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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Parents who pamper their children hamper and hinder them instead of helping and strengthening them; hence parents should beware of devastating kindness.

As pruning enables the vine to produce better and more abundant fruit, so the loss of wealth and position may prepare the soul for greater fruitfulness and finer quality.

Jesus was interested in the bodies of men as well as their souls; consequently if we are his true followers, we should promote a ministry of healing for the body as well as preaching for the benefit of the soul.

Large giving out of abundance involves no sacrifice and merely keeps the giver honest before God; but liberal giving out of penury requires loss which enriches the soul and strengthens the cause of the Kingdom.

Overweight is a handicap and endangers the heart just as luxury weights the soul and imperils the spirit; consequently, just as physical reduction is beneficial to the body, so the lessening of luxury is profitable for the soul.

Just as a loving and wise parent chastises his child for its good, so our Heavenly Father must correct us for our welfare when we wander from the way of righteousness; hence we should not scorn his chastening, but profit by it.

A SHAMEFUL ATTACK ON THE CHURCH

IN the News and Observer, published at Raleigh, N. C., by Hon. Josephus Daniels, who was one of the laymen who brought charges against Bishop Cannon at Dallas, appears an editorial under the title "There Is No Vindication," which is virtually a libelous attack on our Church.

Referring to the recent investigation at Washington the editorial calls it a "star chamber" proceeding, and says: "Those ministers who gave their votes not to bring Cannon to trial, have proven recreant to a high duty." When all the circumstances are understood that language is "contempt of court," and if used of some civil court would probably draw a fine or even imprisonment. The Indiana Supreme Court sent an Anti-Saloon League superintendent to prison for saying far less.

The investigation at Washington was held in strict accord with the rules of the Church and if the proceedings had been made public would have been as much a violation of law and custom as would the publication of an investigation by a civil grand jury, which, in fact, it resembles. We know that Bishop Ainsworth, who presided, took unusual pains to get a fair committee and to conduct the investigation according to the law of the Church. Although not required to have counsel, Bishop Ainsworth invited Bishops McMurry and Darlington to sit with him. According to an article in the St. Louis Times, Bishop McMurry is reported to have said: "Bishop Darlington and I did not represent either side. We were invited by Bishop Ainsworth to advise him in legal matters, but all the opinions rendered were his and not ours. I heard all the evidence presented to the twelve men on the investigating committee and I do not see how it would have been possible for them to have reached any other conclusion than the one they reached."

We understand that the investigation revealed the fact that hired sleuths deliberately "framed-up" false evidence, and it is our opinion that Bishop Cannon has been the victim of a plot as diabolical as any ever hatched in hell. By this we do not mean that his ministerial accusers were consciously guilty of the "frame-up," but they were also duped by those who were seeking to destroy Bishop Cannon.

The investigation at Dallas was conducted by a

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committee of some 75 of the leaders of the Church and on it was an equal number of ministers and laymen. After Bishop Cannon acknowledged his mistake in engaging in stock transactions, they accepted his penitence and the General Conference accepted the conclusion of the committee. The accusers then sought to file a protest, and the General Conference refused to allow it to be filed. All of these things were according to law, and were done by men who are honored and respected throughout the Church. And yet this editorial announces: "Those who think this defeat of justice either 'clears Bishop Cannon' or ends the purpose of those who would relieve their church of this injury which his bucket-shop gambling and other offenses have brought upon it, do not understand the determination of many never to rest until the next General Conference forces the discredited bishop to a trial, which by pleas of persecution and sympathy, he has thus far escaped." And the man who is responsible for this editorial, if he did not himself write it, is a Sunday School teacher in a Methodist church. He is also a politician, and whether he knew of the "frame-up" or not, he ought to know that some of the politicians whom Bishop Cannon opposed are anxious to see Bishop Cannon's influence destroyed.

While it is nauseating to read such an editorial as the one under discussion, it is gratifying to read in the leading papers of almost all the denominations approval of the action of our church

MAY WE EXPECT ACTION?

MAY we expect prompt action in response to the call of Bishop Dobbs and the Presiding Elders for a circulation campaign? We are counting on our pastors either to undertake the work themselves or to provide an efficient organization to do it. If the Missionary Societies or the Epworth Leagues will do the work, they may get the commissions for the benefit of their organizations. We suggest that officers of these organizations confer with pastors and arrange to make the campaign. While it is true that we have been going through a period of severe financial stringency, still there are many of our people who have some money and are loyal and willing, if need be, to support all of the institutions of the Church. We also appeal to individual subscribers to look at the remarkable magazine combination offer and take advantage of it to get the best reading matter for all members of the household. These magazines will add features which we cannot well provide in our own paper. With them a family will be well supplied with secular literature of a high order. May we not expect a quick and liberal response?

authorities and contempt for those who have been hounding our Bishop who has the courage to fight the liquor traffic and all its works. We are publishing some of these editorial utterances so that our readers may know how other denominational leaders regard the case of Bishop Cannon.

WHAT WE HAVE ESCAPED

IN a recent address, Dr. C. J. Turck, president of Centre College, Ky., made the following statement: "There is in the State of Kentucky a special privilege that exists in defiance of the Constitution of this state. This special privilege has time and again reached into the legislative chambers of Kentucky and arranged legislation to suit itself. It has tampered with elections and primaries. It has tricked prosecuting attorneys. It has elected the last two governors of Kentucky. It has so infected and undermined the financial structure of one of Kentucky's greatest banking institutions as to contribute to the most devastating financial disaster in the history of our Commonwealth. I refer, of course, to the Kentucky Jockey Club with its special privilege of race-track gambling."

Any one who knows the situation realizes that the above is a correct description of conditions in Kentucky where the law allows race-track gambling under the pari-mutuel system, the same system which its friends have been trying to legalize in Arkansas. Fortunately, it was defeated two years ago by Governor Parnell's veto, and this year by the strong moral leadership in our Legislature. So far we have escaped the conditions described above; but persistent efforts have been made and will be made to get such a system in Arkansas. It should be prevented by the election to the Legislature of high-class men who cannot be bought, cajoled, or intimidated. This year efforts have been made to get race-track gambling in Missouri, Oklahoma, and Texas, but up to this date the efforts have failed. Let us be on guard, and see that such infamy is not fastened on our fair state. It now seems highly probable that the series of bank failures which have almost ruined Arkansas, Kentucky, and Tennessee, had its origin in this nefarious practice in Kentucky. There is a fatal connection between immoral practices. If we allow one kind of immorality, the ground is prepared for others. Sunday baseball and Sunday movies may prepare Arkansas for a moral decline that will later develop in other activities. Let us beware of the first step in moral declension.

ANOTHER factor that is working a ferment in our rural, social and religious life is the automobile and good roads. As a consequence, in many neighborhoods, the Sabbath day is no longer generally regarded as God's day and God's time for man's worship; rather it is thought of and used as a commonly accepted holiday for picnics. . . . As Sabbath draws near the one question before the family circle is, "Where shall we go this Sunday?" If there is no place else inviting, perhaps they will attend public worship. But the big anticipation for Sabbath is the Sunday ride. Sabbath hours are no longer overcast with a halo light of holy joy that comes with fellowship with the Lord.—E. B. Townsend in Presbyterian Banner.

REV. ALEXANDER J. REID, in charge of evangelistic work at Wembo Nyama station in the Congo Mission, has in his possession a huge pile of trinkets and witch doctor charms that the natives on his circuit have given up at the altar during recent evangelistic meetings. In these meetings one witch doctor was herself converted and gave up all her charms and witchcraft.

METHODIST EVENTS.

L. R. Conf. W. M. Meeting, at Texarkana, Apr. 7-9.
N. Ark. Conf. W. M. Meeting, at Jonesboro, Apr. 7-10.
Arkadelphia Dist. Conf., at Malvern, Apr. 14-15.
Paragould Dist. Conf., at Imboden, Apr. 21-22.
Pine Bluff Dist. Conf., at Carr Memorial, P. B., Apr. 21-22.
Batesville Dist. Conf., at Tuckerman, Apr. 28-29.

Personal and Other Items

DR. JAS. A. ANDERSON announces that the District Conference for Jonesboro District will be held at First Church, Jonesboro, beginning April 30 at 9 o'clock a. m.

IF any pastor needs help in revival meetings, Rev. Norris Greer, North Arkansas Conference evangelist, would be pleased to help regardless of financial conditions. Address him at Jonesboro.

