev. Claude R. Roy.

Some pastors report for only part of their charge and will doubtless reach their goal and be on the Honor Roll.—S. T. Baugh, secretary.

MACEDONIA OFFICERS.

An Epworth League Chapter was organized recently at Macedonia with Miss Katie Chandler as president, and Miss Melva Adams as secretary and treasurer. They have a fine group of young people and should develop a fine chapter.—S. T. Baugh.



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HELENA DISTRICT GROUP MEETINGS FOR THE PAPER.

Sunday, April 14, at 3 p. m., Group No. 1 meets at Brinkley. It is composed of the following charges: Brinkley, Clarendon, Holly Grove, Shiloh, Blackstone, Wheatley, Hunter and Brasfield.

Group No. 2 meets at Forrest City, on April 15, at 2:30 p. m. It is composed of the following: Forrest City, Widener, Madison, Haynes, Colt and Palestine.

Tuesday, Group No. 3 meets at Helena, at 2:30 p. m., April 16. It is as follows: Helena, West Helena, Elaine, Melwood, Wabash, Marvel and Turner Circuit.

Group No. 4 meets Thursday, at Wynne, at 10:30 a. m., April 18. It is composed of the following: Wynne, Vannale, Cherry Valley, Harrisburg, Harrisburg Circuit, Earle, Crawfordsville, Parkin, Hulbert and Colt.

Group No. 5 meets on Friday, April 19, at 10 a. m., at Marianna. It is composed of the following: Marianna, Hughes, Lexa, LaGrange, Rondo-Aubrey, Oak Forrest and Moro.—J. J. Galloway.

RELIGIOUS DRAMA AT MONTICELLO DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

The Monticello District Conference will open with a great religious drama entitled, "When Cross Roads Cross Again," Tuesday evening, April 16, at Dumas. Mesdames Lawrence A. Smith and J. D. Stevens will direct the pageant which delineates the life, labors, and achievements of the "Heroes and Heroines of Southern

Methodism." A cast of 25 characters has been selected and they are holding daily rehearsals.

Special music for the occasion will be rendered by a mixed quartet from Little Rock, composed of Messrs. John J. Cooper and Henry A. Thomas and Mesdames Luman C. Reed and John J. Cooper, with Miss Irene Riggins as accompanist. Mrs. J. Roddy Edwards Jr., director, will also be present.

The Conference will formally open Wednesday, 8 a. m., with Rev. G. E. Williams as the devotional speaker. Rev. A. W. Waddill of Warren will deliver the initial sermon at the 11 o'clock hour.

Special days have been planned for the Conference. Wednesday afternoon will be known as Missionary Day, when the missionary interests and the work of the Woman's Missionary Society will be presented. Thursday morning will be set apart as "Religious Education Day" at which time Rev. Clem Baker, Rev. S. T. Baugh and the several district officers of the S. S. and E. L. will discuss this phase of church work.

Rev. J. J. Stowe, D. D., presiding elder of the Camden District, will deliver a special message on "The Stewardship of Life," at the evening hour, Wednesday.

Thursday afternoon has been designated "Laymen's Day." Messrs. Noel Martin, G. W. Pardee and J. S. M. Cannon will deliver special addresses, emphasizing Stewardship, Evangelism and 100 per cent Payment of the Benevolences.

Time has been allocated to all of the outstanding movements of the church in general, and all phases of the program of the Church will be presented with earnestness.

The other special speakers include Rev. Rex B. Wilkes who will speak

on "Preparing for Service." Rev. O. L. Walker, representing the Golden Cross society; Rev. J. Frank Simmons and Mr. Carl Hollis.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR REV. M. M. SMITH.

In the going away of Rev. M. M. Smith, recently, the Church in Arkansas lost a faithful servant and the local church and community of Paragould lost a greatly esteemed and beloved brother and friend. He was appreciated by all our people as few men have ever been. We greatly miss him.

On April 28, at 11 a. m., there will be held in First Church, Paragould, a memorial service to his memory and in his honor.

We take this method of inviting his friends to be with us in this service.—R. E. L. Bearden, Pastor.

ARKANSAS METHODIST AND THE FORT SMITH DISTRICT.

An intensive campaign for the Arkansas Methodist in the Fort Smith District began Friday, March 29, at 10 a. m., at Midland Heights, Fort Smith. The attendance and spirit of the meeting were good. The charges represented went back to their work with a strong determination to put the Arkansas Methodist over 100 per cent.

At 12 o'clock we adjourned to partake of a well-prepared and bountiful dinner furnished by the ladies of the Midland Heights Church. After dinner speeches and reports were rich and spicy. After dinner the Presiding Elder, Rev. H. L. Wade, presented the cause of the Superannuate in a very sensible and impressive way.

On Friday night the Commissioner spoke at South Fort Smith and presented the cause of the Arkansas Methodist. Saturday was spent in conference and recreation, visiting East Van Buren, and in the afternoon being the guest of Charles McDonald and Sam Galloway, a son-in-law and a brother, in playing two rounds of golf. The Commissioner boasted that he beat the other two, for he made two rounds in 123 strokes, while they got less than 100 each. This was the second time I ever knocked a golf ball on the links.

