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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

We imitate and approximate that which we approve; therefore let us approve with care and prayer.

It is dangerous to seek wealth unless you can invest it in life rather than in frills and thrills and grocery bills.

Today the garage is more popular than the place of private prayer and gasoline seems more potent than public orison.

It is difficult to keep a good man down, because his character floats him; and hard to keep a bad man up because his character sinks him.

The man who argues that it is his right to express his real nature in all his daily deeds is likely to exhibit his vices rather than his virtues.

The pessimist compliments his own picture, but always finds flaws in the features of others; while the optimist admires his own face and finds beauty in the faces of others.

SICKNESS AND SIN

The following brief article by an anonymous author so nearly expresses our opinions that we reproduce it without modification:

"Old Parr maintained excellent health until 152 years of age, at which time he visited the English king and killed himself eating the king's dainties. Epimenides lived 154 years and the more recent Marie Pyron lived 158 years. Yet none of these knew half as well as we just how one should live. Authorities agree that the average life would be at least doubled if we would cut out our wicked abuses, and this agrees exactly with the Bible statement, 'The wicked shall not live out half his days.' Scientists have discovered that all animals live naturally some 5 or 6 times as long as their period of development; and by this law the average man should live to the age of 140. Specialists teach that by right living and by better births this result would gradually be attained. Sickness would then be practically unknown, mental vigor would be maintained and when death finally came in nature's own way it would come without sickness or pain, simply sleeping away. The old Jew was right in thinking that sickness is the result of sin, for it never, never comes except when we break nature's laws, and nature's laws are God's laws, and the violation of law is sin, and sin always brings its penalty. There is a time to die but we ourselves, fix the time and it comes just when we have abused our bodies until they can endure no more. I feel that the greatest sins of our day both outside and inside the churches are the sins against our bodies. How very few of us have really made a consecration of our stomach and palates. And how many continue to 'dig their graves with their teeth,' in order simply to tickle a depraved palate?"

THE PRINCIPLE OF PROHIBITION

The principle of prohibition is inherent in the plan of divine government. When our first parents were sinless, they were prohibited from eating the fruit of a certain tree. Later, on Sinai, God gave the fundamental commandments for moral life, and all, save one, were prohibitions. Jesus repealed none of these; but gave two positive commandments of the same character as the one positive commandment in the Decalog. If the positive commandments were fully obeyed; there would be little need of the prohibitions except as guides; but as the positive commandments are largely ignored, it is necessary to maintain the negatives, because it is easier to forbid certain things that are wrong than to get men to do all of the things that are right. It requires a good heart and a long process of education to get men to do all of the things that they should do. It would be a fine thing if all men would do right without law to guide them; but they will not. St. Paul recognized the principle that "the law is a school master," and that without law men would not know that certain things were

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—Hebrew 11.7.

sinful.

Civil governments have followed practically the same principles that are found in divine government. While some laws are positive and constructive; yet much law is negative and prohibitive. Lawmakers decide that certain things are injurious and undertake to protect the people by forbidding the things that seem to them to be hurtful. Some of these things, as murder and stealing, are commonly recognized as crimes; but a far larger number is forbidden simply because they are hurtful in their general effect and tendency. It is not a crime for one to burn his own property; but it becomes a crime for the owner of a building to burn it if it is insured. It is not a crime to drink tuberculous milk; but it is a serious offense to sell it. It is not a crime to have a contagious disease; but the law deals severely with those who, having such diseases, endanger others. It is not a crime to drink germ laden water; but it is a serious offense to pollute the drinking water of a community. It is not a crime to spit; but under some circumstances it is forbidden. It is not a crime to use narcotics; but the state makes it a grievous offense to sell them to addicts. It is not a crime to drive on the left side of the street; but for the sake of community safety, you are prohibited.

We might offer examples indefinitely of instances in which the state prohibits things which in themselves are not crimes and yet are injurious to the public. Why, then, should the law against the manufacture and sale of intoxicants be singled out by certain people as contrary to the principles of our government? There is no other one thing prohibited which does as much public and private injury as intoxicating liquors. If murder were not legally prohibited, it would not do as much harm, because groups of individuals would punish murderers without any law, and would have almost as strong a restraining influence as has the law. The same would be true of stealing; because individuals and groups would undertake to protect themselves. It is not so in the case of intoxicants; because the customs of ages have given intoxicants a rather preferred place. Under primitive conditions, when a drunken man might injure few outside his own family, there was some excuse for this attitude. But now when an intoxicated man may easily be the cause of accidents that might inflict serious injury on large groups and even communities and since, by the study of science, it has been learned that a drinker injures his children and thus impairs the vitality and efficiency of the race the state must take cognizance of this evil. Nevertheless the state has not made it a crime for a man to drink; but has made it a serious offense to manufacture and sell that which is injurious, on precisely the same principle that it deals with narcotics and unwholesome foods. If it is proper in the minor instances, why should it be improper in the major?

It is argued, with a great show of superior wisdom, that a law is futile and should be repealed if it cannot be fully enforced. But, as no law is fully enforced, this argument would require us to repeal all laws. These opposers fail to recognize the fact that a law is often intended to set a standard and to call attention to evils and thus to become a school master. If laws should never be enacted until all the people were ready to obey them, there would be no laws. The stronger and wiser and somewhat better elements of a state are supposed to rule and to pass laws that will

help others to become better. It is silly nonsense to say that you cannot reform men by passing a law because it is well known that thousands of men have quit certain bad habits because a law had been passed making it illegal to indulge those habits.

Some good people have allowed themselves to be influenced by the fallacious arguments of those who want to make money out of the drink habit or by politicians who have something to gain by cultivating these elements.

Our prohibition law is in accord with the principles of divine and approved human government. It is not puritanical. It is not the result of the effort of a group of fanatics who want to take all the joy out of life; but it is the natural result of years of experience with the manufacture and sale of intoxicants and of scientific knowledge and business sense. If the drinking of intoxicants were purely a personal vice and affected no one but the drinker, we would say that he should be permitted to drink himself to death if he prefers to do it; but a drunken man has become a menace to society as now organized, and it is proper for society to protect itself in the best possible way, and that is to make it as difficult as possible for the weak man to injure society by indulging in his weakness. If all good citizens will only look at the prohibition of liquor as they do at the prohibition of the sale of narcotics and impure foods, and will cultivate the proper spirit toward the law of the land, the use of intoxicants will gradually be overcome, and our people will be measurably free from the curse of drunkenness. Let us frankly recognize the fact that the principle of prohibition is involved in practically all divine and human law.

POLITICAL AND BUSINESS MORALS.

The following editorial in Forbes Magazine is worthy of consideration:

"Politicians froth at the mouth in their denunciation of the morals of finance and business. Will they now stop? Almost every time a political lid is lifted graft smelling to heaven spews out. Gross graft has been uncovered alike in Federal, State, and city offices. Federal officers have been sent to the penitentiary; state officers from governors down, have been besmirched; city after city has been proved rotten to the core politically—New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, are flagrant examples. New York has been afflicted by scandal after scandal—milk scandals, sewer scandals, bankruptcy scandals, census scandals, pier scandals, police scandals, and now the county clerk's office is revealed as a hotbed of thievery. Contrasted with politics, modern business is lily-white. It is time the American public recognized this fact. Then there might be a sufficiently overwhelming demand for the election of business men to public office to induce enough of them to serve to bring about cleaner politics and better government, municipal, State, Federal. American business men lead the world. Its politicians—well, they don't."

For confirmation of this opinion, let every reader just pause a moment and recall the cases among his own acquaintances of politicians who have gone wrong in municipal, county, and state politics. The trouble about politics is that the best men will not do the things which bad men are willing to do to secure election. Bad men are willing to make all kinds of promises regardless of their ability to keep them and to misrepresent their opponents outrageously—things that the best men cannot and will not do. And there are usually enough gullible voters to give the majority to the bad men. That is the weakness of democracy. In politics good men will believe lies about candidates in the other party and refuse to believe the truth about candidates in their own party. Is it any wonder that we get such results?

METHODIST CALENDAR.

Camden Dist. Conf. at Vantress Mem., June 25, 26.
Prescott Dist. Conf. at Murfreesboro, June 27-28.
Gen. Bd. of Lay Activities, Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 7-10.
Laymen's Conference, Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 10-14.

ARKANSAS METHODIST DISTRICT CAMPAIGN DATES
Fayetteville District, July 1-15
Group Meetings in Texarkana Dist. July 17-24.

PERSONAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

The chief enemy to decency everywhere is the theologian.—H. L. Mencken.

June 15, at his home, Dr. James Thomas united in marriage Mr. A. V. Talbert of North Little Rock and Miss Edna Mae Jones of Little Rock.

Dr. J. J. Stowe, presiding elder of Camden District, writes that the business session of the Camden District Conference will open Tuesday, June 25, at 8:45 a. m.

Sunday, at 7:30 a. m., June 16, at the Albert Pike Hotel, Mr. O. L. Fawcett of Beebe and Miss Ella Green of Chicago were united in marriage by Dr. James Thomas.

It is a pleasure to report that Mrs. V. C. Pemberton, editor of our Missionary Department, is still improving; but communications should still be sent direct to this office.

First Church this city has just completed improvements on the educational building at a cost of \$12,000 under the direction of the capable S. S. Superintendent, Mr. Geo. H. Burden.

After a year in the Divinity School of Yale University, Rev. Paul V. Galloway, son of Commissioner J. J. Galloway, reached home last Monday, having made a sea voyage to New Orleans.

While in Searcy last week the editor had a pleasant visit with Dr. John H. Dye, veteran member of North Arkansas Conference, and found him cheerful and in better health than he had been a year ago. He did not go to Texas last winter as he had done for several winters, but remained at home. He will be pleased to see old friends when they are in Searcy.

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Boston University School of Theology and Garrett Biblical Institute, Chicago, are equal residuary legatees under the terms of the will of Lewis B. Alger of Detroit, and will receive in the neighborhood of \$250,000 each.

Mr. F. J. Tolleson, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Tolleson of Fayetteville, has received the M. A. Degree from Emory University. His parents were present at his graduation, and visited their daughter, Dorothy, who is teaching physical education in the Peabody High School, Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. E. G. Downs, our pastor at Marked Tree, passed through our city last Friday returning from Texas where he had visited his wife, who, having been quite ill for almost a year, has been in Mineral Wells and Dallas for the last six months. She is improving and hopes to be able to return later in the year.

Rev. G. C. Johnson, our pastor at Hughes, writes: "We have had a good time so far this year. The Conference Claims are more than paid to date and other finances are in good condition. Have had 19 accessions. Monday will leave for a few days' visit in the western part of the state. The family will go with me."

Rev. W. F. Evans, D. D., Marianna, Arkansas, is state manager of the Universal Church Service, Inc., of St. Louis, Mo., a laymen's organization for filling church pews. It is a place where every layman may serve. If you like to be a church builder and lend inspiration where inspiration is needed write him and he will give you the plan. Either pastor or layman may get this plan.

Miss Henry McKinnon, a graduate of Henderson-Brown College, who has for eight years been a member of the faculty of Lon Morris Junior College, Jacksonville, Texas, has accepted a position in the faculty of Folsom Training School, Smithville, Okla. A daughter of the late Rev. and Mrs. H. D. McKinnon and sister of Mrs. A. C. Millar, she will spend a few weeks with this sister before taking up graduate work for the summer at the University of Texas.