REV. B. L. WILFORD wishes his correspondents to know that his address is Swifton and not Alicia. Much of his mail is delayed by going to the latter place. He has just begun a meeting at Alicia.

REV. J. C. WILLIAMS is having trouble about his mail. He says that many of his friends are addressing him at Lockesburg and letters are delayed. He wants them to know that he is at Montrose.

SENDING in a nice list of subscribers, Rev. R. L. Long, our pastor at Bauxite, writes: "Everything is going fairly well at Bauxite along every line. We had our Missionary Cultivation Period and arranged for the offering."

REV. W. J. LeROY, Lake Street, Blytheville, has undergone a very serious operation for appendicitis, and is recovering nicely in the Methodist Hospital, Memphis. He had a close call, having no knowledge of the situation till it was almost too late.

JUDGE J. F. JOHNSON, mayor of Lake City, and a leading layman of the Jonesboro District, passed away on March 14. Blood poisoning from a seemingly insignificant pimple took him off. He will be greatly missed at Lake City. So writes one of his good friends.

A gift of \$25,000 from Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Frisette of St. Louis to Central College, Fayette, Mo., is intended to help finish the \$150,000 college church. It is hoped the building may be ready for dedication on the occasion of the 75th anniversary ceremonies May 24-26.

IN a letter from Rochester, Minn., Rev. Wm. Sherman, our pastor at Fayetteville, writes that he has brought his wife there for clinical examination. She has been in poor health for several years, but he hopes for good results from treatment at the Mayo Brothers' Hospital.

OUR Methodist hospital at Tunda station in the Methodist Episcopal Congo Mission recently received government recognition. For the past three years correspondence with the government authorities has been going on with a view to obtaining this recognition for the hospital and for Dr. W. B. Lewis, physician in charge. The fact that it has finally been secured is considered a great step forward. For the new year Dr. Lewis is hoping to obtain for the work the aid that is usually given by the Belgian Government to hospitals that are recognized.

DR. CHAS. W. PIPKIN, a graduate of Henderson-Brown College and of Oxford University, and son of Rev. E. M. Pipkin, who has been for some years in the faculty of the Louisiana State University, has been recently promoted to the position of dean of the graduate school of that university.

REV. PAUL V. GALLOWAY, our pastor at Joiner, writes that his church attendance has so increased that he needs fifty new hymn-books. Sunday night every pew was used and that is not unusual. It is a singing congregation. If any church wishes to dispose of its old Cokesbury Hymnals, Brother Galloway would be pleased to receive information.

BY an odd aberration, in last week's issue, De Funiack Springs was referred to as in Alabama when it should have been Florida. The error doubtless was due to the fact that the Florida gift was directed to an Alabama hospital. This direction of the gift is doubtless due to the fact that the western part of Florida is in the Alabama Conference.

DR. H. K. TAYLOR, Director of the Extension School of S. M. U., spoke at student assembly Tuesday, March 17, on "Why Am I for Prohibition?" Among the reasons he gave for opposing the liquor traffic were the following: It "has always been against young people," and it "deprives the boy or girl of the chance of an education." "Had the soldiers who were in France, fighting for a noble cause been here, this act for prohibition would have been passed just the same." In conclusion, Dr. Taylor read statements from deans and presidents of representative universities, showing the falsity of the idea that drinking among college students has increased since prohibition went into effect, and proving that it has actually decreased.

REV. B. A. McKNIGHT and wife of Weldon are to be congratulated on the success of their sons. Note the following: Rev. P. J. McKnight has been re-elected head of the education department of Faine College, Augusta, Ga. He is an A. B. of Henderson-Brown and a B. D. of S. M. U., and is the youngest man to hold that position. He will attend Peabody Teachers College during the summer. Rev. T. E. McKnight, aged 21, has received the highest honors in the State Debate Tournament and was awarded the key with diamond inset. He is a senior in Henderson State Teachers College. Milton McKnight, the oldest son, will soon close a successful year as superintendent of Gilham School, and will ask for license to preach at the Searcy District Conference. Is not that a fine record for one preacher's family?

AN item in the College Profile, Hendrix College student journal, calls to mind the fact that forty years ago the College Y. M. C. A. sent Dr. O. E. Goddard, then a student, to the Student Volunteer Convention at Cleveland, Ohio. After his graduation and marriage he became a missionary to China. Later he returned and became a great missionary and evangelistic pastor. In 1918 he became Home Missionary Secretary of the General Board of Missions and in 1926 became Foreign Missionary Secretary, which position he still holds. He is recognized as an authority on Missions and Evangelism and has made a distinguished record. He can present a missionary message to a Conference more briefly and effectively than any secretary the Church has ever had. Many of his friends were disappointed when

he declined at Hot Springs in 1922 to be considered for the bishopric, but it seems that in the providence of God he has been able to render more effective service for the Kingdom in other fields.

COMBINED agricultural and gospel summer schools, which have been inaugurated in the Uwajima circuit of Japan under the auspices of the Rev. J. W. Frank, are proving a great success. Not only has much valuable agricultural information been distributed among the farmers of this mountainous region, but many of these farming people have heard the gospel for the first time, and already a few of these young farmers have been baptized.

IF such a selfish and unjust attack as the cotton and grain exchanges and merchants are making on the Agricultural Marketing Act does not arouse every farmer in the country to come to its support, then they will have no right to again ask for legislation for the aid or protection of agriculture. We hope that every reader of The Progressive Farmer and Southern Ruralist who thinks the Agricultural Marketing Act an attempt to help farmers to solve one of their many problems, will in no uncertain way let Congress know that they will not tolerate any tampering with this act and the Farm Board's operations under it, until it has been thoroughly tried out.—The Progressive Farmer and Southern Ruralist.

THERE are many good men in the Legislature who did all in their power to prevent the passage of bills permitting immoral practices. We wish that we could name all of them and give them credit, but that would be difficult. However, it is proper to say that our two ministerial brethren in the House, Revs. J. M. Talkington and J. B. Evans, were especially helpful in fighting the bills for race-track gambling, Sunday baseball and movies, and the weakening of our prohibition laws, and in the Senate special appreciation is due Senators Atkins, Bailey, Mitchell, and Purkins. If more men of their type were in the Legislature the public would have little to fear from immoral legislation. If we chose to do so, we could name three or four in each House who were responsible for most of the bills that would legalize immorality.

ANNOUNCEMENT has been made of the retirement of Rev. J. B. Stevenson from his pastoral charge at Atkins on account of failing health. He and his wife will go to live with their daughter at Conway, and an appointment to fill his place will soon be announced. This news will bring a pang of sadness to his thousands of friends all over the state; because in his almost fifty years of service he has ministered to a host of people who have learned to love and honor him. Filling leading stations and Districts in the North Arkansas Conference, Brother Stevenson has been one of its most useful members. Loving and sweet-spirited, always busy about his Master's business, ready to serve anywhere he was needed, growing old gracefully, Brother Stevenson is one of the finest types of the present-day itinerant preacher. We hope he may improve and long be spared to bless those with whom he is associated.

CIRCULATION REPORT

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The Challenge of 100% Adjustment

Have you considered what it will mean for the Board of Finance to receive a report on adjusted quota from every Charge in the entire Church? If not, consider the following:

1. It would make it possible for the Board to publish in the 1931 minutes of the Annual Conferences the amount (as adjusted) that can be expected from each Charge during the current quadrennium.
2. It would enable the Board to concentrate its effort for collection upon the Charges that agree to pay something, and save the useless motion of such effort upon other Charges.
3. It would so clarify the whole situation with reference to Superannuate Endowment unpaid quota balances that the future welfare of this very worthy movement would be greatly enhanced.

If you have not been co-operating to achieve a 100% adjustment, please begin at once to do whatever you can to accomplish it. Right now is the time to do whatever we expect to attempt touching the matter.

Long, 8; Lamar, B. L. Harris, 1; Hatfield, F. C. Cannon, 1; Fayetteville, Wm. Sherman, 1; Greenwood, W. J. Faust, 3; Austin Ct., J. G. Gieck, 1; Portland, J. D. Montgomery, 2; Russellville, R. C. Morehead, 1; Ebenezer Church, El Dorado Ct., G. L. Cagle, 6; Pine Bluff Ct., L. T. Rogers, 1; Carthage, W. T. Hopkins, 2. This good work is encouraging. Let others put on their campaign promptly. Let us see what can be done by May 1.