Saturday night, to a splendid audience I preached for my old friend, Rev. Elisha Dyer at the Second Church. It was a pleasure to be in his home and to speak to his good people. Brother Dyer is one of our most faithful ministers, not only in giving his life to the kingdom of God, but he has furnished a daughter as a missionary to Korea.

Sunday morning at East Van Buren, I preached for Rev. R. E. Wilson on the "Resurrected Life." Brother Wilson is doing a good work and took an interesting class in the church that day. Arriving at Clarksville through a terrific storm in the evening, I spoke on Christian Literature. Having given two years in pastorate service to this charge, it was a real pleasure to meet old friends and to be in the home of the very successful Rev. E. H. Hook. He has a delightful family and they are very much appreciated in Clarksville.

Monday morning, April 1, a second meeting was held at Clarksville, completing the group meetings for the District. We found the most hearty co-operation throughout the District. The pastors and the people are making an honest effort to put the Arkansas Methodist over 100 per cent throughout the District. Returning to Fort Smith Monday evening, Tuesday in the Presiding Elder's car, Rev. E. H. Hook, the Presiding Elder and myself drove to Siloam Springs and

visited the Fayetteville District Conference then in session, directed by the experienced and successful Presiding Elder, Dr. F. M. Tolleson.

Again the Arkansas Methodist was presented and many of the pastors voluntarily said that they would go back and endeavor to put it over 100 per cent. Wednesday Mrs. Galloway and I drove back to Ozark and I spoke at the prayermeeting-hour. Ozark is another place where we have many friends and spent four years in pastoral work. Ozark has had several fires, two bank failures, and other hard hits, but they are up and coming again with a new zeal. They have a cheese factory, a canning factory, and these with their fruit, chickens, and stock industry are beginning to tell for the good. At Ozark we stayed in the splendid home of Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Anderson.

Thursday driving to Conway on invitation of Rev. H. L. Wade, we again spoke to a group meeting in the interest of the Arkansas Methodist. The meeting was called in the interest of Superannuate Endowment Fund and the Commissioner was an invited guest. Rev. J. M. Hughey plans sometime in the future an intensive week for the paper in his District.

On the trip we were placed under obligation to many of our friends. Rev. H. L. Wade is always doing the delightful thing. He is a gentleman and really successful as a presiding elder. Through his leadership we feel sure that his District will go over 100 per cent in many lines. Rev. H. M. Lewis kindly gave us entertainment in his home and it was indeed a pleasure to associate with his good family. At Siloam Springs we were the guests of J. B. Caldwell and family.

The spirit of Easter, it seems to me, was better this year than I have

Announcing the appointment of the following successful pastors and outstanding banker as district directors of the Clean-Up Campaign to raise the Charges' Balances on Superannuate Endowment quotas in Little Rock Conference.

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Rev. J. D. Baker, Magnolia, Camden District.
Rev. J. T. Rodgers, Lonoke, Little Rock District.
Mr. Carl Hollis, Warren, Monticello District.
Rev. L. E. N. Hundley, Pine Bluff, Pine Bluff District.
Rev. Francis A. Buddin, Hope, Prescott District.
Rev. S. Keener Burnett, Ashdown, Texarkana District.

These interested and faithful pastors and this great layman will gladly co-operate with you in reaching your goal, or at least last year's quota. Make large use of their suggestions and services.

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ever known. There was a remarkable and large ingathering in the church throughout the state. The members of the churches were at work as I have never known before. Not only is there hopefulness throughout the church, but there is hopefulness in the business life. Farmers, merchants and professional men are generally expecting a good year. This ought to be the greatest year since the World War.—J. J. Galloway, Comr.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT MEETING.

Representatives from nine pastoral charges in the District met for special conference in behalf of the Supernuante Endowment Cause and Christian Stewardship in First Church, Malvern, at 10 a. m. April 1. Helpful addresses by Revs. J. W. Mann, J. F. Simmons, J. C. Glenn and Mr. G. W. Pardee, Conference lay leader, brought new encouragement and inspiration to all present. Every moment of the program was full of enthusiasm and purpose; not a single instant was either idle or dull.

An unusually fitting and appetizing lunch in abundance was served by the good ladies of the church at the noon hour; the fellowship about the table was true to good Methodist precedents.

Much of the afternoon program was devoted to practical, pointed round-table discussions of vital matters introduced by those present. Facts, figures, good arguments, unique suggestions, pertinent illustrations and examples were advanced for the interests under consideration in such an earnest, convincing manner as to impress one deeply and make him feel well paid for the time spent in attendance. Our only regret was that all too few persons were present to experience the real uplift of the meeting.