June 13, on the Hendrix-Henderson College campus in the midst of beautiful flowers at the Lily Pond, Mr. Ralph W. Clatworthy, of Marvell, and Miss Martha Sanders, of Turrell, were married in the presence of a few friends. The Rev. J. W. Moore, pastor East Side Methodist Church, Paragould, performed the ceremony. Mr. Clatworthy is a graduate of Hendrix College and is now principal of the consolidated school at Turrell.

Rev. T. O. Owen, our pastor at Bauxite, writes: "Our community is in deep sorrow incident to the death of Mrs. V. E. Morden in a Little Rock hospital Saturday. She was born in the old Steed home near here 49 years ago. She became the wife of Mr. Morden about twenty years since. The funeral was held Sunday in the M. E. Church. A vast throng attended. She was loved by all who knew her. She was active in all the church and community affairs. No one could be missed more than she."

Mr. J. T. Murphy who died at Conway June 14, aged 73, was the father of Mrs. W. O. Wilson, assistant librarian at Hendrix College, and a dear friend of the editor for almost forty years. Born in Virginia, spending his early life in Missouri, where he had been a student of Central College, he had lived in Arkansas for more than forty years and had represented several large lumber companies. A faithful member of the Methodist Church, he was a true friend and a noble Christian gentleman, who will be greatly missed by his kindred and friends.

One of the strongest, most fearless and significant deliverances on the political situation in our state is an editorial published in the Helena World of March 10. While it refers chiefly to such moral issues as we have been discussing, it contains some political references which would hardly be proper in a denominational paper. However, it has been printed in a leaflet by an admirer of the Helena editor and a supply has been sent to this office so that any one who wants it can get it by writing and enclosing a two cent stamp with address. Those who want to see better political conditions should read it and then do some hard thinking, and be prepared to act according to their conscientious convictions.

Our laymen all over the state should be planning to go to Mt. Sequoyah for the great Laymen's Conference to be held under the auspices of our General Board of Lay Activities August 10-14. This will follow immediately Farmers' Week at the University and our program of Temperance and Social Service, and many of our laymen should arrange to take their vacation at that time and get the benefit of all these interesting events. For reservations address Supt. S. M. Yancey, Fayetteville, Ark.

Mr. W. K. Williams, who for several years has been extension forester of the University of Arkansas Extension Service, has accepted the position of extension forester of the United States Department of Agriculture. He has done fine work in our state in helping our farmers to understand the value of forestry and we regret to lose him from the state, but are glad that his worth has been recognized and he has secured the better position. Our state will have a friend in the Department of Agriculture in Mr. Williams.

Hon. Geo. Vaughan, LL. D., a member of our First Church, will become professor of law in the University of Arkansas this fall. He is a graduate of the University and a leading member of the Little Rock bar, who has specialized on the subject of taxation and has a national reputation as an authority on that important and difficult question. He gives up a lucrative practice to become a teacher because he would rather mould character than make money. He may be expected to be a strong moral factor in the University and church life at Fayetteville.

It was the editor's privilege last Sunday morning to preach for Rev. R. S. Beasley at Hunter Church in this city. The congregation of this church is small owing to local conditions, but Bro. Beasley, with patience, industry and consecration, is building it up and improving the situation. Already he has been able to make an unusual report. One of the best members of his congregation, Mr. F. S. Overton, was missed from his place, and next morning the sad news was received of his death. In his passing that little flock has lost one of its most active and influential members.

The editor spent a night in Conway last week in order to hear Bishop E. H. Hughes of Chicago, who preached three times and led the devotional services at the noon hour. His preaching attracted great audiences and his genial and brotherly manner captivated all. He can call almost every young preacher by name, sits and sings with them on the campus, and in his preaching mingles wit, wisdom and pathos in a most astonishing way. With an ancestry about equally divided between North and South, he combines the characteristics of both in a remarkable degree. Those who hear him once will go many miles to hear him again.

Commenting on the recent session of our Legislature and suggesting certain better methods of getting good men, Hon. Hamp Williams of Hot Springs, writing for the Sanatorium Outlook, says: "So far as I am concerned I have declared my independence. If my party fails to nominate good men and women for office, I will not vote for them. For forty-five years I stood four-square and voted the Democratic tickets straight, and am willing to continue if I don't have to sacrifice my honor, judgment and liberty to do so. Hereafter I am going to reserve the right to vote for the best man—for the best is none too good for our people."

Last week the Log Cabin Democrat of Conway celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of its founding by A. F. Livingston, an uncle of J. A. Livingston, editor of the Russellville Courier-Democrat. The writer has known every editor and can testify that it has been a great factor in the life of Conway. It has not been sensational and has always been fair in its attitude toward men and measures. Without being narrow and provincial it has always stood up for Conway and every institution in that community. The present editor, Mr. Frank E. Robins, one of the writer's students, has been connected with the paper from boyhood and has owned it for 24 years. He is a good editor, a good printer, and a good business man. He is proud of Conway and Conway is proud of him and his paper. As his son, Frank Jr., is now associated with the paper, it has been and is in a certain sense a family enterprise and may continue so for many years.

ATTEMPT TO MAKE IT APPEAR THAT METHODIST BOARD OF TEMPERANCE, PROHIBITION, AND PUBLIC MORALS IS "POLITICAL" WHILE CATHOLIC CHURCH REFRAINS FROM "LOBBYING" WILL NOT BEAR SCRUTINY.

By Deets Pickett.

Senator Royal S. Copeland, with very questionable taste recently made an invidious comparison between the Roman Catholic Church and the Methodist Church in regard to alleged "lobbying" by the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals.

Replying to Senator Copeland, Dr. Clarence True Wilson, General Secretary of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, said: "The Catholic Church has long had a headquarters here from which they have no hesitance in conferring with Senators and other government officials and * * * the Methodists do not protest."

This prompts Mr. Patrick J. Ward, Director of the Bureau of Publicity and Information of the National Catholic Welfare Council to issue to the press a statement charging that the Methodist Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals is "political" and that "there is no similarity between these two organizations," the implication being that the Methodists constitute a "lobby" while the Catholics are something entirely different.

The record shows that Dr. Wilson's statement was entirely correct and we presume that Mr. Ward is not entirely familiar with the reports of his own organization.

On January 19, 1921, the National

Catholic Welfare Board sent out a letter signed by M. J. Slattery, executive secretary, appealing to the church to protest against the Smith-Towner Bill to establish a Department of Education. This letter said in part:

"You are doubtless familiar with the effort we have made during the past two years to accomplish the defeat of the bill. * * * We are communicating with over 5,000 societies of Catholic men to urge that they be prepared for action; that they be prepared upon notice from us to wire their Congressmen as societies and to have individuals, members and friends of members, non-Catholic, as well as Catholic, also fire protests to their political representatives in Washington.

"We earnestly request that you bring our statement to the attention of influential persons, especially non-Catholic, that they may be ready to send protests to Congressmen. We request that no protest be sent either from yourself or your friends until you receive definite word from us. The effectiveness of a protest is its opportuneness. We will let you know by letter or telegraph.

"Through the medium of the National Catholic Welfare Council you will be kept advised on all such subjects and we trust that in all such cases as in this you will work with us to the end that our laymen may be one, as our church is one, that with one mind, as with one heart, we may fight the fight for country and Church against the forces of evil that openly or insidiously subvert the best interests of men."

As is common knowledge, the bill was not passed, nor has a similar

bill been passed. The following is an excerpt from a report of the Administrative Committee and departments of the National Catholic Welfare Council:

"The Executive Department * * * is a medium of communication and of action between these officials and departments of government on all matters that affect Catholic interests and Catholic rights. It is a medium also on other questions of public concern where executives or legislators wish to inform themselves on public opinion.

"Perhaps the heaviest obligation resting upon the Executive Department during the last year was the mandate issued by your National Catholic Welfare Council that the Smith-Towner Bill should be opposed and defeated. It has been defeated. In order to defeat it the Executive Department had to * * * send representatives repeatedly to the House and Senate hearings, for we had the obligation of preventing the bill from being presented on either floor; the pronouncement of the Administrative Committee through the Department of Education was the determining factor as to their attitude on the Smith-Towner bill of a sufficient number of senators and representatives to forecast its defeat."

The report of the Administrative Committee and Departments of the National Catholic Welfare Council made September 22 and 23, 1920, said:

"The Executive Department has to treat directly with the United States government and its numerous departments on matters that affect Catholic interests and this has been almost a daily task."

Another report of the Administrative Committee of the National Catholic Welfare Council says:

"The National headquarters now occupy two buildings at 1312 and 1314 Massachusetts avenue, Washington, D. C. * * * The Executive Department supervises the co-ordinated activities of the other departments. It keeps in direct personal touch with the officials of the government from the President and Cabinet members to members of congress."

Mr. Ward is, therefore, right in thinking there is a dissimilarity between the two organizations. That dissimilarity is found in the fact that the Catholic organization is chiefly concerned with the protection of "Catholic interests" while the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals is concerned only with the protection of the public morals, never seeking its own nor material interest of the church. However, the National Catholic Welfare Council has not only vigilantly protected the interests of its church, as for instance, when it secured a change in immigration administration to admit priests and sisters who were foreign born and giving officers of the Council recognition as agents in national immigration work with a right to have its officers in every port of entry, but it has effectively interested itself in measures promoting the social welfare both by most efficient propaganda and by conference with government representatives.

The Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals is not criticizing the Catholic Church nor the Catholic Welfare Council because of these activities. On the contrary, Dr. Wilson's statement specifically called

The president of Mexico has issued an appeal for prohibition in that country, calling on state and local governments, labor organizations and individual to co-operate in a movement to make that country free from the curse of strong drink. The poor people of that backward land have little hope of bettering their condition while they are weakened and impoverish themselves drinking intoxicants.

It is reported that First Methodist Episcopal Church of San Bernardino, California, received 15 new members on Easter Sunday, and the explanation is that for the six months preceding the hundred men and women had given themselves whole-heartedly to personal work among friends. If a group of 25 or 50 or 100 in each of our churches would engage in personal work for the salvation of souls the membership would increase 50 per cent. Pastors should organize for such purpose.

Just as in Arkansas so in Florida efforts have been made to pass a bill legalizing pari-mutuel gambling on horse racing; but last week it was defeated in the Senate. Likewise a similar bill was killed in Texas last winter. The promoters of this nefarious sport will doubtless succeed in getting their measure unless we unite to prevent it. Plans should be made to submit a measure to a vote of the people so that the Legislature will not be tempted to pass such a law. That question should be considered at Mt. Sequoyah during the meeting of our Board of Temperance and Social Service Aug. 7-9. Public spirited citizens should arrange to be there to help formulate plans.

The Quebec Evenement, a powerful and able newspaper of Canada, had this to say of its sister of Montreal: "When we consider that Montreal is the seat of an enormous smuggling industry, that illicit stills are found there large enough to produce 1,000 gallons a day that bind pigs powerful enough to come out into the open and form an association to fight certain clauses of the liquor law, we can form a better idea of the kind of interests which are carrying on a campaign of hostility against the Taschereau government in the capital. Knowing all this, we should be encouraged to demand the rigorous enforcement of legal penalties against all the leaders

of the vice ring." This is testimony of a paper friendly to the liquor traffic.