THE NINETY-DAY DIVORCE LAW

BECAUSE it is believed that many of our best citizens resent the ignominy brought on our state by the enactment of a law by our Legislature which reduces to ninety days the period of residence required of a non-resident to procure a divorce, and because it is possible to have the law referred to a vote of the people, it has been decided to hold a mass meeting in this city on Sunday, March 29, at 3:00 p. m., at the First Presbyterian Church, corner of Eighth and Scott Streets.

At that time it is expected that an organization will be effected to circulate petitions and carry on the campaign necessary to defeat this undesirable measure. Under our Constitution, if the emergency clause is not attached, petitions signed by one-sixth of the number of votes cast for governor, if filed with the Secretary of State within ninety days after adjournment of the Legislature, will prevent the measure from becoming a law unless it is approved by a vote of the people at the next regular election. As it will require less than 9,000 signatures, it is confidently expected that a sufficient number will be obtained; but as the time is short, prompt action must be had.

Citizens who approve of the referendum from all over the state are invited to attend. Those who cannot attend but who wish to help by ac-

tributions to the expense fund or service in circulating petitions, should address A. C. Millar, 1018 Scott Street, Little Rock, and report will be made to the organization. Let us do our part to redeem the good name of our state and rebuke those who would sell it for money.

MOTHER, HOME AND HEAVEN

AFTER a happy pilgrimage of 94 years, Mother, who had made a true home for me on earth, has gone to her final home in heaven. Born near Pittsburgh, Pa., January 23, 1837, Mrs. Ellen Caven Millar, was among the youngest of the sixteen children of Major Wm. Caven, a farmer, salt manufacturer, and builder of roads, who was a major of militia and sheriff of Allegheny County. June 27, 1860, she married Wm. J. Millar, son of a Maryland family and coal operator of some wealth. Losing most of this fortune on account of his Southern connections, they moved to Missouri and took up the life of a pioneer farmer in Linn County. She endured the hardships without a murmur, made a real home, and brought her children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. She had one brother who became a lawyer and was four times mayor of Indianapolis, and another brother who became a high railroad official. There were five children, but two died in infancy. The three sons all received collegiate education. Charles became a Presbyterian minister and missionary in Mexico and is now pastor at large of Butler Presbytery. George, who died thirty years ago, was a professor in Hendrix College. Reaching an age when it was difficult to carry on the work of the farm Mother and Father came to live with me. Father died twenty years ago. Mother, after a brief illness, passed to her home in heaven March 20. She had the equivalent of a high-school education and was a reader and student almost to the last. Quiet and rather

Contributions

AN EARNEST APPEAL

We earnestly crave the enthusiastic support and sympathetic cooperation of every pastor in the Little Rock Annual Conference at this time in completing the quota adjustment for Superannuate Endowment. A large number of charges have not taken formal action on this important matter as yet. It is very necessary that we make the adjustment and report immediately to Rev. L. E. Todd, D. D., St. Louis, Missouri.

We who are on the firing line, drawing salaries on the first and fifteenth, or every thirty days, cannot fully appreciate the need of the wayworn, handicapped soldier, "Superannuate" with corroded gun and broken sword resting on his arm, waiting for his annual allowance at the end of the year.

To us it has always been a great privilege, indeed a joy, to work for this worthy cause. It is done through sheer gratitude, and in sincere appreciation of the heroic efforts of our dear old superannuates and their their Godly wives and the gracious mothers in Israel.

The service rendered by the unselfish men and women cannot be measured by gold. Of course, the deeds done by the servants of God are far more abiding than material wealth. Consequently we cannot seek to repay them for the good they have accomplished. We are seeking only to make the twilight hours of their earthly pilgrimage smoother and happier.

Jesus gave a new rule by which greatness was to be tested when He said: "He that would be greatest among you, let him be the servant of all."

Perhaps no other group of men have sought more diligently to interpret this word of Christ than Methodist preachers.

The service of the minister of Christ who is now come to the day of superannuation, cannot be put down in figures and statements. The message of life which he has spoken; the men and women whose lives he has influenced for good; the young people to whom he has been an inspiration and example; the desolate homes to which he has brought hope and cheer; all this, and much more that he has done, rises in values beyond the terms of earthly coinage.

Brethren of the Little Rock Annual Conference, let us meet this holy responsibility courageously. An endowment fund is the only logical and practical way of meeting the needs of the aged minister and the widow of the deceased preacher.

If you have not taken formal action as to the adjustment of the quota for your charge, kindly do so at your next quarterly Conference.—John G. Glenn, Conference Director.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the Presiding Elders and the Members of the Second Quarterly Conference—Greeting:

Since the First Quarterly Conference is crowded with financial matters, such as fixing the pastor's salary and apportioning the Conference Claims, it may not have been convenient or practical at that time to consider the matter of adjusting the unpaid balance of the Superannuate Endowment Pledge made seven years ago. But since the Second Quarterly Conference is not so crowded with financial questions and business, may we not at this time fully and prayerfully consider this matter as the General Conference has directed us to do? And we should not think of it as a new pledge, but only the adjustment of a pledge made seven years

reserved, she felt it her supreme duty to make a Christian home, teaching her children the Bible and Catechism and advising them wisely throughout life. Becoming a member of her father's church, she remained a Presbyterian through life, but was so tolerant that she rejoiced when I became a Methodist and when I announced that I wished to become a preacher she said that she had long prayed that I might be called to the ministry of the gospel of her Christ. Sweet-spirited and kind, she had no enemies, but a multitude of friends. Liberal toward God, she gave according to her means to the causes that appealed to her. She was a genuine Christian, reading her Bible and meditating on its precepts daily almost to her last day. Her faith never wavered. She never grew impatient, and never criticized unjustly. When she lived on the college campus, she was a mother to the students and tried to help them in every possible way. She stood behind me in all my undertakings and by her faith in God and in me helped me to do my work. While she could discipline, she never spoke an unkind nor uncharitable word. She was the type of mother who makes a home heaven on earth. Except for two years, my home was with her or her home was with me during my whole life. I shall miss her. I know that life without her will be different; but I rejoice because I know where she is and that it will be my holy privilege to join her some sweet day. To me, and I think to all whom she touched, her life was a benediction and her memory will keep us in the way that leads Home. Monday, after a sweet service conducted by Dr. James Thomas and Dr. W. C. Martin, the body was carried to Conway and laid beside those others who had gone before. At the grave Rev. J. M. Workman and Dr. C. J. Greene held an appropriate service. Farewell, dear Mother, till we meet in the home of many mansions.—A. C. M.

ago to these worthy old ministers and the widows and orphans.

Let's not be hasty. I know that our custom is to charge off the unpaid salary at the close of the Conference year, yea, this is the law of our church. And that is why many of these old men are now penniless. Their salaries were never paid in full. Let's be different as to this matter.

Let's have 100 per cent adjustments in our North Arkansas Conference. Let's also promise a certain definite amount that we shall try to raise this year, 1931. "We are brothers; now let's be pals also." Fraternally, H. Lynn Wade, Conf. Director.

"LEST WE FORGET" AND OTHER VIEWS

In this paper, under date of Feb. 26 last, was an article, under the heading "Lest We Forget," written by my good friend, Rev. R. H. Cannon. The contention of Brother Cannon is that inadequate salaries for pastors in his Conference might become more nearly sufficient and equalized should the pastors receiving the larger salaries initiate the procedure to secure the needed adjustments in pastoral compensation. He thinks the underpaid pastor is a result of our "system."

This writer, having served fifteen years as a Methodist pastor, six years as a local preacher and as a "supply," getting for several years an average salary of around \$350, may be permitted a hearing on some personal views of this interest of our church.

Let us be reminded that according to our Discipline and usage, the laity constitute the final authority in assessing and paying the salaries of their pastors. Is it not proper, then, that the whole matter of pastoral stipend be presented to our laity for their study and adjustment?

In some pastorates the average lay income is larger and the lay standard of living is higher. Where that status obtains it follows naturally that pastors serving such parishioners are allowed larger salaries. In a church constituency living under economic stress and limitation the laity are not convinced that the pastor's income should exceed their average assets.

Every legitimate and worthwhile calling and profession has religious possibilities and functions. Every essential phase of normal human life is made divinely vital and exists to fulfill definite divine purposes in the life and destiny of man. The teacher, the physician, the journalist, the farmer, the merchant, the manufacturer, each has a mission to humanity as worthy for its special contribution to the whole round of human welfare as that of the Christian pastor. Is it possible in an evolving, changing world order to make rigid standardizations for the income of the various essential professions?