Fellow Methodists, promoters of business enterprises make much of get-together, boosting meetings, and a denomination which fails to gather its adherents for inspiration and instruction in preparation for general advances in order to reach the objectives Christ has fixed for His Church in the earth will soon lag behind, fall out, and cease to be a part of the conquering hosts of the Lord.—R. P. James. Reporter.

VISIT TO TILLAR CHARGE.

Two very successful and happy days were spent in the Tillar charge. We were booked to speak at 11 a. m. Sunday, March 24, at Newton's Chapel and Sunday night at Winchester. Missouri Pacific No. 115 does not stop at Winchester, so it was necessary to leave the train at Dumas and get to Winchester over dirt road. Rev. M. W. Miller, accompanied by his wife, very kindly consented to drive me in his new Plymouth car down to Winchester.

After staying all night in the home of Mr. Jesse Peacock, I was driven out next morning by J. P. Harrington, Jr., to Newton's Chapel. This is a splendid community in the heart of the Mississippi delta. They have a beautiful school building and a fine school taught by Misses Mary M. Jones and Emma Rogers, two very fine young ladies. After preaching we made plans to secure 100 per cent subscription list for the **Arkansas Methodist**. After a good dinner and a sociable time in the home of Mr. J. T. Hopkins we were driven to Winchester and had supper in the home of Mr. F. O. Hopkins. These are two brothers, the one running the large plantation and the other the store, but both are co-equal in partnership. At 7:30 I spoke to a large audience

at Winchester, secured some new subscribers, and again stayed in the home of Mr. Jesse Peacock. Monday was put in canvassing with the pastor, Rev. J. L. Leonard, and we were assured of a 100 per cent list in his charge. Brother Leonard is an experienced and worth-while pastor who is putting things over in a very successful way.—J. J. Galloway, Commissioner.

LAVACA CIRCUIT.

Easter Sunday was a good day with us here at Lavaca. We closed a week's revival campaign and took in at the morning service seven new members, three by letter and four by vows and baptism. One of the business men of the town was among those received by baptism. This makes fifteen new members for the year. It was a pleasant sight to see all the children of the church take their stand down in front of the auditorium, at the close of the Sunday School, and renew their church membership covenant, and to see others come forward to join the number. We have a fine, loyal people, religious and interested in the church. We are expecting to go forward along all lines during the year. We are starting this week to secure the hundred per cent list for the **Arkansas Methodist**.—J. B. Stewart, Pastor.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE COLLECTIONS.

Jonesboro District, Dr. J. A. Anderson, P. E., scores another "Home Run" in the Leachville Church, of the Leachville and Lake City Charge. This church under the splendid leadership of Pastor H. F. McDonal, ably seconded by two treasurers, Mrs. H. Brasher and Mrs. A. A. Anderson, has paid in full. Extra good! I am expecting Brother McDonal to complete the job for the rest of the charge in the near future.

Here is another good one. Cotton Plant, Searcy District, Fred A. Lark, pastor, Warren Fraser, treasurer, has already remitted over 40 per cent more than last year's total. Brother Lark writes of the great Easter service with its large offering for Conference collections. He is confident of having half the quota paid by District Conference, and he will, for his Church lacks just \$45.00 of it now. Cotton Plant is bound for 100 per cent this year.

Central Church, Rogers, Fayetteville District, J. A. Womack, pastor, R. L. Brewer, treasurer, sent in the largest check of the week, and leads the District in both amount and per cent. The first check that I ever received as Conference Treasurer was from that church; it being also the first for which I wrote an "In Full" receipt.

Gardner Memorial, North Little Rock, Conway District, Ira A. Brumley, pastor, Mrs. W. H. Harris, treasurer, keeps on remitting, and is mighty close to first place in the District in per cent paid. Mrs. Harris writes that the Easter congregation was the largest in the history of the church, and adds these words: "It looks as though this is to be our greatest year."

Kibler Circuit, C. R. Nance, pastor, leads the Fort Smith District in per cent, and what is still better has paid this year more than 1928's total. Bro. Nance writes: "We will soon be able to pay the entire amount." Splendid work!

Bentonville Station, Fayetteville District, R. S. Hayden, pastor, P. W. Furry treasurer, is coming right along. It would be very difficult to find a stronger "team" to play the "Conference Collections" game than

Hayden and Furry. They are winners.

I can almost set my watch by Conway's checks, they come so regularly. Dr. J. M. Workman has the priceless gift of getting his congregation to give the "Conference Claims" their full and rightful place in the monthly pay roll. Conway has already paid one-third of its quota and is far in advance of any previous year to same date. It also leads the Conway District in both amount and per cent. Prof. Guy A. Simmons is the 100 per cent treasurer of this church.

Gravette-Centerton, Fayetteville, District, T. J. Justice, has been heard from for the third time. Brother Justice is very optimistic, and has every reason for being so. He has one of the finest Woman's Missionary Societies in the Conference, that is rendering splendid service for the "Collections." He writes: "Nothing less than an earthquake could prevent our going over the top."