Farmers' Week and the State 4-H Club Camp will convene at Fayetteville at the College of Agriculture of the University of Arkansas August 6-9. Extensive plans have been completed for the accommodation of the largest attendance in the history of this gathering. The program includes thirteen out-of-state speakers who will discuss subjects of interest to the entire farm family. This meeting occurs at a time when most farmers can attend. Those who come in their own cars will find free camping facilities. It has become a great occasion, and every farmer who can should attend with his family. It will give Methodists an opportunity to see the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah and to see the program of Temperance and Social Service which will be directed by Bishop Cannon.

CIRCULATION REPORT.

The following subscriptions have been received since last report: Biggers-Success, V. B. Utley, 17; Corning, W. F. Blevins, 10; Mt. Ida, S. B. Mann, 2; Vantrease Memorial, J. D. Rogers, 100 per cent, 27; Fountain Hill, John Simpson, 1; Ozark, F. H. Cumming, 1; First Church, Pine Bluff, W. C. House, by L. W. Evans, 35; Smackover, J. W. Thomas, 14; Ola, S. O. Patty, 100 per cent, 12; Okolona, C. D. Cade, 11; Beebe, W. J. Faust, 100 per cent, 48; Hughes, G. C. Johnson, 100 per cent, 22; Pulaski Heights, J. M. Hamilton, 1; Grand Ave., Hot Springs, W. T. Wilkinson, 22; Clarksville, E. H. Hook, completing 100 per cent, 76. This is a good report. Some of the pastors are doing very fine work. Now that they are at home after the Pastors' School, we expect renewed efforts and a larger number of 100 per cent reports. We are anxious to be able to report one District 100 per cent. Which will be first?

BOOK REVIEWS

Cardinal Ideas of Jeremiah; by Charles E. Jefferson; published by The Macmillan Co., New York; price \$2.00.

Dr. Jefferson in his treatment of Jeremiah makes him a very live and human character. He gives as one reason for presenting Jeremiah, the fact that the problems, social, civil and religious

with which Jeremiah had to deal were the same that confront us today. As we read we are fascinated by the strength and reality of the prophet's character, helped and strengthened by the truth and wisdom of his sayings; and inspired and uplifted by his ideals so clearly and beautifully set forth by Dr. Jefferson.

Lincoln's Mary and the Babies; by Bernie Babcock; published by J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; price \$2.00.

Mrs. Babcock's friends and admirers welcome anything from her facile pen, but especially welcome is a Lincoln book, for Mrs. Babcock has made a close and thorough study of Lincoln and writes and interprets with a clear and sympathetic understanding. Now she comes to us with the fascinating story of "Lincoln's Mary and the Babies." There are many passages rich with pathos and humor and we lay aside the book with the feeling that we have lived through her White House experiences with Mary Todd Lincoln and have come out with a deeper understanding and keener appreciation of the man Lincoln.

The Conquest of Montezuma's Empire; edited by Anderson Lang; published by Longmans, Green & Co., New York; price \$2.00.

This is indeed a very attractive volume richly illustrated by James Daugherty. The adventures of Cortez in Mexico will become very real to the boy or girl who reads these pages. Strange almost past belief are many of these thrilling events, yet they are true and give a vivid and lasting picture of an important stage of the history of the New World.

The Trojan Boy; by Helen Coale Crew; published by The Century Co., New York; price, \$1.75.

Ever have the mighty deeds of the heroes of the Trojan war held a charm for the young reader, but now Helen Coale Crew has added to that charm by giving us a Trojan boy to share in our interest and excitement as the everyday life of the besieged city unrolls before our eyes. The Trojan boy, Paidon, with his natural curiosity and love of adventure lends reality to the narrative in a most delightful way.

attention to the fact that the Council has every right to exercise the right of petition and expression of opinion.

Ninety-nine per cent of the work of the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals is educational, its conferences with government officials being very infrequent. Under no circumstances does it interest itself in legislation or government measures designed to promote the interests of the church, wherein it differs from the Catholic Welfare Council. Invidious comparisons between various churches may benefit the political fortunes of the politician who makes use of such methods if his constituents are pretty much of one religious affiliation. **Nevertheless, they are reprehensible in the extreme and mischievous in their effects.**

What is a lobby? If it is an organization the activities of which are entirely or chiefly devoted to promoting legislation or preventing the enactment of legislation, it certainly does not apply to the Board of Temperance, Prohibition and Public Morals, for the proportion of "educational" to so-called "legislative" work done by the Board is about one hundred to one. The Board favors or opposes legislation in co-operation with the other dry organizations and it is called upon to make representations in regard to legislation only a few times a year.

If it is an organization promoting some selfish or material interest, the word certainly does not apply to the Board, although it might apply to the Catholic Welfare Council, which by its own statements protects "Catholic interests." If it means an organization using some reprehensible underground method of promoting legislation, the word certainly does not apply to the Board, which fights its battles absolutely right out in the open.

There is at present an effort to bulldoze the evangelical churches into silence on all public questions in order that the field of legislation and government may be left to those having a commercialized interest in public immorality, to Tammany politicians and others of that ilk.

It is hardly probable that this effort will be received favorably by the Protestant people of the country.

THE LAYMAN'S DUTY TO PROPAGATE HIS RELIGION.

The General Committee of The Church League, at its annual meeting on June 7, 1929, adopted as an expression of its own conviction the following statement by Dr. Robert E. Speer:

"Any man who has a religion is bound to do one of two things with it, change it or spread it. If it isn't true he must give it up. If it is true, he must give it away. This is not the duty of ministers only. Religion is not an affair of a profession or of a caste. It is the business of every common man. There is no proxy religion. Each man has his own. If he hasn't, he has none. No other man can have it for him. And if he has his own, then he must propagate it, if it is true, or repudiate it, if it is false.

"The idea that the world or any one land is to be evangelized by one section of the Christian body, is preposterous for many reasons: chiefly because a faith that does not make every possessor eager to propagate it, is not worth propagating, and will not be received by any people to whom it is offered. The religion that would spread among men must be offered by man to man, and its power seen in

dominating the lives of all its adherents and making them eager for its dissemination, is essential as a testimonial of worth.

"The Place of the Minister.

"The minister is to be simply colonel of the regiment. The real fighting is to be done by the men in the ranks who carry the guns. No ideal could be more non-Christian or more irrational than that the religious colonel is engaged to do the fighting for his men, while they sit at ease. And yet, perhaps, there is one idea current which is more absurd still. That is, that there is to be no fighting at all, but that the colonel is paid to spend his time solacing his regiment, or giving it gentle, educative instruction, not destined ever to result in any downright manly effort on the part of the whole regiment to do anything against the enemy.

"The Work of Laymen.

"Laymen are bound to propagate their religion by speaking about it, by preaching it, in fact. Telling men the Gospel, explaining what Christ can be to a man, is preaching, as scriptural as any preaching can be made. Ministers ought to make this plain, and lay the duty of such preaching upon all their laymen, and teach them how to do it. It makes no difference if it is done haltingly. A broken testimony from a laborer to his friend is likely to be more effective than a smooth and conclusive Sunday morning sermon. The true ideal of Christian evangelism is the propagation of Christianity, not by public preachers so much as by private conversation and the testimony of common men.

"The Witness of Home Life.

"And no religious propaganda is likely to accomplish much that does not spring from, and rest upon, a family life, visibly influenced by religion. If men talk about Christianity to their fellows and have religionless homes, or homes marked by unkindness, harshness, distrust, their talk is as sounding brass and clanging cymbals. The home is the test of religion. And the best fountain and corroboration of religious testimony is the Christian home, where the family has its altar, and prays and worships as a family, openly and unitedly, before the Father after whom it is named. When all our homes are evidently filled with the Spirit of Christ, then the Gospel will spread as it will never spread from Church or Chapel."

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC.

By W. P. Whaley.

"Beyond the Alps Lies Italy."

Dear Cousins: Tom, you remember how we used to look at the map and say that Italy is just a leg which Europe souses down into the Mediterranean to kick Sicily out of the sea?

We could not quite believe that queer picture, for it was asking too much of us boys who knew only the geography of Possum Valley. It did not help our faith much when at the close of school Did Thurman delivered his famous oration, "Beyond the Alps Lies Italy." We could not quite decide whether Italy was lying beyond the Alps or Did was lying on the stage.

I must admit that we were wrong in doubting the geography and Did. Italy is right where they said, and it is a leg of Europe, and very beautiful from the toe to the knee.

It is covered with the loveliest green stocking I ever saw. The stocking is knitted of grape vines; but there are many insets of olive groves,

and fig trees, and orange orchards, and gardens; with here and there some gold thread woven into little wheat fields. Then there are white cows yoked to the plow, and farm homes on little hills with hay stacks domed around like mosques. It has a range of mountains worked down the middle, and silver buckles and streamers that look like little lakes and rivers. Italy is a beautiful land.

When we came into the wonderful Bay of Naples early in the morning of July 26, old Vesuvius was sitting on the shore and smoking vigorously. He still looks wicked; for it will take more than two thousand years of purgatory to burn out his sin of A. D. 79, when he blew his head off and buried alive thousands of people under thirty-five feet of ashes and lava.

Some years ago excavators began the task of uncovering Pompeii, which had remained buried 1800 years. We had the privilege of seeing what they have done and what they have uncovered. The ashes and lava have been removed from five miles of streets and houses. The streets are all paved with large stones. The houses are brick and stone, and still stand just as they did at 2 p. m. that fatal 24th of August, A. D. 79; only their roofs are gone, and so must have been of wood or thatch. Many walls were beautifully paneled inside, and the paintings are well preserved. We were in some buildings that were palatial and luxurious—mosaic floors, richly decorated walls, fine statuary, playing fountains, baths, etc. We saw cook stoves and the bread, rice, beans and other things that were in them when the deluge of ashes and lava suddenly covered them. It must have been a sudden catastrophe, for the people had no time to escape. I saw five skeletons in one room. Over three thousand have been found.

From the ruins of Pompeii they have filled the museum of Naples with thousands of interesting and instructive things—furniture, pictures, statuary, pottery, glass ware, tools, mirrors, jewelry, and everything used in a city of thirty thousand people two thousand years ago.

You remember now we were thrilled when we read "The Last Days of Pompeii"? Well, it is a much more intense experience to walk along the streets and through the homes where this tragedy occurred.

Naples is a city of a million population; and is described as noisy, gay, careless, ardent, and seductive. It has a wonderful fertile country around it, and has the appearance of thrift and prosperity.

You recall the old saying: "All roads lead to Rome." Well, it's a fact, I suppose; because our road led to it, and I saw a thousand other tourists from many different countries whose roads brought them inevitably to Rome. If you go to reading history, soon you are reading about Rome; if you go to studying art, soon you will run into Rome; if you make an excursion into literature, soon you will pull up at Rome; if you make a specialty of law, you don't get far until you are reading about Rome; and if your thoughts turn to religion, you will soon pull up before the magnificence of St. Peter's, in Rome.

Rome once had the ambition to be the political mistress of the world, and from her seven hills rule the earth. That ambition was almost realized, for the Roman legions conquered country after country, and all over this old world, from London to Egypt one sees old Roman walls, bridges, aqueducts, forts, and temples. That political prestige has been lost, but Rome still holds an intellectual and religious dominance.

A group of us tried to start the day right in Rome by stepping into the American Methodist Church, picking up our Standard Hymn Book, and singing: "Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult."

Then the next best thing was to go over to the Methodist College on Monte Maria. The college owns about sixty acres on this magnificent height, from which we looked down on the whole city, including St. Peter's. The college has a most commanding position, good buildings and good student body. The president, Dr. Samuel W. Irwin, was glad to see some American Methodists and showed us over the school property.