No organization nor ecclesiastical procedure can ignore nor blot out certain stubbornly persistent personal differences in the efficiency, personality, and preparation of the general supply of pastors. Some licensed lawyers have much "book learning," but they cannot produce an argument to win the verdict of a jury; some teachers have a string of academic degrees, but eccentricities keep them in smaller and less important positions; some farmers with a large tract of fertile land fail to make a living on it; some merchants fail because of unattractive stores and out-of-date methods.

I venture to say that a careful study of all of the pertinent facts in the life history and record of every pastor in your Conference, including Conference members and supplies, making candid comparisons of such features as age on entering the ministry, educational capacity and academic training, whole or part time devoted to the work of the ministry, aggressiveness and diligence shown at work, personal consecration, natural aptitude, etc., will reveal the reason for Brother A's salary at \$500 and Brother B's at \$3,000. Of course, such a study would not show the reason for every difference in income, but it would show a conclusive cause for many differences in the living conditions of our pastors.

Should your Conference or the pastors of your Conference proceed by formal agreements to "level down" or "level up" the average pastoral compensation, would you not be faced with two quite certain and unavoidable possibilities: A lessened stimulation to thorough preparation for an exclusive devotion to the pastoral calling while increasing the allowance of pastors who are on the whole less adapted to and less prepared for the minister's sacred and pre-eminent task?

The Church of Christ has been established long enough in this good land to warrant the position that these United States are not an unevangelized and "mission" area. The face of our landscape is dotted with churches. Let people who take pastoral service learn to pay for it. When you deprive them of any part of that responsibility you arbitrarily take from them an important means of growth in grace. Put the responsibility for organizing pastoral charges, not on any minister or small group of ministers, but on the ranks of the laity, where it justly belongs.

As a pastor, I am now receiving less than \$1,000 a year; yet I go gladly thirty-five miles four days a week to a school for ministers, where I may improve my usefulness as a minister. If I were ever allowed a salary ranging within the "big end of the salary scale," I could cheerfully and with good grounds give part of my income to help meet the expenses of those preaching the Gospel to churchless and unevangelized peoples in any part of our world, but I would not devote one cent of it to pay a part of the salary of pastors in this highly favored land, or those parts of it, long evangelized and well or at least sufficiently supplied with Christian churches.

Why not challenge the laity with facts about pastoral salary? Submit all relevant data to men's Bible classes, local Brotherhoods, boards of lay activities, or select commissions of leading lay members. Let us commit this matter to our interested laity for their analysis and suggested solution before we get too one-sided and self-assertive about it. There is a tendency to make of our Church too much a "preacher church." The pastors are a small minority of our great constituency. Pastors are servants and leaders. Ultimate authority and decision devolves upon our laity. They hear or endure our sermons, build houses for us to occupy, and provide us the necessities of life. I want to hear from our laity on this question. It is their problem. They accept and employ us pastors just as they engage their dentists, teachers, lawyers, etc.—R. P. James, Waxahachie, Texas.

THE BISHOP CANNON CASE

The committee of twelve elders appointed by Bishop W. N. Ainsworth to investigate charges preferred by four elders against Bishop James Cannon Jr., after an investigation held in Mt. Vernon Church, Washington, D. C., and that continued through five days, rendered its verdict:

"We find no trial necessary"—this being the form prescribed by the law of the Church for the statement of a verdict which in this case meant acquittal.

This investigation was brought under the following Church statute:

"Question: What provision is made for the trial of a bishop, if he should be accused of immorality in the interval of the General Conference?"

"Answer: When a bishop shall be under report, or be accused of immorality, three traveling elders shall, after notice to him, carefully inquire into the case, and if they believe an investigation necessary they shall report the matter to another bishop; and it shall be his duty to call together at some convenient place not less than twelve traveling elders, and also the witnesses by whom the accusation is expected to be established; and the said elders shall be a committee for the investigation of the charge against the bishop. If two-thirds of them believe a trial necessary, they shall suspend him till the next session of General Conference."

Bishop Ainsworth with whom the complaints were lodged, as the law directed, appointed the following committee:

H. B. Porter of the North Carolina Conference, pastor of Grace Church, Wilmington; T. C. Herbert of the South Carolina Conference, pastor of Bethel Church, Charleston; R. E. Stackhouse, of the Upper South Carolina Conference, executive secretary of Christian Education; A. M. Hughlett of the Florida Conference, pastor of First Church, Clearwater; W. L. Duren of the North Georgia Conference, presiding elder Griffin District; E. M. Overby of the South Georgia Conference, pastor, Waynesboro; W. E. Arnold of the Kentucky Conference, pastor, Shelbyville; B. P. Taylor of the Western Virginia Conference, pastor, First Church, Charleston; A. T. McIlwain of the North Mississippi Conference, Conference director of Superannuate Endowment; R. H. Harper of the Louisiana Conference, district secretary of Christian Education; W. P. Whaley of the North Arkansas Conference, pastor, Searcy; and J. S. Barends of the North Texas Conference, presiding elder of the Sulphur Springs District.

Those twelve men were from West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Texas, Kentucky, Tennessee and all parts of the South, so that they might be free from local influences and prejudices; none of them were members of the last General Conference; and they were unknown to each other until they assembled in the jury room, which was the first time most of them had ever met; furthermore, they were all leaders in their respective Conferences and had been trusted and honored by their brethren and by the people whom they served as gospel ministers. Was there ever before such a jury assembled for the trial of a case? And who is Bishop Ainsworth? A man who has for three score years lived and labored as a trusted servant. A good

part of this time he has dwelt in the white light of publicity without a flaw being revealed in his moral character. Such was the churchman who assembled this remarkable jury and presided over the case.

The unanimous verdict rendered by that committee of unimpeachable character is not only final, legally, but becomes final and acceptable to all fair-minded people.

As we do not expect to revert again to this much discussed case of Bishop Cannon, it seems proper that we should add that the Committee on Episcopacy of the General Conference last May in Dallas, the duty of which is to examine into all complaints lodged against any of the bishops of the church, gave careful consideration to the case of Bishop Cannon. This committee is composed of that minister and that layman of each Annual Conference receiving the largest vote when elected a member of the General Conference. The committee is, therefore, more largely representative of the entire Church than any other committee of the General Conference. To this committee through all the years of our history has been committed the care of the bishops. The committee is called the Committee on Episcopacy because its work is related directly to the episcopacy of the Church.

This committee, after investigation, passed the character of Bishop Cannon as it did the character of Bishop Candler, Bishop Denny and all the rest of the College of Bishops. When



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several members of the Conference who were not pleased with the action of this great representative committee of the Church sought to lodge with the General Conference a protest to the action of the committee the General Conference by an overwhelming majority rejected the proffered protest, thereby making it clear that the Conference was in accord with the action of its greatest committee.

All these actions of the Church were judicial in their character and it was not proper to attempt to try pending cases in the newspapers and thereby seek to influence the actions of said judicial bodies. This explains why the Advocate has been silent on these questions. We are now only giving an insight into the character of the personnel of these bodies which exercise judicial functions, but we do not hesitate to say that this Advocate is not only loyal to the courts of the Church, but abides by their decisions without a murmur. We believe in the majesty of the law, both civil and ecclesiastical, and stand steadfastly by the decisions of our courts.—North Carolina Conference.

NO TRIAL FOUND NECESSARY IN THE CASE OF BISHOP JAMES CANNON JR.

The committee of twelve elders sitting as an investigating committee hearing and weighing evidence in charges that had been brought some months ago against Bishop Cannon, by four ministers of the Methodist Church, Bishop W. N. Ainsworth, chairman of the College of Bishops, presiding, after five days hearings at

Mt. Vernon Place Methodist Church, Washington, D. C., found no trial necessary.

No more representative committee could well have been formed and none found more impartially and intelligently to weigh all evidence pro and con in the charges which are said to have involved six different heads and some forty-six specifications.

The conclusion reached automatically restores Bishop Cannon and precludes renewal of these charges previous to the meeting of the next General Conference in 1934.

Bishop Cannon, who has been suffering for some three months from an acute attack of arthritis, announces simply that he will take a rest now seeking to regain health and strength.