Colt Circuit, Helena District, B. E. Robertson, pastor, makes its earliest and best beginning on the "Claims." Brother Robertson writes: "We feel

that we will be 100 per cent by Conference." And being the right kind of a pastor he does not stop with the "feeling," he is hard at work to bring victory to pass. He already has a good-sized subscription. Keep your eye on Colt and see it win the race.—George McGlumphy, Treas.

CHEERING NOTES.

J. W. Moore, Paragould.—"I enclose \$202.00 for missionary free-will offering. This pays our quota in full, and, as far as I know, the only church in the Paragould District that has done that well." Brother Moore is correct and I congratulate him on being the first in his District to send in the full amount of his offering.

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quota was \$100.00. The offering was taken last Sunday. All gave willingly. I am sending you \$100." This church is doing things this year in every phase of our program.

Eli Myers, Forrest City.—The church at Forrest City has been laboring for several years under a heavy debt. Brother Myers and his people have decided that this debt should be paid. However, they are not going to excuse themselves from the Missionary Claim. The offering received this year, while not very large, is in excess of the amount paid last year. Brother Myers in sending his Missionary offering says: "We have been able to raise and pay off \$3,050.00 indebtedness since Conference."

W. E. Cooper, Green Forest.—We are glad to know that Brother Cooper is taking his present charge out of the number of those charges that did not make any offering last year. He has sent \$20 with the promise of more to follow. Surely we can have a Missionary offering from every charge in both Conferences.

George A. Burr, Imboden.—In sending the Missionary offering from his charge, Brother Burr writes: "This is an increase over last year's offering. The study of the book was a source of inspiration and profit."

J. A. Womack, Rogers.—Brother Womack writes that the co-operation of the Missionary Committee in his church was excellent and that the reaction from the whole program was much more favorable than before. His church paid \$200 missionary offering Easter along with the offering for Conference Claims and will send \$100 additional Missionary offering during the year.

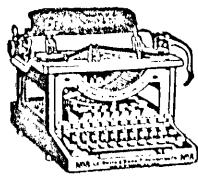
J. W. Harrell, Huttig.—In sending his first Missionary offering, Brother Harrell states that more will follow and that he expects his church to do better than it did last year.

R. P. James, Sparkman.—Both churches in this charge have taken specials. Brother James is planning for continued Missionary cultivation. This kind of work will make our people Missionary-minded.

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H. H. Griffin, Camden.—It has been the custom to have the Missionary offering on Easter Sunday in this church. The pastor assures us that the quota of \$1,000 will be more than secured this year.

J. T. Thompson, Carr Memorial.—This church, under the leadership of its progressive pastor, with the hearty co-operation of Mrs. Roy Hutson, chairman of the Missionary Committee, has assumed a Special for \$150. In sending the first remittance of \$50 Mrs. Hutson says: "We have our entire quota of \$150 pledged and feel assured we will have it collected and sent to you within thirty days. The Missionary Committee has made the every-member canvass and has had no trouble in obtaining our quota." Such co-operation of the Missionary Committee makes this good work most helpful.

William Sherman, Fayetteville.—A combination offering in this church was taken on Easter Sunday with good results. \$400.00 Missionary offering was received with more to follow. Brother Sherman feels that his great church will raise \$600.00 Missionary offering this year.—J. F. Simmons, Sec.-Treas.

HENDRIX COLLEGE NOTES

The long standing partnership between Hendrix College and Conway having been made stronger by the close of the Methodist education discussion, the city is now preparing to give a mighty start to the fund raising campaign on behalf of Hendrix-Henderson, and the civic leaders are confident that the result will be so decisive that all of the Methodist organization will be stimulated. However, the campaign is far larger than any other ever undertaken by Conway and the city's leaders are therefore proceeding with unusual care.

Conway has earned an enviable reputation for generosity to educational institutions. The first gift of any size went to the Methodists of Arkansas in return for the location of Hendrix and this was followed by the bonus given the Baptist denomination to secure the location of Central. The most recent civic campaign brought the State Teachers College to Conway.

It might not be out of place to mention briefly the general situation developed in Arkansas with reference to the location of colleges. The ambitions of many cities, towns and communities to secure state or church supported institutions has made it difficult for worth-while institutions to operate on an efficiency basis because of the division of strength and resources. Where such an ambition concerns the intellectual and cultural values of a college, the desire is praiseworthy, but where it relates chiefly to financial considerations, there might be some question of the motive. In the case of Conway, for example, whatever prosperity the city may have attained has been based on agriculture and dairying in which it serves a big territory as the trading center.

Frequently during the recent discussion Conway citizens were asked the reason for the loyalty to Hendrix. The answer is in reality a two-fold one. Loyalty to the institution is the primary and by far the principal factor or element in the city's interest, and it is a compliment to Hendrix that such steadfast devotion has been inspired among the people who know the college best. A secondary reason is the city's desire to retain and enlarge its reputation as a college center, and there can be no question of the propriety of such an ambition. Among the material factors influencing the city was of

course the wish to prevent the depreciation of property values which would have followed the withdrawal of Hendrix. While this reason has a place strictly in the material realm, it has its place and reflects not the least discredit upon the people who were actuated by such a motive.