The Methodists have a girls' school down in the city, Crandon Institute, supported by the Woman's Board. It has good buildings and a student body of three hundred and fifty.

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which the Catholic schools have never had and which they must have in order to keep their grip. The success of all Christian missionary work is not to be measured by the number of people the missionaries get into their churches, but by the good and wholesome influence exercised upon other schools, institutions and religions. Christianity is salt and light.

Every possible minute was given to visiting the high spots of Rome. We saw Constantine's Triumphal Arch built in 313 A. D. over the Appian Way along which St. Paul came to Rome as a prisoner. Nearby we saw the old prison cell in which Paul was kept a few days before his execution.

The Forum, the Pantheon, the Colosseum and other such historic spots kept us gasping for breath. You have read about them and can read about them again any time you wish, but the impression reading makes is light as paper compared to the crushing effect of seeing these colossal ruins heavy with two milleniums of history.

The Colosseum, you know, was an open air theatre or arena. It seated nearly a hundred thousand people. It was in this place the gladiators fought each other and wild beasts for the amusement of the gay spectators. Thousands of criminals and Christians were given this only chance of their lives. Hundreds of savages and hungry lions and tigers were caged around the arena with no chance for food but to eat a man. So the spectators had the thrill of watching the mortal contest between desperate brute powers and desperate human skill. I suppose our modern shows do not surpass those ancient in power to awaken interest in drowsy theater-goers; and while the world still laughs at Christians its teeth do not drip with our blood.

St. Peter's is the largest, most costly and most glorious religious building in the world. It is built on the spot where tradition claims the Apostle Peter was crucified with his

head down. It is 615 feet long inside. Its dome is nearly as high as our Washington monument. I saw a man swinging far up in the dome painting, and he looked like a fly. You can imagine it is a wonderful building if you know it cost \$50,000,000. It accommodates 60,000 people standing. It is not seated. Not many of these great cathedrals are. The Mohammedan mosques are not seated. The worshippers stand or sit on the floor. St. Peter's has no heating system or cooling system. The immensely thick walls keep the temperature about the same the year round.

I enjoyed going through the Vatican museum, art gallery and library; where are thousands of pieces of great paintings and statuary and a million volumes. I saw the letter Martin Luther wrote the Pope urging him to reduce the number of sacraments from seven to two.

Late in the evening Mr. Louis Bailey Audigier, related to and known by many people in Arkansas, took me for a wonderful drive and showed me many things our guide had not been able to show us. I especially enjoyed the Pincho Gardens and Michealangelo's supreme work, the marble "Moses."

But why go on writing about pictures, statuary, and historic ruins? Rome is full of them. When Rome was conquering the world, she was also bringing here the world's art treasures. There are twenty-six tall granite Egyptian obelisks adorning the streets and parks of this city. Real marbles from every famous sculptor have been brought here.

A monument to King Victor Emmanuel, or the National Monument, is now in process of construction. It is the artistic dream of Sacconi, and will be one of the greatest art triumphs of Europe. Italy's unknown soldier is buried there.

I have used up my space and kept you overtime from your work, yet I have not said a word about our day in Florence—"the art capital of Europe." I made extensive notes of the

FOR YOUTH

SAFETY IN A THUNDERSTORM

Good friend of mine, just read this rhyme,

And it may save your life sometime; When lightning flashes play all 'round,

And thunder crashes loudly sound, Seek not the shelter of a tree.

For that's a risk, all men agree;

And gather not, as cattle do,

In groups, because that's risky, too.

A dwelling place, a church, a school.

Are all safe places, as a rule;

But often in a barn or shed

Lurks danger from a flash o'erhead.

From chimneys you should keep away

And fireplaces, so wise men say;

And don't forget that men have died

While "fixing up" the spout outside.

Do not stand near a fence of wire

When from above come streams of

fire;

And it's too risky, I should say,

To watch the storm from one's door-

way.

But dangers will be small indeed,

If these few rhymes you will but

heed.

This also is a saying true,

"The flash you see will not strike

you."

"Then upwardly I turned my eyes,

And there against the deep blue skies

Were friendly clouds, a joy to know,

Their rounded tops pure white, like

snow:

They were the Cumulus, a sign

As old as man of weather fine!"

—Jas. H. Spencer in "The Silver

Lining."

FORESTRY RECORD ESTABLISHED

The Mountain Home 4-H Club came to the front this year in establishing what is considered an outstanding record in planting black walnuts. H. D. Green, county agent of Baxter County and an enthusiastic leader of

wonderful things seen there, but I can't tell you. You and the girls come over and try to get me to talk about them. Then Milan and its famous cathedral—oh, well, you will just have to wait. I was glad to hear praises on every side of Premier Mussolini, the iron master of Italy. People say he is a good man, and is standing like iron against evil and for good. He must be firm and compel these people to work and obey the law. He knows what should be done and is determined to have it done. Everywhere you are struck with the absolute orderliness of things. Conditions were lax before he came into power, abuses and deterioration were hurrying the country in Bolshevism and the whole prospect was bad. Mussolini saved the whole situation: the king, the kingdom, business and the people. Men who know him told me that at heart he is gentle and sympathetic, and that he assumes the air of austerity because it takes iron to command a following and put over his program. Perhaps we need more iron men in authority all over the world. Law does not mean much any more, and the disregard of law and order is driving nearly all countries into anarchy and chaos.

I found Mr. and Mrs. Audigier charming people. They have lovely apartments in the Continental Hotel and have it fitted up with wonderful antique furniture, rare books and choice art pieces. Mrs. Audigier had the art department in Galloway College a short while during the presidency of Dr. Dye. I had dinner with them and a very delightful visit. Lugano, Switzerland, July 29, 1928.

Opportunity knocks more than once at everyone's door

No age limit on success if you keep fit

PEOPLE used to think that if you hadn't made your mark by the time you were 40, you never would. "That's all bunk," people say today. There's many a man who'll tell you he was past 50 when he made his first big success. Their experience runs something like this.

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club work reported the results of planting this spring. Sixty-five girls and boys planted 21,760 black walnuts or a total of sixteen acres. Many of the girls taking part planted only a quarter of an acre each, while many of the boys planted as much as an acre of land.

The black walnuts were planted on abandoned lands, in waste corners around the farm, and in fertile openings along the creeks. It was stated that nuts planted will produce trees of sawlog size by the time the children are grown. The trees will begin to bear nuts in a much shorter period. Many black walnut logs being cut today are the direct result of planting made years ago by the thoughtful people realizing the value of walnut trees for timber and nuts. In many instances walnut plantations have enhanced the value of the farm. —W. K. Williams in Extension Co-operator.

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Daring to walk in the sun,
Using his eyes to circle the skies
In search of a star to be won;
Finding today a fulfillment,
Dreaming tomorrow a joy,
Ready to fly and willing to try—
That's the American boy!
—Virginia M. Moffit in Phila. Record—The Evangelical Record.

PETER THE CHIMP

The Baltimore Post, a daily newspaper is starting a new department called Uncle Ray's Corner. Uncle Ray says that of all animals, the chimpanzee stands highest in brain power. He is the smartest member of the ape family; and even smart dogs do not match him.

He tells about a clever chimpanzee who used to perform on the stage. His name was Peter. At one performance, he came in alone and bowed to the audience.

Peter the Chimp was at that time fully dressed. He wore a suit, besides socks, shoes and shirt. He sat down at a table, tucked in his napkin, and ate some sliced bananas using a fork. He poured tea in a cup, put in sugar and cream, then drank. Next he made use of a toothpick!

Later Peter walked to a bureau, picked up a toothbrush and brushed his teeth. He also put some powder on his face. Remembering that he had not "tipped" the waiter, he walked back to the table and placed a coin beside his plate. Then he undressed, blew out a candle and went to bed.

After a little while, Peter rose and put on his trousers, a cap and a pair of roller skates. Then he mounted a bicycle and began riding around the stage! As he did so, he waved his cap.

The actions of Peter the Chimp were studied by Professor Witmer of the University of Pennsylvania. The professor gave him beads, and he was able to string them the first time he tried. The ape was also able to hammer nails, and to use a screwdriver.

At one time during the tests, the ape ran away to a sink, turned a faucet and placed his mouth where he could get some of the water. Professor Witmer made the letter "w" on a blackboard, and Peter copied it fairly well with a piece of chalk.

Sad to say, Peter the Chimp died not long after those tests were made; but there are still some mighty clever "chimps" in zoos.

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Woman's Missionary Department

WORDS OF SYMPATHY

Our faithful co-worker, Mrs. F. S. Overton of Little Rock, is sadly bereft in the death of her husband which occurred Sunday, June 16, after a brief illness. Mrs. Overton has held high official positions in the W. M. S. for many years and we gratefully remember the able assistance she has rendered the editor of this department from time to time. Our united prayer is that the Holy Comforter may abide continually with Mrs. Overton and her family in this time of sorrow.

—Virginia C. Pemberton.

OUR NEW MISSIONARIES

Recently my husband, my daughter Elizabeth, and I journeyed to Nashville, Tenn., for a visit to our son. On reaching the city we found that we were just in time for the service at McKendree church at which the appointments of the Missionaries and some workers were to be read and those who had not been consecrated at the council were to be consecrated.

We were delighted with the idea of being able to attend, especially so since our son had mentioned the fact that one of his students, Rev. Mr. Williams, with his wife, was going out to China. We told him that we would share with him the joy of seeing in the group some in whom we would have more than a general interest.

The church was beautiful in its appointments. Tall white tapers bordered the chancel and choir railing and still taller ones flanked the pulpit. The choir stand filled with white robed women, students of Scarritt and the women candidates grouped in the front of the church were also in white.

The hymn, "Lord in the strength of grace, with a glad heart and free myself, my residue of days, I consecrate to Thee," was a fitting expression of the hearts of those who were giving themselves to the church at this time and aroused within all present a spirit of renewed consecration and thanksgiving for the consecrated youth of this day.

The whole service was beautiful but the climax came when after the appointments to the Foreign Field were read by Dr. Cram and those to the Home Field by Mrs. Downs, they stood at the chancel with the missionaries who were at home on furlough, numbering more than 40 in all and joined in the hymn of consecration.

As we joined in the service we felt an especial pride in the fact that seven of the number going out were from Arkansas. They were Misses Jessie Moore, Rolfe Whitlow, Florence Whiteside, Rosalie Riggan, Lucy Wade, Hortense Murry and Rev. Ralph Lewis. Of this group those receiving appointment for the first time were Rolfe Whitlow, Japan; Lucy Wade to Brazil; Hortense Murry to Africa, and Ralph Lewis to Korea.

The last four of this group had received their college education at Henderson-Brown during Mr. Workman's administration and to us this was a more than usual event; but I am sure that from all over Arkansas there will arise prayers of thanksgiving for these latest acquisitions to our religious forces for world evangelization and of intercession that they may be abundantly rich in labors and

that their joy may be full.—Mrs. J. M. Workman.

THE MIDLAND HEIGHTS AUXILIARY OF FORT SMITH

Our missionary society has a membership of about thirty-five. The first Tuesday of each month is set aside for the business and devotional meeting which is held at the church; the social meeting is held in some home on the third Tuesday. The second Tuesday in the month is reserved for a spend-the-day dinner party held in some member's home honoring those whose birthdays fall in the current month. The attendance at all these meetings is good. On the fourth of June 18 women went to the county hospital and held a devotional service. Preceding this a short business session was held at the church. It was decided at this meeting to send sheets to a hospital in Soo Chow, China, and to fix a box of supplies for a local preacher's family.