May we hope that all will give the whole question a rest. The conclusion reached by this committee should be accepted by the Church as showing that what has been published by the papers has been one-sided, that there is another side the public has never had and could not have without sitting in judicially through the hearing at the General Conference last May by some ninety-six representatives of the Church, and again at Mount Vernon Place Church, Washington, where twelve men heard all evidence against the Bishop in support of the charges, heard his reply without witnesses, which should make all the stronger their conclusion, and reached a conclusion that there was no warrant in the evidence upon which to base a trial. It is certainly to be hoped that the newspapers, especially that part

of the press that has been so zealously making first page news in a presentation of matters concerning the Bishop, which now appear more as persecution than we have thought.—Southern Christian Advocate.

A BAPTIST EDITOR'S VIEW OF BISHOP CANNON

More than four years ago, when Bishop Cannon became prominent in his opposition to the liquor interests of America, some of his brethren who knew him said he is the equal mentally of any man in the country. Events that have since transpired more than justify this high esteem in which he is held by a great Church. The patience of the public is strained and it will be the part of good generalship for a large section of the secular press and others interested in embarrassing, if not in ruining a most useful man, to beat a hasty retreat. The bishop has held their feet to the fire and many a good battle seems left in him; for he is escaped from his enemies as a bird from the hunter. The future will find him on the firing line and he will continue to be a target for those who wish to destroy the Prohibition Amendment.—Christian Index.

BISHOP CANNON'S EXONERATION

The M. E. Church, South, and the country at large is to be congratulated at the outcome of the careful, dignified process by which that church officially investigated charges against one of its bishops. Possibly the men who brought the charges actually rendered a real service. At any

rate there were many suspiciously-minded Southern Methodists and others who were doing much harm by whispering about "where there is so much smoke there must be fire" as if they had never heard of smoke screens and had never learned from experience that when a man courageously opposes evil someone is sure to try to "dig up something against him." At any rate, without noise or splutter, with out any mock heroics or newspaper publicity, a great church chose by legal process a group of totally disinterested men who investigated with patience and came to the conclusion that there was no evidence adequate to justify a trial of the bishop. Would that all churches in all such cases could and did follow so wise and Christian a course. Congratulations to all concerned.—Presbyterian Advance.

BISHOP McMURRY TOOK PART IN CANNON INVESTIGATION

Complete exoneration of Bishop James Cannon, Jr., militant prohibition leader of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, by the 12 ministers from widely separated sections of the church, was the only course in the opinion of Bishop W. F. McMurry.

Bishop McMurry whose name did not appear in the news dispatches from Washington during the hearing, was invited by Bishop W. N. Ainsworth of Birmingham, Ala., to sit on the bench with him as counsellor or friend of the court. On the other side was Bishop U. V. W. Darlington of Huntington, W. Va.

"Bishop Darlington and I did not represent either side," explained the

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Missouri bishop. "We were invited by Bishop Ainsworth to advise him in legal matters, but all opinions rendered were his and not ours."

Speaking of the decision of "no trial necessary" Bishop McMurry said:

"I heard all the evidence presented to the 12 men on the investigating committee and I do not see how that it would have been possible for them to have reached any other conclusion than the one they reached."

Methodist leaders in St. Louis had not known that Missouri's only representative in the College of Bishops was taking an important role in the Cannon trial. His is regarded as the keenest legal mind among the bishops and one of the most difficult to combat in any kind of ecclesiastical judiciary.

Prior to going to Washington for the hearing, Bishop McMurry campaigned in the interest of the Kingdom Extension movement of the Southern Methodist Church and delivered 20 addresses under auspices of the General Conference Commission on Benevolence.—L. M. Aldridge in the St. Louis Times.

BISHOP JAMES CANNON, JR.

We will not conceal our pleasure in the relief of our friend from the attainder of a decision against him. He is a man of the highest executive ability, a graduate of Princeton at twenty-five, and of Princeton Theological Seminary. He was twenty-four years, president of a college, and editor of the Richmond Christian Advocate for fourteen concurrent years. In those years he was a man of the most invincible courage, who in the presence of any number of antagonists representing any amount of pressure, never lowered his sword hand. Scarcely in our acquaintance have we known one who could so stand and hold his own as a minority of one as this man.

When elected bishop he was known and feared as a champion of Prohibition. His helmet could always been seen where the blows were heaviest. He had not rescinded that place by virtue of his great office; but has stood with the band, no matter how small, which drew their sword from their scabbards to battle, no matter how many, for the common life—for God, for home, for this mother land.

We were one with those who sincerely regretted his speculation on Wall Street. The General Conference at Dallas in 1930 rebuked and condemned that. The committee on episcopacy ordered him brought to trial. Bishop Cannon stepped to the front of the platform and with sincerity and emotion acknowledged that error. Whereupon the General Conference having gone on record in unqualified condemnation of the principle and the fault acknowledged Bishop Cannon's statement and accepted it and passed his ministerial character. In view of the declaration by the General Conference on such or any stock speculating, and the passing of his character, the committee on episcopacy voted to rescind its action to bring Bishop Can-

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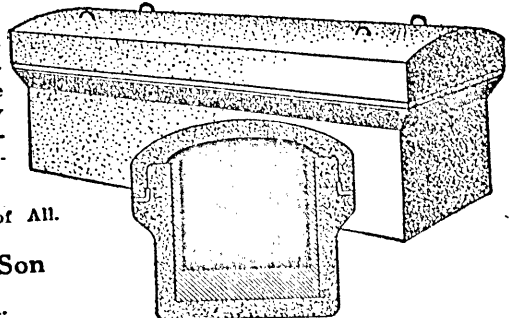
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non to trial. Thus the bishop went out of the General Conference with its good will.

The good will is again accented by this decision of a select number of eminent ministers, jealous for the church, jealous also for the right and recognition of a leader and executive who has all too few equals in this country.—Central Christian Advocate.

BISHOP CANNON EXONERATED AGAIN

A board of inquiry consisting of 12 traveling elders of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has investigated formal charges made against Bishop James Cannon, Jr., of that denomination and has found that these charges were not substantiated by the evidence and that formal trial is not required.

The board of inquiry functioned as a grand jury and had the charges made against the bishop been supported by testimony and other evidence indicating probability of guilt, Bishop Cannon would have been suspended from his office and tried in 1934 at the sessions of the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Several days were consumed in the inquiry and the accusers of the bishop were afforded every opportunity to support their charges, which consisted of 48 specifications. These specifications were answered severally and in detail by the accused.

It is to be hoped that the exoneration of Bishop Cannon on this occasion will result in the cessation of the merciless and persistent attacks upon him. He has been subjected to the most serious proceedings under the strictest ecclesiastical law and he has been found not guilty.

It is the firm conviction of many millions of people that Bishop Cannon had been the victim of persecution, relentless and unscrupulous. His enemies have at their disposal millions of dollars. They command great agencies of publicity. They have obviously been animated by political and class motives.

Honest and fair men are increasingly restive because of methods used in the effort to destroy the reputation and influence of citizens. They do not approve the buying of correspondence, the looting of files, the trailing of public men by detectives. They resent the efforts to entrap the relatives of those who lead public opinion, the attempts to break up homes, the buying of testimony and the production of documents which must be regarded with grave suspicion.

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God has made well
The place where we dwell.—G. W. Vick, Jr., in N. C. Christian Advocate.

"DESPICABLE YOUTH"

Paul said to the young man Timothy, "Let no man despise thy youth." People are not usually going to despise us unless we give them cause to do so. Few of us are hated without a cause. When people do hate us there is usually a reason and we are responsible for the reason. To a pretty large degree we choose our enemies, few or many, at will.

The young people of today are the most talked about people in the world. Not all the things that are being said are good things. Many of the statements would lead us to believe that their authors have some hatred in their hearts for youth.

One of the reasons this age is bitter toward youth, sometimes, is because of youth's openly asserted independence. A conservative degree of independence is certainly commendable, but an extreme in this regard is dangerous just as all extremes are. We cannot safely declare our independence of all conventions. We cannot safely declare our independence of our older friends. We need the wisdom and caution of maturity to hold us in check. We need some of the old-time customs and conventions to hold us back from the brink of the precipice. We, who call ourselves modern, and especially who call ourselves modern youth, are likely to often look upon the old-fashioned as being out-of-date. We cannot afford to discard everything that is "old-fashioned." Let us not forget that God is "old-fashioned;" that religion is "old-fashioned;" morality is "old-fashioned." Never throw away the old until you are sure that you have something new that is better.