Whatever the diverse impulses felt in Conway, the most influential factor in the financial campaign will be loyalty to Hendrix. Without this, it would be impossible for Conway or any other city of comparable size to make such a gift as specified in the agreement between Conway and the Methodists of Arkansas. Impulses based strictly on material considerations could hardly induce such a contribution to an institution of the Hendrix type.

Spring months now mean further campus beautification at Hendrix, and the results are proving very pleasing. Spots formerly barren and devoid of beauty have been changed into nooks that are welcome to the eye. The chief piece of beautification is of course the Memorial garden on the site of the cottage once used as the president's home. This spot has been made known to thousands through a rotogravure picture recently carried in the Commercial Appeal and the Troubadour has also presented a reproduction in colors. G. L. Bahner, treasurer, and Miss Vera Key, in charge of the hospital, are the leaders in campus beautification and the work is greatly appreciated by the student body.

The present season for the student body represents a combination of oral examinations, intercollegiate debates, track and field sports, baseball, tennis, graduate recitals, hikes to the Pack and Grid Club cabin, much studying in preparation for the final examination and a variety of other activities.

Hendrix activities during the summer months will touch many fields. The schedule for the summer will be:

June 2-3—Commencement service closing the 45th annual session.

June 4 to July 20—Summer session of the college.

June 3 to 14—Pastor's school for ministers and other Christian workers in the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences.

June 17 to 22—Epworth League assembly for the Little Rock Conference.

July 15 to 20—State Conference of county superintendents of education.—Reporter.

BENTON

Our pre-Easter campaign was gratifying in its results. The pastor did the preaching and the singing was conducted by our choir director, Mr. Henry Finkbeiner. Twenty-one were received on profession of faith and eight by certificate. Of the twenty-one, 20 came from the Sunday school. This is a good commentary on the value of the school as an evangelistic agency.

We have already exceeded the number of training credits given as our quota. Before the end of the conference year we shall have doubled the quota. That will tell in the future work of the School. In fact, it is helping very much already.

Our Epworth Leagues are doing very satisfactory work. Ours is a splendid group of young people. They are responding well to our leadership. Sunday evening, April 7, the Leaguers had their Anniversary Program at the regular worship service. It was fine.

The pastor is working toward the construction of a religious education building. It is needed very much. Because of inadequate facilities we

are unable to do anything like as satisfactory work as we could do, had we better equipment.

We have made considerable progress in the payment of a debt on our parsonage. The indebtedness is not large, but it has been carried from year to year until it has become a sort of sore spot. When a debt has reached that stage it is best to pay it and forget it.

We are working hard trying to take care of our church's interests in this community.—Thos. M. Lee, P. C.

LEOLA CIRCUIT

The work of the church is moving along fine. The claims have almost reached the peak, 100 per cent. The pastor is on the job; sleeps with one eye open watching Old Satan, and keeping on the program of the church. Our schedule: Begin on time, run on time, end on time. We are never late. We are now pulling in on the last mile of the steep grade and expect to finish in November with a 100 per cent ticket to conference.