Our society is trying hard to get on the honor roll this year. We want to pay our quota on the pledge. A new roof has just been put on the parsonage and we hope to do some repair work on the inside this fall.

For the last several years our society has used the unknown friend game which has aided greatly in keeping up the interest among the women. Each member is given a name at the beginning of the year for whom she is expected to do kindnesses of various kinds, such as sending her a birthday card, an Easter card, or, perhaps, flowers when she is sick. During Christmas week the names are revealed in some home where a Christmas tree holds a lovely gift for each unknown friend and at which time a Christmas program is given and everybody enjoys a most happy time.—Mrs. C. E. Beard, reporter.

CONFERENCE AT OSCEOLA

The Women's Missionary Conference of the Jonesboro District was held in Osceola Friday, May 17, with the new secretary, Mrs. E. K. Sewell of Marion presiding and 86 in attendance.

The devotional period was led by Rev. J. T. Wilcoxen of Osceola. The keynote to his very helpful message was that the greatest mission field for all of us is in our own hearts.

The topics discussed during the day were: Spiritual Cultivation, The Importance of Increase in Dues and Pledge, Plans for Nurturing Jubilee Auxiliaries, The Standard of Excellence, Social Service as the Practical Expression of the Spirit of Jesus,

Holding the Young People. How to Get a Council Certificate in Mission Study, How to Co-operate in the Stewardship Year and Experiences in Children's Work.

Quiet Hour was conducted by Rev. Mr. Downs of Marked Tree after which a delicious lunch was served by the Osceola Auxiliary.

Our conference secretary, Mrs. Oliver, was present and added much to the pleasure and profit of the program. She reproduced in part Miss Bertha Conde's Prayer Retreat which emphasized the importance of obedience, simplicity and purpose in our lives.

Miss McCoy, our rural worker, who has recently been moved to a new field, spoke very enthusiastically and interestingly of her work.

The financial goal of the district is \$4,300 and each auxiliary was spurred on to raise its quota.

This was truly an inspirational meeting and each one present resolved to work more faithfully than ever before.—Mrs. Bob Rhodes, secretary.

DISTRICT MEETING AT BATESVILLE

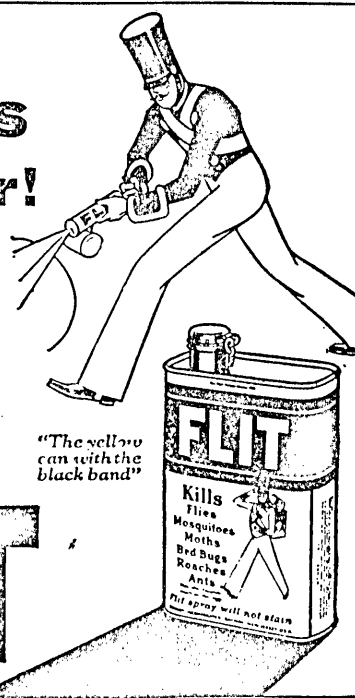
The District Meeting was held in First Church, Batesville at 9:30 a. m. May 17, and despite the inclement weather there about 40 present. The secretary, Mrs. R. E. Snetzer, presided and the following program was rendered:

Song—"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee," Prayer Retreat. Mrs. James Graham of Tuckerman; "Fellowship With Jesus," being the theme used. Solo, "I've Found a Friend," Mrs. Ben Jernigan. Prayer, Rev. Mr. Jett. Resolution Committee, Mrs. James Graham and Mrs. Dr. Harris. Courtesy Committee, Mrs. J. F. Wade and Mrs. L. B. Poindexter. The slogan for the day was: "The Best Year We Have Ever Had." Mrs. D. Y. Thomas of Fayetteville, conference superintendent of children, was an inspiration and help. "A Message from our District Secretary," Mrs. B. E. Snetzer. Reports of delegates. The auxiliaries reporting were: Newport First Church, Tuckerman, Hope, Batesville First Church, Adult, Daughters, Young People, Intermediates and Juniors; Batesville Central Ave Adult, Young People and Juniors, all making good reports.

"The Voice Family" was presented by the First Church Adults and Daughters and was very interesting. Several subscriptions were secured. The importance of children's work and a demonstration of the adult and children's work were given by Mrs.

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D. Y. Thomas.

Rev. Mr. Davidson, pastor of First Church, brought us a message on "Stewardship," our theme for the year. Solo, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer," by Miss Mary Louise Barnett. Mrs. D. Y. Thomas and Mrs. I. N. Barnett were appointed to inspect the record and report books. After prayer by Mrs. James Graham a delicious two course luncheon was served by the First Church Auxiliaries.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Give of Your Best to the Master." Mrs. L. B. Poindexter very ably conducted the devotional, with a helpful and inspiring talk. Social Service, A Practical Expression of the Spirit of Jesus, by Mrs. I. N. Barnett. Piano solo. La Von Wray, Central Ave. Junior. Report from the Young People of First Church, Batesville, by Georgia Dobson. Mrs. Thomas spoke on the "Maintenance Fund," stressing the need of paying our dues and pledges quarterly. Mrs. Barnett brought us an enthusiastic message on the "Standard of Efficiency," urging 100 per cent auxiliaries. Mrs. Thomas gave the report on the record and report books. The resolutions were read by Mrs. Dr. Harris. Bro. and Mrs. King were

introduced. Mrs. S. B. Headstream of Central Ave. Church was elected zone leader for the rest of the year. Mrs. Snetzer spoke of the work of our district and urged the sale of the Conference History. After prayer by Rev. H. K. King, the meeting adjourned—Mrs. Guy Adkins, Secretary.

ZONE MEETING AT CHERRY VALLEY

The north zone of the Woman's Missionary Society, Helena District met at Cherry Valley Friday at 10 a. m., May 24, with Mrs. J. G. Ditterline, chairman, and Mrs. L. B. Lessenberry, secretary. Meeting was opened by singing hymn: "Forward, Forward." Devotional conducted by Rev. Mr. McKinney of Harrisburg. Hymn: "The Fight Is On." General Reports were given by presidents of Birdeye, Cherry Valley, Harrisburg, Vannale and Wynne. "Fellowship Group for Perpetuation of Spiritual Cultivation" was presented by Mrs. W. L. Oliver. "Plans for Nurturing the Jubilee Auxiliaries," Mrs. W. M. Smith. Vocal Solo, Mrs. L. C. Cato, accompanied by Mrs. W. M. Smith. How to Co-operate in Stewardship Year," Mrs. H. L. Lessenberry. After singing hymn, "Abide With Me," Rev. W. L. Oliver conducted the "Quiet Hour." At this time adjournment was had for lunch.

Afternoon session—After partaking of a delicious lunch served by the Cherry Valley Auxiliary, the meeting was called for 2 o'clock and Miss Bess Eaton conducted the devotional service hymn, "Have Thine Own Way" was sung. "Exceeding Importance of Increase in Dues and Pledges," Mrs. C. G. Barton. Solo, Mrs. L. B. Lessenberry, Mrs. W. M. Smith, accompanist. "Holding the Young People," Mrs. Z. N. Halk; "Social Service as the practical expression of the Spirit of Jesus," Mrs. Freeman. Round Table Discussion on Social Service in the auxiliary. How to do our full part for the children was presented in the form of a playlet by Mesdames W. F. Gardner and Brewer. Zone meeting for next quarter invited to Birdeye.—Mrs. J. G. Ditterline, chairman.

Sunday School Department

THE GREATEST SINGLE NEED IN THE RURAL AREAS

Half of the Dual Mission offering, the offering taken on the fourth Sunday in our Sunday Schools, is used here in our own Little Rock Conference, in the rural areas.

The needs are so many, so pressing, that we try to meet as many of them as we can, and meet them just as rapidly as we can, with the funds at our disposal. Most of our rural churches need better equipment. Some of them have no musical instrument, while others have only a cheap organ. Very few have a good piano. They need better organization. They need better song books. They need many things we take for granted as essential to our regular Sunday School life.

The greatest single need is a trained, consecrated leadership. With trained superintendents, officers and teachers, we could maintain a splendid Sunday School in almost any rural community. The fourth Sunday offering helps pay the expenses of holding rural training schools, which we call Cokesbury Training Schools. Last year we held fifty of these schools in our Conference, with 500 certificates of credit awarded. In addition there were several hundred people who listened in on these schools.

Without trained teachers some embarrassing and regretful things happen. I was in a school last winter and was invited to sit in the adult class. The pupils, men and women, were from 35 to 55 years of age. I found them using the Intermediate-Senior Quarterly. To indicate how ill suited this lesson material was for the pupils, one question was asked: "What do the pupils expect to do when they get out of high school?" Think of asking men and women, some of whom have grand children, this question.

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DUAL MISSION OFFERINGS

From the Little Rock Conference Acting upon the suggestion of a number of persons we will publish the complete list of Dual Mission Offerings for each month at the close of that month. The final report of May offerings will be made up in this office Saturday, June 22, and published in the following week's paper. Final report of June offerings will be made up in this office August 3, and so on each month.—S. T. Baugh.

AMITY COKESBURY SCHOOL

The writer taught a Cokesbury School at Amity May 20-24, using the text, "The Small Sunday School." There were eleven enrolled and nine finished the work. Rev. J. W. Tomlin is the pastor.—S. T. Baugh.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE RECEIVED TO JUNE 15.

Arkadelphia District.

Dalark Ct.	\$ 40.03
Gum Springs	20.00
Previously reported	476.81
Total	\$536.84

Camden District.

Wesley's Chapel	\$ 5.00
Previously reported	522.67
Total	\$527.67

Little Rock District.

Primrose (add.)	\$ 8.00
Des Arc	31.00
Forest Park	10.00
Forest Park (additional)	1.00
Mt. Carmel (additional)	1.00
Hamilton (Carlsle Ct.)	5.20
Keo	8.00
Previously reported	1049.43
Total	\$1,113.63

Pine Bluff District.

Roe	\$ 6.65
Lakeside (additional)	13.84
Mt. Carmel (additional)	2.60
Bethel (Pine Bluff Ct.)	3.00
Union	7.50
Prosperity	7.50
Swan Lake	3.37
Previously reported	452.00
Total	\$496.46

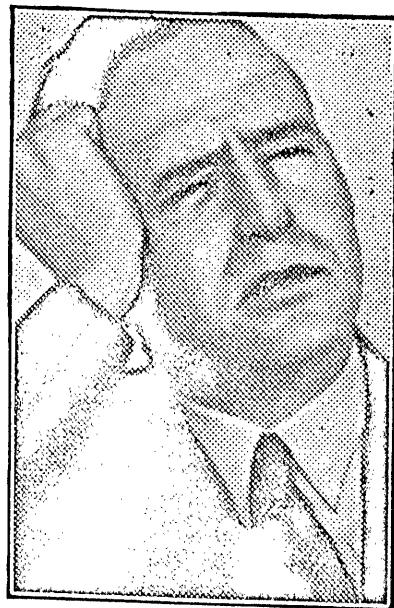
Monticello District.

Previously reported	\$694.00
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Prescott District.

Gurdon	\$ 60.00
Sweet Home	5.30
McCaskill	9.00

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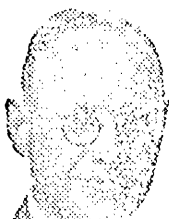
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Trinity	10.00
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Total\$428.10

Texarkana District.