Then, too, age seems to scorn us often because they see danger in our "reckless pace." Age knows the danger of speed better than youth. Speed characterizes the youth of today. There is a rate of speed beyond which it is unsafe to travel. The difficulty is that we are likely to stop too quick but not soon enough. The world is our playground. The radio brings all corners of the globe to our parlors and the automobile takes us with unholy haste to every scene of excitement. We are always in a hurry. Speed is not alike to age and youth. Age looks on and marvels, youth plunges in and becomes a part of the whirl. The automobile can't go quite fast enough to get us to the party; the party must hasten through to get us to the next one. It is a nervous age with much unrest.—Dennis W. Foreman in The Watchword.

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And then you must listen, and listen to hear.

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OUR LOSS

On March 13, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. A. L. Propps of De-Queen, Mrs. E. H. Blake, after a brief illness died. In her death our Church and especially the Woman's Missionary Society suffered a distinct loss. For twenty-five years the church at Stephens was blessed by her tireless and self-sacrificing service. As president of the Stephens' Auxiliary and District Secretary of the Camden District by the spiritual beauty of her unselfish life and her efficient service for others, she contributed largely toward the advancement of Christ's Kingdom in our midst. The memory of her loving thoughtfulness will prove a blessing to her daughters, Mrs. J. F. Simmons, and Mrs. A. L. Propps and to her many friends.—Mrs. A. C. Millar.

ZONE MEETING AT SPARKMAN

The first quarterly meeting of Zone No. 2, Arkadelphia District, was held at Sparkman, Monday, March 9.

Four Auxiliaries, Arkadelphia, Dalark, Sparkman, and Sardis, were represented with twenty-nine adults and three children in attendance.

The meeting was opened with Mrs. Will Huie, the District Secretary, presiding. Devotional, 1 Cor. 13:1-12 was conducted by Rev. C. D. Cade of Sparkman; and prayer by Rev. Mr. Thompson of Dalark. Mrs. Atchley of Dalark was secretary for the meeting.

Inspiring and interesting discussions were given. The most outstanding thing accomplished last year by each Auxiliary follows: Arkadelphia has five circles, each one studies The Voice. Bible Study conducted by Mrs. Richardson; helping furnish the new parsonage and assisting the preacher; Circle No. 1 keeps a boy in Henderson State Teachers College. The Josephine Douglas Circle kept blessing barrels with which they bought toys and gifts for 135 little darkies who otherwise would have had no Santa Claus. Little toys and fifty copies of the Book of St. John were given. Visiting the aged and shut in were more of their work.

Mrs. Atchley reported the Children's work as outstanding for Dalark, and their intensive Mission Study was second.

Mrs. Leamons, president, reported Sparkman Auxiliary. The major event was the Fall Mission Study, taken with Sardis Auxiliary. Friendship cultivation is one phase of work. Another was the children's work and their summer school.

Children's work was discussed by Mrs. Mann of Arkadelphia and Mrs. E. E. Forell of Sparkman.

All preachers' wives were introduced. They were: Mrs. Mann, Mrs. Mills, and Mrs. Wilson of Arkadelphia; Mrs. C. D. Cade of Sparkman; Mrs. Thompson of Dalark; and Mrs. Woozancraft of Pine Grove.

A great spiritual talk given on an open house discussion on society problems.

Voices from Auxiliaries proved that greater benefits came through their Mission Study by having a rep-

resentative attend the Summer School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. Huie gave a report of her year's work. Mrs. Mills thanked Sparkman and the other Auxiliaries for their hospitality and generous social reception. Mrs. Leamons, Sparkman's president, responded to her words of appreciation. Mrs. Huie closed the meeting with prayer.—Supt. of Publicity.

ZONE MEETING AT EL DORADO

Zone 3 of Camden District held its first quarterly meeting at the First Church, El Dorado, March 11, with more than fifty members present, representing Smackover, Strong, Huttig, Vantrease Memorial and First Church, El Dorado Auxiliaries.

After a beautiful devotional by Mrs. C. A. Love of Strong, thirty minutes was given to group meetings of officers and department leaders. Roll call was answered with local problems which later formed the basis of a round-table discussion.

Mrs. Ray Hutcheson of Magnolia, secretary of the Camden District, explained the year's work, giving as the chief objectives: 1. A better trained leadership; 2. Prompt meeting of all pledges; 3. Organization of groups or circles of business and professional women who are unable to attend the regular meetings of the Women's Missionary Society.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. W. C. Farley and Sheldon Foote, organist and choirmaster of First Church.

Mrs. L. K. McKinney gave a most inspiring talk on woman's part in work of "The World for Christ." Rev. J. L. Hoover conducted the rededication service after which a social half-hour was enjoyed.

The next meeting of the zone will be held at Strong, after the meeting of the Little Rock Conference W. M. S., at Texarkana, in April.—Mrs. J. T. McQuade, Sec.

GRAVETTE AUXILIARY

The Adult Woman's Missionary Society of Gravette met at the parsonage, the guests of Mrs. A. L. Riggs.

Mrs. W. W. Weaver, superintendent of Prayer League, led the devotions and a splendid meeting was enjoyed.

The committee on the Love Quilt, the Gravette Society is making to present to the M. E. Orphanage at Little Rock, displayed the first completed blocks. "The Rose Dream" pattern has been selected to be developed in rose and white.

We take this means of thanking the many Societies who have responded to our plan, and trust the Societies desiring to join us in placing the name of their Society in embroidery on the quilt may forward the names at once that we may have the Love Quilt completed and display it at the Annual Conference at Jonesboro to the Conference Audience there.—Reporter.

CONCERNING YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLES

The young women's circles are an integral part of the adult missionary society and the members are therefore members of the adult society. It is not compulsory that the young women form themselves into a separate circle. They may be regular members of the adult circles or members of the Business Woman's circle.

Separate program material is prepared for the young women's circles.

This will be continued for several years, but it is left optional with the young women whether they shall use this material or the programs prepared for the adult society.

There will be no local officers other than a chairman of the circle, who will be a member of the circle and sub-chairman of the various committees.

There will be elected at each annual conference a Conference Secretary of Young Women's Groups who will foster the young women's circles within the conference and cultivate young women for membership in the auxiliary. She will be a member of the Executive Committee of the conference with voting powers.

The finances of the circles will be on the adult basis. For information on adult finances see Handbook for Adult Missionary Society, pages 11 and 12. The missionary offerings of the young women's circle will be sent through the auxiliary treasurer to the conference treasurer.

All reports of the circle will go through the auxiliary officers to the respective conference officers.—Bulletin.

YOUNG WOMEN'S CIRCLES PROGRAM MATERIAL, SECOND QUARTER, 1931

The topic for the second quarter's programs of the young women's circles is The Educational Institutions of the Woman's Missionary Society. The material is in mimeographed form and is ready for distribution the first of March. Since many of the conference secretaries of the young women's circles have not been elected, the chairman of the young women's circle of each adult auxiliary is asked to order the material direct from Literature Headquarters, Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tenn. Every circle is entitled to one set of material free of charge. Each person who has a Book of Programs containing the first quarter's material is entitled to a copy of the second quarter's material free of charge. Extra copies, 10 cents. Order from Literature Headquarters, Doctors' Building, Nashville, Tenn.—Bulletin.

A SUBJECT OF GREAT CONCERN

We need to scrutinize closely our Woman's Missionary Society to find whether it contains the spiritual power necessary for the task. Never has the need of such power been so evident. There may have seemed to be times when money or a missionary was a sufficient substitute for ourselves, and we were lost sight of. Today, at home and abroad, we are known for what we are, and there comes to each of us individually and to the organization a demand for an exhibit of the Christ Spirit and way of life, a demonstration of our professed motive that will convince those whom we seek to help by our ministry. Because this is true, the spiritual life is a subject of great concern and an effort is being made to build up a new consciousness of God in the personal life of our constituency and a new power of God in our organized life. It is our privilege to have a large part in cooperation with other groups in the Church in building spiritual centers in the Church; in raising up groups of people who shall study the deep sources of spiritual life and power and demonstrate it in lives of love and sacrificial service. Only as this is done can we as an organization and the

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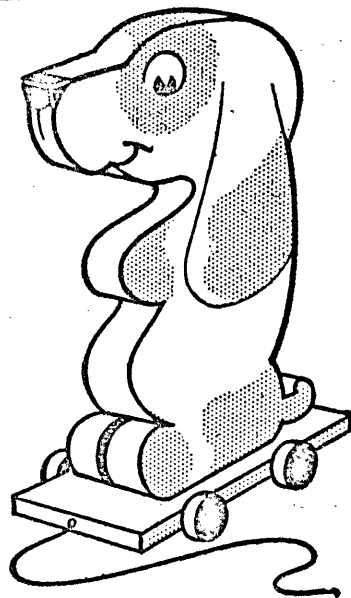
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COKEBURY TRAINING WORK IN THE BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Cokesbury Schools have been in process in the Batesville District since the first of the year. No report of the work has been made to the Methodist before now. Eleven schools have been held in the District with a total of ninety-one credits. Only one District surpasses them in the number of credits and that is the Paragould, with one hundred two credits.