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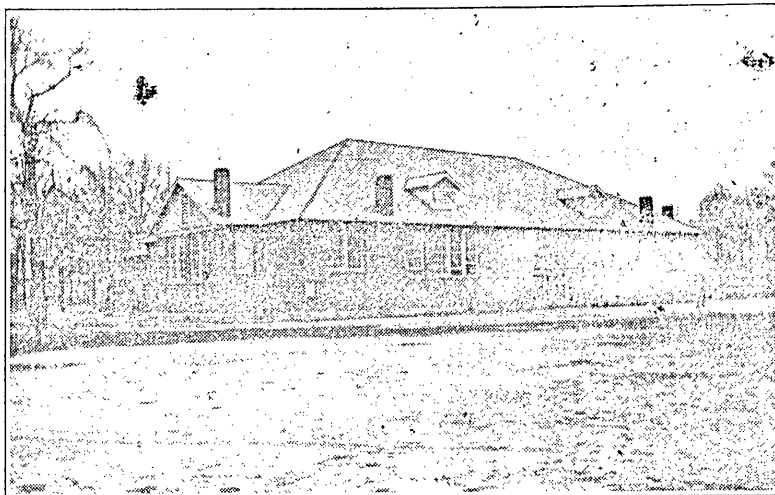
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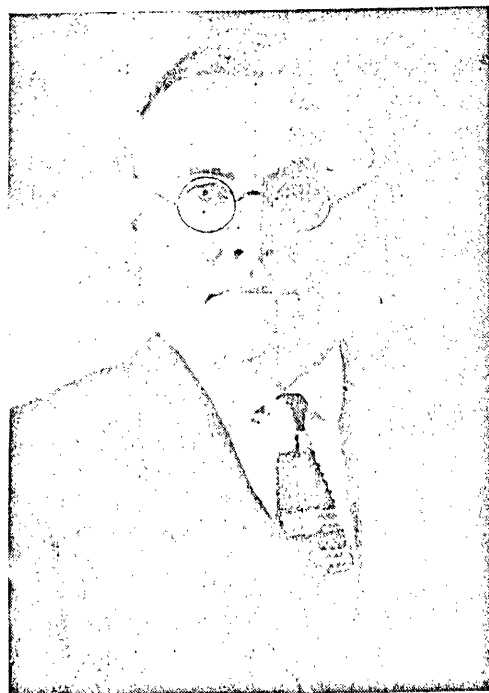
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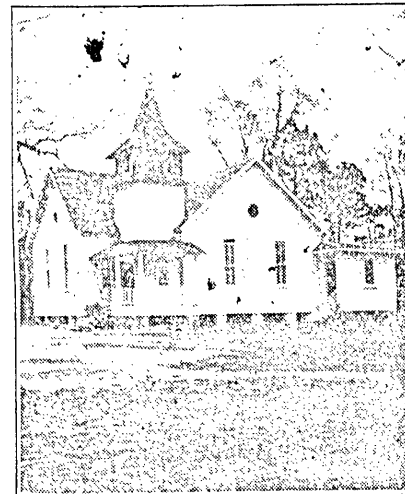
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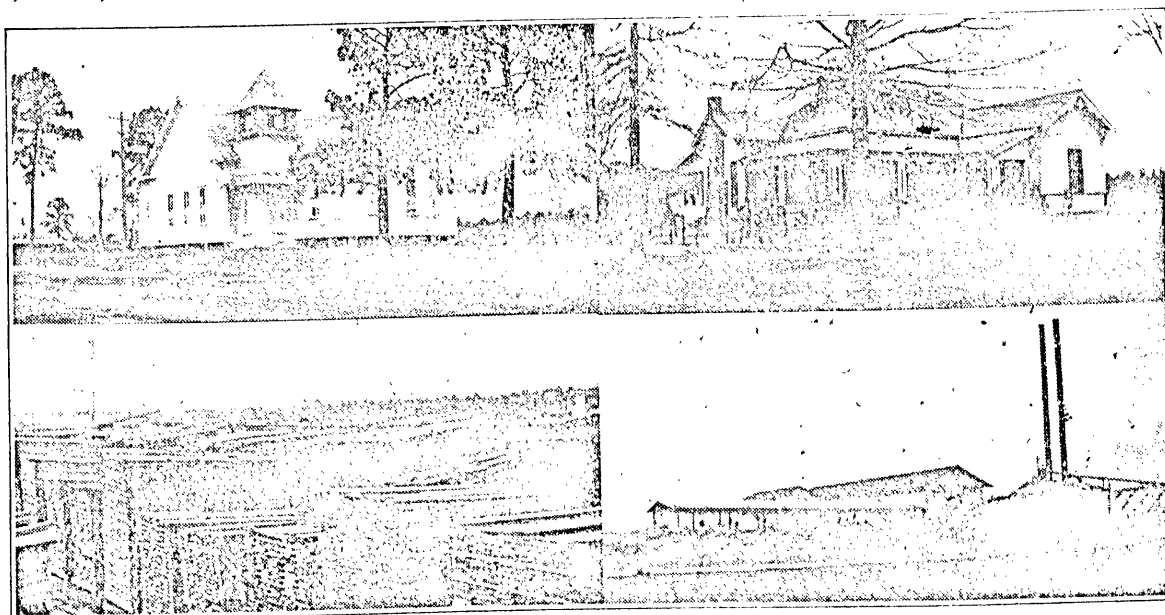
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SPARKMAN

Sparkman is located on the Rock Island Railway, 84 miles southwest of Little Rock and 20 miles northeast of Camden.

Sparkman has a population of 850. C. B. Hall is mayor. The town has a splendid grade and high school, teaching to twelfth grade. There are two churches, one Baptist and one Methodist.

Sparkman has a privately owned telephone exchange, two hotels, four service stations, one cotton gin, ten mercantile establishments, two saw-mills, two hardware stores, two restaurants, two meat markets, one picture show, two grist mills, two blacksmith shops and one barber shop.

The principal crops grown in the vicinity of Sparkman are cotton, corn, hay and fruits.

While Sparkman is not strictly an industrial town, it has a substantial labor pay roll which runs upwards of \$250,000 annually.

The Sparkman Hardwood Lumber Company's plant is the chief industry, and is one of the largest hardwood plants in this state. This company cuts eight to nine million feet of lumber each year. It employs more than 150 men, and has an annual payroll of \$125,000. The company owns and operates ten miles of railway with an overhead cable across Ouachita River. It carries on its yards, at all times, a stock of approximately five million feet of lumber. Over six hundred cars are shipped annually to all parts of the United States, and some goes to New Orleans for export. Eugene E. Fohrell is local manager.