Horatio	\$ 10.75
Green's Chapel	6.35
Williamson's	3.06
Walnut Springs	10.00
Previously reported	\$435.29

Total\$465.45

Standings by Districts.

Prescott District	\$428.10
Texarkana District	465.45
Pine Bluff	496.46
Camden District	527.67
Arkadelphia District	536.84
Monticello District	694.00
Little Rock District	1113.63

Total\$4,262.15

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

EIGHT MORE PASTORS AND ONE PRESIDING ELDER GO ON HONOR ROLL.

Since our last report eight more charges have sent in their Sunday School Day offering in full and thus placed the name of their pastor on the Honor Roll and one more District has paid out in full and thus placed the name of the Presiding Elder on the Honor Roll. They are as follows:

Little Rock District, Dr. James Thomas, P. E.
Gurdon, J. H. Cummins, P. C.
Lakeside, L. E. N. Hundley, P. C.
Des Arc, Jno. L. Tucker, P. C.
Forest Park, B. F. Musser, P. C.
Bingen Ct., J. W. Nethercutt, P. C.
Mt. Ida-Oden, S. B. Mann, P. C.
Dalark Ct., C. B. Wyatt, P. C.
Mabelvale-Primrose Fred R. Harrison, P. C.

This makes a total of two Districts paid out in full and sixty-nine charges in the Little Rock Conference now on the Honor Roll.—Clem Baker.

THE ARKANSAS PASTORS' SCHOOL.

The 1929 session of the Arkansas Pastors' School closed Friday at noon with 225 certificates awarded the credit students. In addition to the credit students some 40 or 50 others were in attendance part of the time. The North Arkansas Conference carried off the honors in number of credits, beating the Little Rock Conference by some eight or ten. This proved to be one of the most satisfactory of all the many sessions we have had. Beautiful resolutions were passed expressing appreciation for the services rendered by the faculty, lecturers, board of managers, dean, and the management of the college.—Clem Baker.

GUM SPRINGS DESERVES SPECIAL MENTION.

A beautiful letter from Rev. H. A. F. Ault calls our attention to the unusual Sunday School Day offering from Gum Springs on the Hot Springs Circuit. This school with only 13 members on a recent Sunday raised a Sunday School Day offering amounting to \$20. We are not surprised, however, for this group of people, though small in numbers, has never yet failed to do the noble thing. We suspect that our friend Ault deserves quite a little of the credit this year.—Clem Baker.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT GOES THE SECOND MILE.

It will be noted this week that the Little Rock District has already paid

Epworth League Dept**ANNIVERSARY DAY OFFERINGS****Little Rock Conference**

Since our last report the following churches in the Little Rock Conference have reported the amounts listed as Anniversary Day offering.

Prescott	\$10.00
Balance Bingen Ct.	3.58

Total\$13.58

Totals By Districts

Arkadelphia, 11 Charges	\$103.74
Camden, 13 Charges	114.16
Little Rock, 20 Charges	288.46
Monticello, 9 Charges	112.20
Pine Bluff, 5 Charges	47.60
Prescott, 12 Charges	116.25
Texarkana, 14 Charges	128.27

Totals, 84 Charges\$910.68

S. T. Baugh, Sect'y.

Honor Roll

The balance from the Bingen Ct. puts them and their fine pastor, Rev. J. W. Nethercutt, on the Honor Roll.—S. T. Baugh, Sect'y.

its Sunday School Day offering in full with a comfortable "plus." However, some three or four charges are still a little behind. We have the assurance that these charges will come out in full and with several others that have promised to send in additional offerings we are looking for this District to be hard to pass in the 1929 race for Sunday School Day honors. Congratulations to Charley and Dr. Thomas.—Clem Baker.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OFFERINGS FOR NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE WEEK ENDING JUNE 15.**Batesville District**

Sulphur Rock	\$ 2.61
Previously Reported	291.01

Totals\$221.62

Conway District

Friendship	\$ 4.50
Enders	3.68
Cabot	36.00
Quitman	5.10
Previously Reported	226.51

Totals\$275.79

Fort Smith District

Ft. Smith, Second Church	\$ 4.83
Hackett	10.00
Previously Reported	390.90

Total\$405.73

Helena District

Clarendon	\$ 40.00
Haynes	4.00
Pleasant Valley	7.00
Previously Reported	313.73

Totals\$364.73

Jonesboro District

Nettleton	\$ 15.00
Previously Reported	224.03

Totals\$239.03

Standing By Districts:

Fort Smith	\$ 405.73
Helena	364.73
Searcy	371.86
Booneville	296.37
Conway	275.79
Jonesboro	239.03
Batesville	221.62
Fayetteville	168.81
Paragould	111.32

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News of the Churches

A CORRECTION

In reporting to the Arkansas Methodist the new faculty selections made by Hendrix-Henderson College, it was erroneously said that Dr. Luther O. Leach, former dean of Henderson-Brown, will be associate professor of science. As a matter of accuracy and justice to Dr. Leach, it should be said that he will be professor of science and will have classes in biology and chemistry. The executive officers of Hendrix-Henderson regard Dr. Leach as one of the great educators developed in Arkansas in recent years, and his addition to the new staff is counted a valuable one.—Reporter.

PRESCOTT DIST. CONFERENCE

The sixtythird session of Prescott District Conference will meet at Murfreesboro, Thursday, June 27, at 7:45 p. m.

8:00 p. m., Opening sermon by Rev. C. E. Whitten of Glenwood Organization of conference at close of sermon.

Friday, June 28.

8:30 a. m., Devotional service.
9:00 a. m., Reports from pastors.
12:30 p. m., Lunch will be served.
2:00 p. m., reports from the Sunday school superintendents of the District.

3:00 p. m., Election of delegates to Annual Conference.

3:30 p. m., Selecting place for the next District Conference.

4:00 p. m., Reports from the committees.—J. A. Henderson, P. E.

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EDITOR OF YEARBOOK SEEKS INFORMATION

It is my earnest desire to make the General Conference edition of the Official Yearbook of our church more complete and fuller of interest than any yearbook that has heretofore been published. In order to accomplish this purpose I am requesting certain information from our preachers and laymen.

First, I am convinced that our people have many articles of real Methodist historic interest and value—such as pieces of furniture that were used by pioneer Methodist bishops and preachers, old baptismal bowls, portraits, etc., that our people would like to know about. If you have anything in this line, please let me know what and where it is and how it is connected up with early Methodism.

I desire also the names of preachers and laymen (both men and women) who were born in or before 1850. If any reader who belongs under this class or has friends or acquaintances who are eligible for listing under this heading will furnish me the names, giving also date and place of birth and present address, I shall be greatly obliged.

I desire also the names of preachers in any of our conferences who are fathers and sons or brothers; also preachers who have married the daughters of preachers.

I wish also to enlarge the department devoted to Southern Methodist couples who have been married fifty years or more. For use in this department we desire the full names of both husband and wife—particularly those who will celebrate their golden weddings in 1930—also the exact date and place of the wedding.

I shall be very grateful for any information sent in response to this appeal. Please address all letters to me at 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.—Curtis B. Haley.

NORTH ARK. CONFERENCE COLLECTION NOTES

I had the pleasure of receiving a check this week for \$4,150 from the First Church, Fort Smith, completing its Conference Collections quota of \$4,250.00. This is by far the largest check that I have had from any church since I became conference treasurer. Last year when the pastor Rev. Dana Dawson, announced his program of paying in full the Benevolences by the middle of the conference year it was an adventure of faith backed up by prayer and work. It came to pass June 21, 1928. Not a few said: "It worked once when the preacher was new, but never again." Such prophets were confounded when in the year of grace 1929 the First Church treasurer, A. B. Rhyne, wrote the above check paying in full on June 10. The assessment this year is several hundred dollars larger than in 1928, yet it was raised easier and all the money was in the bank to pay it. Pastor Dawson was ably assisted in this great achievement by Roscoe McKee, the chairman of the official board; J. F. McGehee, chairman of finance committee, the official board and entire congregation. All honor to a great church that thus takes front rank not only in Arkansas, but in Southern Methodism.

Plainview, Booneville District, Earl Cravens, pastor. W. W. Aldrich, sec-treas., has paid seven-twelfths of its quota for the year and leads in per cent all the churches of the confer-

ence that are paying by the month. Such fine work needs no comment. Let me add that Plainview also has first place in money in the Booneville District.

First Church, Helena, P. Q. Rorie, pastor, J. C. Brown, sec-treas., is coming along fine in its program of paying through the year. It means a lot when such leading churches set an inspiring example and stir many other congregations to attempt and to win great victories for the Lord and his church.

Viney Grove, Fayetteville, J. A. Zinn, pastor, makes an earlier and larger first payment than last year. This "looks good" to me for 100 per cent on Viney Grove Circuit. Rev. W. C. Hutton, pastor of Pea Ridge-Brightwater Circuit, same District, in remitting, writes: "We think we shall come to the conference this fall with a full report on claims." Brother Hutton is adding to his thinking the fine and indispensable virtue of working at the job. That is the way to "go over the top."

I knew that I would be hearing from Osceola, Jonesboro District, for its pastor, Rev. J. T. Willcoxon, has the habit of paying the Benevolences in full, and of beginning early in the year. I received a fine check this week from the church treasurer, G. B. Segraves. Brother Willcoxon writes: "We are planning to send another check in a few days." Floods cannot stop such a church when it has such a pastor. Sure for the Honor Roll.

Lake Street Church, Blytheville, Jonesboro District, is not a large church, yet this year under the leadership of Rev. J. M. Fryar it is doing a "mighty big thing." It not only intends to pay in full, but it has already pledged the entire quota. Best of all its treasurer, A. E. Scott, sent me yesterday a check that was more than half as large as 1928's total payment. Lake Street church has never so far as my knowledge goes, paid its assessment in full, though last year it made the best record in its history.

A great deal has been said about how low down in the list the North Arkansas Conference has been in per cent paid on assessment. Most of the Conferences have surpassed us, but a change has come and has been coming for some time. The June issue of the Methodist Layman has listed the reports of the Conference treasurers sent in to the Board of Lay Activities giving this year's payments up to May 1. While we did not quite reach Abou Ben Adhem's record ("whose name led all the rest") yet we came very close to it. Only the Florida and Holston Conferences excelled us in the amount paid, and only the Florida Conference was ahead of us in per cent paid on assessment. Hats off to the North Arkansas Conference!—George McGlumphy, treasurer.

HAS FOUND A PLACE TO SERVE

A superannuate naturally feels that there is nothing that he can do. no place to serve. Though more than half blind and half deaf and all torn up in my motor power, my heart still craved something to do and my very soul hungered for the prosperity of the church. From Sunday to Sunday our pastor poured out his soul in gospel truth that was eloquently delivered and had all the ear marks of sound theology and hard study.

I said what a pity for all this good gospel to go to waste on empty benches. They hear not neither do they speak or lend inspiration. Why all this indifference? We made an investigation and found that Marian-

na had about one in three of her church members who attended the church to which they belonged. This was cause for alarm.

I went to God on bended knees, asked him all about it, and pled for a place to work, knowing nothing of the great laymen's movement in St. Louis. The Anniversary Church Service, Inc., Movement came to me. At once I said to my good wife: This is providential and I am going to put it over in Marianna and so I did under God and with the big laymen. Of course every pastor and superintendent endorsed the movement. The laymen took hold and we now have 15 sets of church posters on our streets speaking every day with a new message every week for 52

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I must have a field man to go out and introduce the work. With this I feel that I will be able under God and by the help of the brethren to do a great work. If you want the plan just write me at Marianna, Arkansas. I will come to your aid as soon as possible. With hope and love for all, I am yours to serve, W. F. Evans, Marianna, Ark.