Rev. I. L. Claud, who is giving part time to the small churches and directing the work of Religious Education in the Batesville District, has been on the job constantly. He has taught six Cokesbury Schools, directed surveys, planned working sheets, etc.

The following will give a list of the schools, teachers, courses and number of credits in the schools for the entire District. The schools at Yellville, Oil Trough, Dowell's Chapel, Pleasant Plains, and Wiseman were held during the Special Training week which was the week beginning March 2.

Oak Ridge.—Rev. I. L. Claud taught the "Sunday School Worker" at Oak Ridge to a class of thirteen. Seven of this number received credit.

Desha.—The "Sunday School Worker" was taught at Desha by Rev. I. L. Claud. Eight people enrolled for the course while only five received credit. Great good came from the school in the form of a better organization for service.

Salado.—In this school Rev. I. L. Claud taught the "Life of Christ." Thirteen enrolled in the School with five taking credit.

Oak Grove.—Oak Grove is a church on the Desha charge. The interest and faithful work of the pastor, Rev. H. M. Lewis, provides for these schools on his charge as a part of his regular church program. The course, "Methodist Beliefs," were taught in this school. This unit has been dropped from the Cokesbury course to be replaced soon by a bigger and better unit. Seven people out of the class of eleven received credit for their work. This school was scheduled before the unit was dropped.

Newark.—Rev. I. L. Claud provided a school in his own church and taught in this Approved School the "Life of Christ." Rev. E. B. Williams, pastor at Hoxie, taught "Worship" as the other unit in the school. Seventeen of the twenty-three enrolled received credit. This was reported as a helpful school.

Yellville.—"Worship" was taught by the Extension Secretary at Yellville. The class was small, four receiving credit, but good work was done by this group. A heavy rain on the closing night prevented three others from receiving credit. These three, however, have applied for office credit.

Oil Trough.—"The Sunday School Worker" was taught by Rev. I. L. Claud at Oil Trough, to a class of ten. Eight of the ten received credit.

Dowell's Chapel.—Rev. Jefferson Sherman, Presiding Elder of the Batesville District, taught the "Educational Work of the Small Church"

at Dowell's Chapel. Ten enrolled in the school, all of whom met the requirements for credit. Ten enrolled in the school, all of whom met the requirements for credit. This was reported as being a helpful school in many ways.

Pleasant Plains.—Mr. M. E. Moore of Moorefield, taught the "Educational Work of the Small Church" at Pleasant Plains. Eight people received credit for this unit. We appreciate the service of Mr. Moore, who is a busy layman.

Corner Stone.—The "Life of Christ" was taught by Rev. I. L. Claud to a fine class of ten who received for this Bible unit. Corner Stone is a church on the Pleasant Plains charge. Rev. W. T. Griffith, pastor, made good plans for the schools.

Wiseman.—Rev. C. J. Wade, pastor at Calico Rock, taught the "Educational Work of the Small Church" to a class of sixteen at Wiseman. Ten of this number received credit.

Several other schools have been booked for the three months to follow.—Glenn F. Sanford.

GALLOWAY COLLEGE NEWS

Miss Kathleen Hobson of Mammoth Spring, Ark., was elected May Queen March 18, by a large majority of the Galloway student body. As May Queen she will preside at the annual May-Day Festival to be held May 1, at Galloway Woman's College, Searcy. Miss Hobson has served the college this year as president of the Student Government Association and has given invaluable service to the college. Last year Miss Hobson was vice-president of the student body and president of the Irving Literary Society.

The student body voted March 17, on a petition sent out by the Galloway Federation of Woman's Clubs of Arkansas, concerning the change of the college name. The name "Hendrix-Galloway College System" received the majority of the votes. One vote was cast for the name "Trinity."—Reporter.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT INSTITUTE

The Christian Education Institute composed of the churches north of the Arkansas River in the Little Rock District, met at Carlisle, 10 a. m., March 17. Brother Henderson presided and asked Rev. John G. Gieck to act as secretary. A number of old-time songs were sung with spirit and enthusiasm. Brother Irvin led in prayer and Brother Henderson in the devotional meditation.

Brother Clem Baker was then given the floor to discuss the unifying of the Educational program of the church. He set up with them a model Christian Education Board of the Local Church and suggested the reason for each member being asked to serve.

A count was then taken of the delegates present with the following report: Austin Circuit, 19; Carlisle Station, 8; Carlisle Circuit, 16; Des Arc, 4; England, 0; Hazen and Devalls Bluff, 14; Hickory Plains, 0;

Keo and Tomberlin, 1; Lonoke, 15. Total, 77.

Miss Faye McRae then presented the Children's Division, pointing out the co-relation in the new program, with the other work of the church, and the importance of having the right kind of advisors and workers.

Brother Leland Clegg then warmed our hearts with his discussion on Evangelism. He pointed out so beautifully that it is not either or, but both evangelism and education which make for a working church, doing the will of God. We almost felt that we were in the midst of a great revival as he spoke to us.

At noon we were graciously invited to the dining room of the church where the splendid women of Carlisle served a wonderful old-time Arkansas meal to more than a hundred guests. A social hour following lunch gave opportunity to share with each other the experiences of our work. At 1:30 we assembled by singing "Amazing Grace." Brother Tucker led our prayer. Brother Henderson then spoke concerning the 4th Sunday Offering. Also gave a beautiful tribute to our faithful Sunday School teachers.

S. T. Baugh then spoke on Country Church Work. His experiences so warmed our hearts that we sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" as we bade him Godspeed in his work and pledged him our prayers and support.

Clem Baker then continued the discussion on the Local Board of Christian Education. Brother Fitzhugh then gave a word of appreciation to Brother Baker's work and we gave him our hands in fellowship and love as we sang "There is a Fountain Filled With Blood."

At the close we testified to the richness of the love that is in Christ Jesus and how much we appreciated the fellowship of the brethren in this Institute. Brother Ed. R. Robinson then fittingly and graciously expressed our appreciation to Brother Irvin and the good people of his church for their generous hospitality and fellowship. And after the benediction we adjourned, feeling in our hearts that it has been good to meet.—John G. Gieck, Secretary.

A CORRECTION IN FAVOR OF FIRST CHURCH, VAN BUREN

By some oversight the number of credits received by First Church, Van Buren, in the recent Fort Smith District Training School, was not credited to this good church in the report of Mr. A. Edwin Grimes, the enrollment secretary, in the *Arkansas Methodist* of March 12. This church, of which Rev. A. L. Cline is pastor and Dr. Frank Blakemore, Sunday School superintendent, received 24 credits, which gives that church the second rank in number of credits and 75 per cent of the number in the Workers' Council.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKERS

The annual Standard Training School for Church and Sunday School Workers for the Batesville District, will be held at the First Methodist Church in Batesville for six days beginning April 12. One hundred credits is the goal of those in charge of the school. Mr. I. N. Barnett, Jr., is chairman of enrollment, Mr. S. W. Williams is educational director and Mrs. Cledice Jones is Chairman of entertainment. The usual lodging

and breakfast plan is again offered all those from out of the city attending for credit work. Rev. Jefferson Sherman, presiding elder of the Batesville District, is chairman of the Board of Managers and expects this School to eclipse all former schools held in this District in line with the general increase in schools being held this year throughout the church.—C. D. Metcalf for Pub. Com.

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For February

The following schools in Little Rock Conference report an offering for the Dual Mission Special for February, 1931. This is the fourth month of the new Conference year. We appreciate the increase over that of January, and over that of December.