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Over 3,300 bales of cotton are shipped from Sparkman annually, and 813 cars of lumber and 766 cars of miscellaneous materials consisting principally of lumber, logs, etc.

Sparkman is also quite a fur producing center. From \$10,000 to \$12,000 in value of furs are shipped from this point during a single season. A considerable amount of produce, such as cream and poultry, is shipped monthly, which would indicate that the farmers are turning their attention to other activities than growing cotton.

A substantial bank, the Merchants & Planters, is an indication of reasonable prosperity. Its resources are \$184,388.31, with more than \$160,000 on deposit. It has a paid in capital of \$10,000 and a surplus fund, certified, of \$10,000, and undivided profits net \$1,681.19. Credit for this institution's success is largely due to the sound business judgment of its able president, Mr. Chas. E. Hays, and its able cashier, Mr. C. E. Hays, Jr.

Among other things which have served to make Sparkman one of the outstanding and best advertised towns of its size in the state, is the "Sparkman Sparklers," the girls' basket ball team. This team broke the world's record for high team and individual scores, twice in one week in

January last. Miss Quinnie Hamm made an individual score of 109 points at Arkadelphia for the world's record.

The team has lost only two games in three years' play.

A Splendid Public School.

The Sparkman Public School is a live institution. It not only provides adequate instruction in school work but is the social center of the community as well.

The rapid growth of the Sparkman School has been remarkable. Ten years ago there was a five-room frame building with five teachers. Today there stands on the same site a modern eleven-room brick building including a well equipped auditorium. The twelve teachers, with M. F. Perrin as superintendent, are well qualified. Five of the teachers have an A. B. degree, and all are college trained.

In 1927 Sparkman consolidated with two adjacent rural districts, Pine Grove and Fairview. Since that time three busses bring out-of-town children to school.

Four hundred and seventy-five children come to school here. Over one hundred of these are High School students.

The library contains 700 volumes of well chosen books.

The P. T. A. is active and efficient. To it credit is due largely for the library, new stage scenery, science equipment, and other improvements.

The gymnasium is one of the best in the state. Athletics for both boys and girls are well taken care of as is shown by the many victories they have won. The Spark-Plugs brought home the cup in the county tournament. The Sparklers stand undefeated in the state and are now trying their mettle at the National Tournament at Wichita, Kansas, where they were beaten only three points last year.

The school ground has been improved and beautified by flowers and trees being planted.

The school board stands firmly for every movement that will make Sparkman a better school.

With such a board, such loyal patrons, efficient teachers, and willing student body what may not be accomplished in the future?

Perhaps it will not be long until there will be a Smith-Hughes and a Home Economic's teacher added to the faculty. Perhaps the "B" standing will be raised to that of "A."

Whatever happens citizens of Sparkman will work together for the common good of all.

SARDIS COMMUNITY

Sardis, a little community just a few miles out from Sparkman, is a thriving one, located in a splendid farming section, where people believe in living at home. This is clearly indicated by the various food crops produced and the many hogs raised. It is, indeed, one of those real honest-to-goodness rural communities where its citizens are contented, home loving, church-working and happy. The community's interest in its church is clearly manifest in the well kept and beautified church grounds, on which the Sardis Methodist church is situated. The building itself, is a beautiful frame structure of a rare rural type. Some credit for this most gratifying atmosphere of church activities no doubt, is due to the Rev. R. P. James, the able pastor of Sardis and Sparkman Methodist churches.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Lesson for April 14

HEZEKIAH LEADS HIS PEOPLE BACK TO GOD

LESSON TEXT—II Chronicles 30:1-27.

GOLDEN TEXT—The Lord your God is gracious and merciful.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Helping Others to Know God.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Helping Others to Know God.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Leader With a High Purpose.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Influence of a Good Ruler.

I. Hezekiah Proclaims a Passover (vv. 1-12).

The way for a sinning and divided people to get back to God and be united is around the crucified Lord. The Passover was a memorial of the nation's deliverance through the shedding of the blood of the sacrificial lamb.

1. The invitation was representative of the nation (v. 2). The king took counsel with the princes and the congregation to show that the proclamation was the expression of the nation's desire.

2. The time was unusual (vv. 2-4). There was not sufficient time to sanctify the people, nor to gather them together at the regular time, so they resolved instead of postponing it for a year to hold it on the fourteenth day of the second month. This liberty had been granted before in an emergency (Num. 9:6-13).

3. The scope of the invitation (vv. 5-9).

It included all of both nations who would come to keep the Passover to the Lord God of Israel. "Israel" is now used to include both kingdoms. The effort was intended to win back the nation which had seceded. The messengers were authorized to supplement the proclamation with urgent exhortation to restore a united nation. This urgent invitation was tactfully put as follows:

(1) It touched ancestral memories—"Turn again unto the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel" (v. 6).

(2) Recalled bitter experience—"Be not like your fathers and brethren, who trespassed against the Lord God, and were given up to desolation, as ye see" (v. 7).