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Langston		1.15
Calico Rock Sta., A. L.		
Platt		4.50
Elm Springs Ct., O. M.		
Campbell		4.75
Marshall, A. H. Dulaney		10.00
West Searcy, W. J. Williams		35.00
Pangburn, E. Marler		1.00
Beebe Ct. S. L. Russell		22.50
Fort Smith, First Church		
Dana Dawson		60.00
Paris Ct., J. H. Mathis		5.00
Clarksville, R. S. Bost,		
Treasurer		28.09
Haynes-Lexa, C. H. Harvison		7.00
Conway, Henry B. Whiddon		
Treasurer		900.00
Gardner Mem., Mrs. W. H.		
Harris Treas.		8.33

Total received from North

Ark. Conf. \$10,388.53

Little Rock Conference

Blevins, J. A. Sage \$ 50.00

Roe Ct., W. T. Hopkins 25.00

Sheridan Ct., J. O. Gold 4.50

Alzheimer, W. C. Hilliard 22.50

Total received from Little Rock

Conference \$24,701.54

Grand total from both

Conferences \$35,090.07

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Morrilton

C. W. Lester \$ 62.00 \$143.25

Calico Rock,

A. L. Platt 7.75 23.00

Elm Springs,

O. M. Campbell 10.75 33.25

Paris Circuit,

J. H. Mathis 6.53 17.05

Haynes-Lexa,

C. H. Harvison 33.00

Conway,

J. M. Workman 619.35 900.00

Sheridan Circuit,

J. O. Gold 7.00 10.00

More Schools of Mission

It is encouraging to know that so many pastors are planning to hold another Mission School before the end of the year. Rev. R. P. James of the Sparkman-Sardis charge is planning for such a school with far reaching influence. In the Monticello District we are planning with Bro. Baker and Presiding Elder Glenn for several courses in Missions in a District-wide school. Others are planning a school in "The Methodist Evangel" at churches where it was impossible to have a school in February. Such schools are to be held for six sessions of 50 minutes each and all who attend will be given a certificate from the Board of Missions for six hours credit toward the Missionary Certificate given by the Board of Missions. A large number of these schools will be held within the period suggested for this which is September 15-29. I will be glad to plan with other pastors who are energetic and anxious to do the most for the Kingdom by holding schools of Missions.

Conway District Joins the Pro-
gressive Ranks.

I am glad to add another District to the progressive list of Districts. The Conway District, with Rev. J. M. Hughey as the presiding elder, now stands up with Brother Glenn and Brother Dodson. This makes three Progressive Districts in the state—two in the North Arkansas Conference and one in the Little Rock Conference. Last year the Conway District had a Missionary Offering of \$1,273.07, and to date this District has sent \$1,891.54 with more to come yet. Brother Hoover and the Texarkana District are very close to the progressive rank and I feel sure will

get there before the end of the year.

An Offering From Every Charge
Our goal is an offering from every charge in both Conferences. Certainly every Methodist preacher in Arkansas will so desire to have a part in the missionary program of his church that he will make an offering. In many instances this offering will not be large but it will be a missionary offering and will represent the missionary interest of the pastor even if his people will not take part in so great a movement. Surely there will not be a charge left vacant on this offering by the end of the Conference year. Let's make both Conferences 100 per cent on this point. I know we can if we want to do it.

REVIVAL AT LOUANN

We have just closed a very gracious revival in Louann. The singing was led by Bro. Bill Forbess, and it was well done. The "Booster Choir" was fine and quite a number of children offered for membership in the different churches. The preaching was done mostly by Rev. H. H. Griffin of Camden, and it was truly great. The spirit of the man and his personal work were of the best. Dr. Stowe brought one splendid message. We have received 24 members to date with others to follow.

We have not been here quite one year yet, but we have seen the Sunday school more than double in its enrollment and attendance, the Woman's Missionary Society has had a steady growth. We have a fine Junior League and have received to date 69 members into the church.

This church is struggling to keep a pastor for full time, but the prospects are brighter and we have some very fine people here. On account of the uncertainty of their jobs many have not lined up with the church. We are constantly losing members and this makes a very difficult field. Oil fields are always difficult. Pray for us.—J. J. Mellard.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE NOTES

Through a number of elections, the student body of Galloway Woman's College has completed its organizations for the 1929-30 session, and the new year therefore has the prospect of starting off smoothly.

As editor-in-chief of the Gallowegian, the annual, the student body selected Ruth Lindley of Tuckerman, and Clemmie Farris of Little Rock was chosen business manager. Miss Lindley served as assistant editor of the 1929 Gallowegian and proved her ability in helping compile one of the best books the institution has ever published. Miss Farris was circulation manager of the Flashlight during the recent school year and made a good record.

The Student Government Association will be under the presidency of Margaret Anne Lake of Varner, and the vice president will be Kathleen Hobson of Mammoth Spring. Prescott lays claim to two of the association officers for next year: Helen Buchanan, secretary, and Gertrude Westmoreland, treasurer. Miss Lake succeeded Mildred Murrie as Association president, and under the new constitution the cabinet will have many extra duties in exercising supervision over the student body.

Minnie Lou Lindsey of Harrison is the new president of the Irving Literary Society, and associated with her will be Linda Wozencraft, El Dorado, vice president, and Louise Boyce, Dardanelle, secretary.

The Flashlight will have Virginia Blankenship of Pine Bluff as editor, and the other staff members will be: Elizabeth Boney, Stamps, associate

editor; Margaret Donaldson, Paragould, business manager; Linda Wozencraft, circulation manager.

May Graham of Tuckerman is the new president of the Young Women's Christian Association, and the other officers are: Alta Williams, Mauldin, vice president; Willene Forrest, Prairie Grove, secretary, and Lucille Copeland, North Little Rock, treasurer.

The Lanier Literary Society has chosen as president Elizabeth Boney of Stamps, and two El Dorado girls will be associated with her. Ethel McGraw will be vice president and Sallie Matthews will be secretary.

Dr. J. M. Williams, the president, who takes pride in all of the Galloway achievements, regards the Home Economics Department as a cause for special pride. This department now offers a four year course in the standard Home Economics subjects with special work in dietetics, nutrition and problems of the present day. At the recent commencement the bachelor of science degree was awarded to Mildred Thompson and Elizabeth Thompson of Searcy, and six

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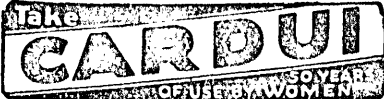
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The department has been given modern equipment and facilities, and a nursery established for pre-school children, making the courses of excellent value to Galloway students.—Reporter.

CONWAY CHURCH AND ITS MISSIONARY

Our church at Conway has selected Antonio Rolim as their special representative. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and Southern Methodist University. Antonio is located at Livramento, Brazil. On last Sunday night in the Conway Church the special offering for Antonio was closed in an interesting way. Antonio was to be married June 11. This was made the occasion for a "shower" for Antonio and his bride-to-be. The offering was more than needed for the support of Antonio. Bro. Simmons was mailed a check for \$900.00 and more is expected.—J. M. Workman.

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ROMISH INCONSISTENCY.

It was the Mexican government's order that the clergy of all denominations register—as do members of other professions in Mexico—that precipitated the withdrawal of the priests from the churches on August 1, 1926. The Mexican bishops, acting presumably under instructions from the Vatican, contended that the act of registering was a subordination of the spiritual to the lay authorities, an infringement of state upon church violative of divine and natural law and intolerable to the church. How surprising therefore to read in a recent United Press dispatch from Rome that the Fascist Minister of Justice, Alfredo Rocco, had presented to the Parliament "for passage" a bill by which "ministers of non-Catholic religions must be registered upon nomination with the Ministry of Justice." Mexico's legislation applied equally to all sects and was accepted there without protest by all but the Roman Catholic. The Italian law, which undoubtedly has the sanction of the Vatican, applies to the non-Catholic denominations only. Such action on the part of the Roman Catholic church, hard upon its restoration—possibly but temporary—to temporal power in Italy, justly gives concern throughout the world, and not least to many Catholics in the United States, who steeped in the American traditions of religious liberty, will find it difficult to reconcile the variations of attitude, based on time and place, of the "universal" and "eternal" church.—The Nation.

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At the annual meeting of the National Mutual Church Insurance Company held April 25, 1929, the officers were re-elected as follows:

President, Nathaniel M. Jones; vice president, I. N. Conard; secretary and manager, Henry P. Magill; assistant secretary, B. B. Jackson; assistant manager, Benjamin W. Hess. The Board of Directors, including the foregoing names, were all re-elected.

On March 20, the company had completed its first 30 years of history as a corporation, the Board of Insurance elected by the General Conference of 1896 having been engaged for approximately two years previous in collecting a sufficient amount of risks and premiums to comply with the law of Illinois. Rev. N. E. Simonson, D. D., and Henry P. Magill are the only remaining representatives of the original Board of Directors, and of the original officers Mr. Magill is the sole survivor. There has, therefore, been no change in the management of the company during its entire history.

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this period, that at San Francisco being the largest in history. The largest amount of losses during a single year were in 1926, when they amounted to \$249,103.32. The aggregate in 1928 was \$231,871.35.

The total assets are now \$1,160,428.94, in which are included \$955,352.45 of premium notes payable in annual installments not yet due. The cash surplus was \$50,050.55, making the total available surplus \$1,500,403—available because these notes are payable in annual installments at stated dates or "on demand." No demand has ever been made before regular maturities, but these features make the company impregnable. The cash assets, \$199,197.71, include \$110,344.17 held as "Reserve" for policyholders, this amount being the same as is required by law of stock companies. Nearly every fire discloses the fact that the insurance carried was much less than 75 per cent of the value of the property, which is always advisable.

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OBITUARIES

Davis.—Brother John F. Davis, after a long and useful life, died at his home in Murfreesboro, Arkansas, January 20, 1929. He was born May 23, 1850, and spent all of his life in Pike county, in and near Murfreesboro. He married Miss Emily Haynes and for 57 years they enjoyed a very happy life together. He is survived by the widow and six daughters as follows: Mrs. George Wolff, of Bingen; Mrs. L. E. Wolff, of Hope; Mrs. T. F. Alford, Mrs. Cora Rountree and Mrs. Dave Stell of Murfreesboro; Mrs. L. F. Monroe of Washington, and

one son, Mr. H. A. Davis of Little Rock. Brother Davis joined the Methodist Church in early youth and lived a consistent Christian life to the time of his death. He was a man of firm convictions and was fearless in his allegiance to his ideals. One of his striking characteristics was his loyalty to his church. Until he lost his health, he was always in his place, ready to do his part for the advancement of the Kingdom. The Methodist Church never had a more devoted member and to the last he was interested in its program and supported it liberally. He was a devoted father, a faithful husband, and an honored and respected citizen, and he will be missed not only by the family and the church, but by the entire community.—J. D. Montgomery, Pastor.