(3) Aroused yearning for captive kinsfolk—"Your brethren and children shall find compassion before their captors" (v. 9).

(4) Stirred instinct of self-preservation—"So that they shall come again unto this land" (v. 9).

(5) Pledged forgiveness (v. 9).

4. Israel's reception of the invitation (vv. 10-12).

This invitation in Israel met with a mingled reception.

(1) Some mocked. The urgent and sincere invitation only excited opposition and ridicule. (2) Some with humble hearts came to Jerusalem.

In Judah, God gave them one heart to accept the summons to unite in the Lord around the great Passover.

II. The Passover Kept (vv. 13-27).

1. Altars removed (vv. 13, 14).

In the time of Abaz (28:24) these heathen altars were erected in Jerusalem. Before there could be worship of the true God all traces of idolatry must be removed. This voluntary act of the people showed a right spirit.

2. The Passover killed (v. 15). The zeal of the people was shown in their going forward with the service, though the priests were not ready for their task.

3. The priests and Levites ashamed (vv. 15-20).

The zeal of the people put to shame the priests and Levites. The people are made to say, "Such

the priests and Levites, simulating them to perform their duties according to the law as given by Moses. The Levites then took charge of the killing of the Passover. Though many of the people were ceremonially unprepared to take part in the most sacred service, they were accepted as worshippers through the intercession of Hezekiah. God accepted the purpose of heart rather than the letter of the law.

4. The praise of glad hearts (vv. 21, 22).

They continued seven days with gladness: (1) The Levites and priests sang God's praise daily with loud instruments (v. 21); (2) Hezekiah spoke comforting words to the Levites (v. 22). He commended them and their teaching of the knowledge of God. (3) They made confession of their sins to God (v. 22).

5. The Passover prolonged seven days (vv. 23-27).

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(Continued from page 13)
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The Sunday School is progressing. Epworth League is moving along well. Woman's Missionary Society is taking an active part.

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Total.....	\$5,878.10
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A TRIBUTE TO REV. M. M. SMITH.

Rev. Matthew Monroe Smith was born in Hardin County, Middle Tenn., Jan. 10, 1849. He moved with his parents to Haywood (now Crockett) County, West Tennessee, when a small boy. When nine years old, he moved to Gibson County, Tenn. There he remained on the farm until 1869, when he came to Arkansas, settling in Jackson County. Here he taught school for awhile. He was married to Mary Lucinda Chandler, March 23, 1871, and remained in Jackson County until 1877. He was licensed to preach in a small schoolhouse, in what is now Newport, Arkansas, March 27, 1875. Dr. J. W. Boswell was the presiding elder and Rev. M. B. Umsted was the pastor. After preaching two years as a local preacher, he was admitted on trial into the White River Conference, at Augusta, Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, presiding. His first appointment was Frenchman Bayou Circuit, which he served two years. He was ordained deacon, Nov. 30, 1879, at Jacksonport, Ark., by Bishop George Pierce, and Elder Dec. 30, 1882, at Forrest City, by Bishop A. W. Wilson. The appointments served by him were as follows: Frenchman Bayou Ct., 1878-9; Marion Ct., 1880-3; Presiding Elder of Mississippi District, 1884, and of Newport District 1885-6; Jonesboro Station, 1887; presiding elder of Jonesboro District 1888-91; stationed Jonesboro 1892-3; Helena District, 1894-7; Searcy Station, 1898-9; Searcy District, 1900-3; Jonesboro District 1904-7; Harrisburg Station, 1908; Paragould Station, 1909-10; Paragould District, 1911-14; Gainesville Ct., 1914-16. In the fall of 1916 he superannuated. After his superannuation, he resided in Paragould, where he was engaged in the grocery business for seven years.

His dear companion, after a long illness, went to glory April 27, 1926. After her death, he made his home with his son-in-law and daughter, Ross Ford and wife.

Brother Smith rendered a long and faithful service. His church honored him and trusted him. He represented his Conference as a delegate to the General Conference three times; in St. Louis, May, 1890; in Memphis, May, 1894; and in Oklahoma City, May, 1914. He was for many years a trustee of Hendrix College. He was wise in counsel and trustworthy in every place of responsibility.

He was, best of all, a great saint. No man among us has had the love and esteem of all our people more than he. In Paragould, where he spent the closing days of his life, he was loved and revered by all the people. His very presence among us was a great benediction.

He was the father of thirteen children, six of whom are still living. He was deeply devoted to them. In the diary which he kept, he often expressed a wish and a prayer that God would keep them and help them to be true to him.

He often spoke of the approaching end of life, and looked for his call home every day. He seemed to feel that the call would come suddenly. He went to bed only a few hours be-

fore the call came. His daughter did not know that he was seriously ill. A peculiar sound of suffering was heard and they hurried to his bedside. His spirit had gone to God. Without a struggle he went home to be with the wife and children he loved. His funeral was held in the First Methodist church by the pastor, assisted by Brothers Jernigan, Castleberry and Harrison.

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