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Bibb.—After several days of patient suffering on February 20, 1929, the soul of Mrs. Hattie Bibb returned to her Maker. She was born in Lauderdale county, Tenn., near Ripley, July 1874. She began her good Christian life in youth and has been a member of the Methodist church since childhood. With her husband, J. R. Bibb, she came to Monette, Ark., 37 years ago. Mr. Bibb preceded her to the grave 15 years ago, after which she made her home with her children in the Macey neighborhood, dying at the home of her youngest daughter, Mrs. Martha Belton. With her going many hearts were filled with sorrow. During her last days her suffering was intense, but she bore it with the fortitude of an angel. Her disposition was characterized by a grace that needed not to be learned but was the natural expression of an unselfish spirit. Her patience was marvelous and her courtesy to those who attended her was unflinching. She leaves one son, J. R. Bibb, four daughters, Mrs. J. T. Haynes, Mrs. Claud Stewart, Mrs. Sam Thompson and Mrs. Robert Belton, and several grandchildren, two brothers and two sisters and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral services were conducted by her pastor, Rev. A. E. Goode, at the Macey Methodist church, where loving hands laid her to rest. The church has lost a faithful member, the community a good friend and the family one who loved and served.—A Friend.

Merchant.—James Franklin Merchant was born in Lowdon County, Va., Oct. 25, 1857; died at his home at Osage Mills, April 15, 1929. Bro. Merchant moved to Illinois with his parents when a small boy. Later they moved to Kansas and from Kansas to Missouri. While in Missouri he married Miss Alice Mary Coutts. There were no children to bless this union. Bro. Merchant moved to Arkansas about 35 or 40 years ago. He was converted when a small boy and joined the M. E. Church, South. When he came to Arkansas he placed his membership in our church at Osage Mills (Council Grove) where he continued until death. It was my privilege to be his pastor for three years. He was a good Christian man who stood for the higher and nobler things. He hated sin and wanted to see men saved from its awful clutches. He was loyal to his church and its pastors. I understand that Bro. Merchant had been in failing health for about two years. As a citizen and a neighbor there was no one who said anything except that he was a good man. This means much. He died as he lived, triumphant in the faith of our Lord.—O. M. Campbell, Pastor.

MEMOIR OF REV. ROBERT J. RAIFORD.

After many years of great bodily affliction and almost constant suffering our beloved friend and brother, Rev. Robert J. Raiford, has entered into rest. He was born March 25, 1851; was gloriously converted September 8, 1871, and was licensed to preach April 27, 1884. His first marriage was to Miss Minnie Thompson, in Calhoun County, Arkansas, in 1872. Two children were born to this union, John and Oscar. His wife died in 1882 and in 1884 he was married to Miss Elizabeth Robinson, of the same county. Six children were born to their union: William, Lottie, Nettie, Norman, Benjamin, and Verda. Only four of these children lived to witness the death of their father. They are Oscar, of Mineral Springs, Arkansas; William and Benjamin, of Magnolia, Arkansas; and Nettie (Mrs. James Gantt), of Texarkana, Texas.

His second wife died in 1907, and on January 20, 1909, he was married to Miss Annie Elizabeth Tucker, of Hamburg, Arkansas, who cared for him tenderly and skillfully during the long years of his illness, and who still lives to cherish his memory.

He was admitted on trial in the Little Rock Annual Conference at the session held in the city of Little Rock in 1887; was ordained a local deacon by Bishop Key in 1888; and was ordained an elder by Bishop Duncan in 1891. His active ministry covered a period of only 18 years, as he was placed on the supernumerary list at the Conference session of 1905 and on the superannuate list a few years later, which relation he continued to sustain to the Conference to the close of his life.

Following his retirement from the active work he established his home at Magnolia, where he continued to live until some four years ago when he moved to Texarkana where he finished his earthly pilgrimage Feb. 5, 1929. While living at Magnolia he was quite active for many years in supplying needy churches and charges in that section of the state. The people of Magnolia and of Columbia

County showed their high appreciation of him by electing him as their County Treasurer, which important office he filled for four years, with credit to himself and satisfaction to the citizens.

Brother Raiford was a warm-hearted, sweet-spirited, loveable man. Best of all he was genuinely and fervently religious. His ministry was fruitful in the conversion of sinners and the edification of believers. He lived the religion which he preached and all who knew him felt the impress of his earnest and unselfish spirit.

His final passing was peaceful and triumphant. He had longed to "depart and be with Christ." He knew that he had come to the end of the journey and with his wife and all of his living children about him, and his mind perfectly clear, he breathed his last as sweetly as an infant might fall asleep in its mother's arms.

We carried his body to Magnolia where he had lived so many years, and where he was known and loved by so many people. A large company of sorrowing friends came to the church that they might look once more on his familiar face and do honor to his memory. The writer of this memoir, who had known and loved him for more than forty years, conducted the funeral service, in which he was assisted by Brothers Freeman, Hoover, Armstrong, Holland, and Baker, after which the Masonic fraternity bore his body to the grave where the beautiful and impressive burial ritual of that order was read and his mortal remains committed to the grave. His body rests in that beautiful old cemetery where sleep the bodies of Charles B. Brinkley, James R. Harvey, and a great company of God's saints. His brethren of the Conference cherish his memory and expect to meet him again.—J. A. Sage.

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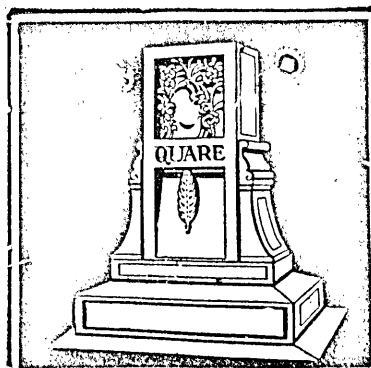
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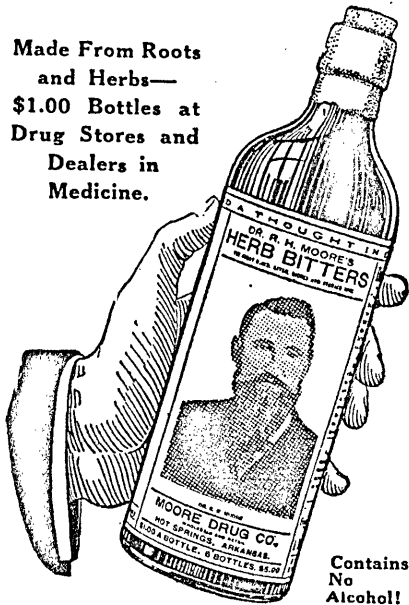
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A PSALM OF PRAISE

LESSON TEXT—Psalm 103:1-22.
GOLDEN TEXT—Bless the Lord, O my soul.
PRIMARY TOPIC—A Song of Praise.
JUNIOR TOPIC—A Song of Praise.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—The Privilege of Worshipping God.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Habit of Thankfulness.

This beautiful psalm of praise follows one of the importunate pleadings for help in time of great need. Andrew Bonar calls it "A Song of a Redeemed One by the Redeemer's Side." It is entirely given up to praise; not a single supplication being found in it.

I. Adoration for Personal Benefits (vv. 1-5).

The Psalmist calls upon his soul to bless God's holy name. Man's whole nature, intellectually and spiritually, is called upon to adore God. Note the benefits recognized by the Psalmist:

1. "Forgiveth all thine iniquities" (v. 3). Pardon of our sins is the most important of all God's benefits.

2. "Healeth all thy diseases" (v. 3). Healing here refers to that of the body and the soul. Renovation of the entire nature, especially the moral, follows forgiveness of sins.

3. "Redeemeth thy life from destruction" (v. 4). The sinner is in the position of a debtor. All the demands made against him because of his sins, were paid by Jesus Christ.

4. "Crowne thee with loving kindness" (v. 4). The redeemed one not only has forgiveness of sins, but is invested with the full rights of heavenly citizenship.

5. "Satisfieth thy mouth" (v. 5). When one enters into saving relationship with Christ he does not incur loss, but great gain. He is not deprived of any rights.

II. Praise for God's Excellencies (vv. 6-13).

The Psalmist now looks away from the benefits bestowed to the very quality of the being who bestowed them.

1. His justice (v. 6). "He executeth righteousness," God is always against the oppressor and on the side of the oppressed. This points to the time when Messiah's reign shall extend over the whole world.

2. He reveals Himself (v. 7). This He did in a peculiar way to Moses and the children of Israel. The very name Jehovah means Self-revealing One (Ex. 3:14). God created man in His likeness and image in order that He might not only reveal Himself, but that He might share His goodness with the creature.

3. Merciful and gracious (v. 8). As a sinner man needs pardon and favor. God in His mercy pardons the sinner who calls upon Him and through His grace He bestows favors upon him.

4. Not always contending (v. 9). God's love for His children moves Him to contend with them. When they turn from their sin, He ceases to chasten them. He holds no grudges. He forgets our stubborn follies as soon as we turn from them.

5. God's forgiveness (vv. 10-13).

This forgiveness is manifested in His not dealing with us according to our sins, in showing supreme mercy. In putting away sin as far as the East is from the West, and in fatherly pity. We usually think to praise God for what He has done. How much we ought to praise Him for what He has refrained from doing.

III. Man's Frailty and God's Eternity (vv. 14-19).

1. His frailty (vv. 14-16).

(1) He is but dust (v. 14). God constituted man's body out of the dust of the ground, therefore He knows his frailty. (2) His days are as grass (v. 15). He flourishes as the flower of the field. As the grass disappears under a blighting wind (v. 16), so a small blast from God will destroy man's life.

2. God's eternity (vv. 17-19). God's goodness and mercy are from everlasting to everlasting. This goodness and mercy He shows from generation to generation.

IV. Call to Universal Thanksgiving (vv. 20-22).

Since His dominion is over all, it calls for recognition by all.

1. Angels (v. 20). Intelligent spirits that bear His messages and go on His errands are called upon to praise and adore Him.

2. His hosts (v. 21). By hosts here is likely meant the sun, moon and stars. They are called upon to give Him due praise (Ps. 19:1).

3. His works (v. 22). Whatever He has done, whether in creation, providence or redemption, His works made known his goodness.

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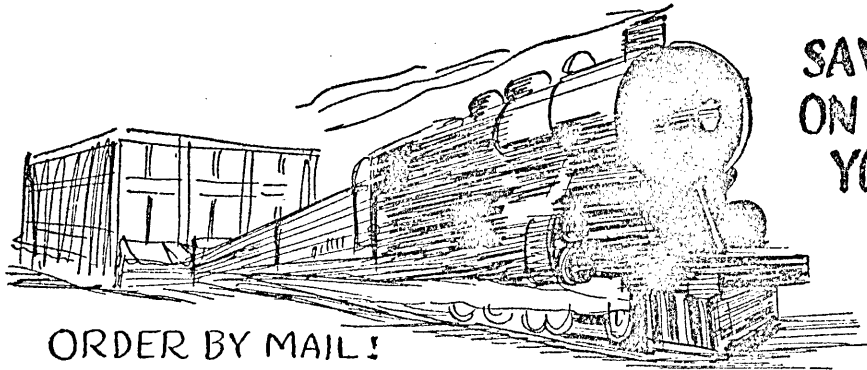
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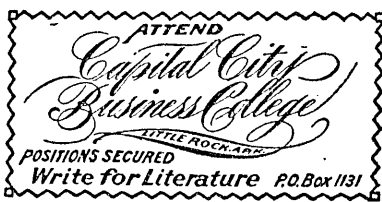


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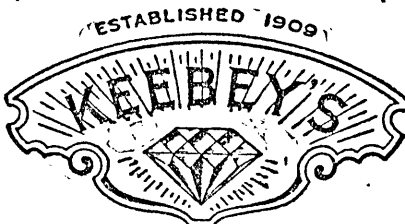
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