Arkadelphia District

Arkadelphia	\$10.00
Tulip	1.00
Dalark	1.13
Manchester	.34
First Church, Hot S.	20.00
Grand Avenue	5.00
Gum Springs	1.00
Princeton (2 Mo.)	1.50
Manning	.44
Traskwood	1.00
Ebenezer	.70

Total \$42.11

Camden District

Camden	\$15.00
Chidester	1.50
El Dorado, First Ch.	63.15
Wesley's Chapel	.50
Parker's Chapel	2.00
Fordyce (2 Mo.)	13.16
Marysville	1.12
Fredonia	1.75
Harrell	1.93
Louann (2 Mo.)	2.50
Norphlet	2.04
Magnolia	5.00
Rhodes Chapel	.80
Harmony Grove	1.00
Waldo	2.59

Total \$118.84

Little Rock District

Mt. Tabor	\$ 1.00
New Hope	2.00
Rogers Chapel	.30
Geyer Springs	5.34
England	8.57
Pepper's Lake	.84
Hickory Plains	.92
Johnson's Chapel	1.59
Cross Roads	1.65
Keo	2.00
Tomberlin	.47
Asbury	15.00
First Church, L. R.	36.08
Forest Park	1.00
Henderson	4.05
Highland	10.00
Hunter Mem.	2.50
Pulaski Heights	12.00
28th Street	5.00
Winfield	40.00
Lonoke	6.04
Mabelvale	2.35
Primrose	2.50
Hazen	3.05

Total \$164.25

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Monticello District.	
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Arkansas City	\$ 1.75
Crossett (Oct.-Feb.)	23.38
Dumas	8.69
Eudora	5.75
Hamburg	5.00
Lake Village	4.17
McGehee	5.00
Monticello	5.68
Montrose	.90
Tillar (2 Mo.)	8.10
Winchester	2.00
Warren (3 Mo.)	34.04
Wilmar	2.30
Mt. Tabor	.26
Rock Springs	1.15
Total	\$108.17

Pine Bluff District	
Alzheimer	\$ 2.50
Wabbaseka	1.81
DeWitt	10.00
Gillett	2.43
Little Prairie	1.05
Swan Lake	1.36
Gould	2.58
Humphrey	5.20
Carr Mem.	3.29
First Church. P. B.	14.50
Hawley Mem.	5.86
Roe	1.18
Ulm	1.80
Wesley's Chapel	.46
Sheridan	5.00
Sherrill	1.75
Tucker (2 Mo.)	4.89
Star City	2.00
Bayou Meto	1.60
St. Charles	1.00
Prairie Union	1.87
Total	\$71.13

Prescott District	
Doyle	\$.74
Pump Springs	1.00
Blevins	8.95
Center Point	.20
Gurdon	7.12
Hope	22.44
Mineral Springs	2.78
Delight	3.23
Saline	.82
Nashville	3.00
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Texarkana District	
Ashdown (3 Mo.)	\$15.00
Dierks	2.45
Green's Chapel	.37
Vandervoort	.23
Horatio	2.52
Mena	5.00
Richmond	1.55
Fairview	10.00
Total	\$37.12

Standing By Districts	
Arkadelphia—11 Schools	\$ 42.11
Camden—15 Schools	118.84
Little Rock—24 Schools	164.25
Monticello—15 Schools	108.17
Pine Bluff—21 Schools	71.13
Prescott—15 Schools	56.94
Texarkana—8 Schools	37.12
Totals—109 Schools	\$598.56
—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.	

COKEBURY SCHOOL AT ROUND POND

Round Pond is a community in which there is no organized church. Rev. Porter Weaver, pastor on the Widener-Madison Charge, serves these people. Bro. Weaver conducted a Training School there last week in which he taught the unit, "Sunday School Worker." This is the first school ever held at that place. Seven of the nine enrolled received credit for their work.

We appreciate the fine service which Brother Weaver is rendering in this community. It is entirely possible that if he did not make religious services available for the people in that community they would have none of any kind. Brother Weaver has planned, through these training schools to build a leadership that can promote the work in a helpful way when the pastor is absent.—Glenn F. Sanford.

HENDRIX-HENDERSON-GALLO- WAY NEWS

Don Martin, Conway senior and student director of the Hendrix-Henderson Troubadour Band, heads the Student Council, new form of student government at Hendrix-Henderson College. The new organization, composed of the presidents of all organizations on the campus, is the highest level in student government organizations. It will have more power and influence than the government of the student body, of which Nobel Guthrie, Smithville senior, is president.

Helen Strickland, Pine Bluff sophomore and president of the Women's Athletic Association, is secretary of the Student Council.

The Council was organized at the suggestion of President Reynolds. meeting semi-monthly, it will gather with faculty members to discuss student needs.

Officers for the Hendrix-Henderson Y. M. C. A. were elected at a regular meeting this week. Marvin Williams, Little Rock, retiring president, will install the officers within the next two weeks. Remy Garland, Emmett, is to be the president; Orville Barnett, Stuttgart, vice-president; George Mayers, Dumas, secretary; and Munn Forrest, Hot Springs, treasurer.

Garland, Meyer, and Forrest are Juniors, while Barnett is a Sophomore. Garland is at present secretary of the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet.

Dr. E. A. Spessard, head of the department of Biology of Hendrix-Henderson College, is to be one of the instructors of the 1931 summer ses-

son of Arkansas State Teachers College. Dr. Spessard, who came to Hendrix-Henderson from Ouachita last September, is to teach three biological courses on the State Teachers campus. In his spare time he will supervise the installation of biological equipment in the new Hendrix-Henderson Science Hall which is to be ready next September.

Galloway Woman's College, at Searcy, was admitted to the North Central Association as a Junior College when the organization met in Chicago last week.

At the same time both the College of the Ozarks and Arkansas State Teachers College were admitted to membership as standard four-year institutions. Hendrix-Henderson College, Ouachita, and the University of Arkansas, already members of the Association, retained their old standing.

The Hendrix-Henderson Troubadour Band returned from its 13th annual tour with the best luck it has ever had. For the first time in three years it made a state tour and paid its own expenses. Twenty-six undergraduates, headed by the student director, Don Martin of Conway, Thomas Sparks of Crossett, and the bandmaster, C. B. Stewart, made the trip, stopping for evening entertainments at Forrest City, Searcy, Newport, Stuttgart, and DeWitt.

This year twenty-two Hendrix-Henderson students will be given band letters: Thomas Sparks, Crossett; Flavel Chastain, Judsonia; J. M. Drummond, Stuttgart; Bill Davis, DeWitt; Carroll Bird, Crossett; Milton Crawford, McGehee; Don Martin, Conway; Walter Moffatt, Monticello; Harold Chastain, Judsonia; James Wilson, Pine Bluff; Leon Sipes, Conway; Lawrence Harris, Rogers; Paul McHenry, Conway; James Gatlin and Bradley Gilbert, Bearden; Bruce Benedict and W. T. Martin, Conway; Rex Thompson, Paris; J. H. Pence, Conway; Jim Henry, Bearden; R. N. Hill, Blytheville; and James McKenzie, Dermott.

Tenn's and golf, as minor sports at Hendrix-Henderson, are to take new life this year as dual meets with other colleges take place.

When Arkansas College brings its track team here, March 27, tennis and golf teams are to come here, too. Last year's golf team, composed of Sam Richmond, Russellville, and Marion Freeman, El Paso, Texas, is to have a new member this year. Frank Kenneson, Fordyce, freshman, is a promising player.

Percy Goynne, Clarksdale, Miss., is the only tennis letterman in school. His work will be supplemented most likely, by Runyan Allbright, Searcy; Franklin Brown, Clarendon; Eugene Harris, Rogers; and Charles Hooper, Jackson, Miss.

A dual meet with the College of the Ozarks at Clarksville, April 3, has been scheduled. Other schools have been asked to meet our teams, says Ivan H. Grove, head coach.

Pat Robinson, mayor of Little Rock, was the principal speaker at the annual Harlan banquet Saturday night, March 21. Seventy couples attended the banquet.

The theme was a futuristic one, set at a date a century from now. Features included speeches by Mary Paul Jefferson, Galloway Irving Literary Society representatives, Nobel Guthrie, Smithville, president of the Hendrix-Henderson student body, and a violin solo by Margaret Jones, Atkins. Harris Owens's orchestra from Little Rock played.

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Noble Gill, Blytheville, president of the Harlan Literary Society, and Austin Tucker, Little Rock, editor of the Troubadour, student year-book, were joint toastmasters.

Announcement of an essay contest, sponsored by the Department of English, opens a second literary contest to Hendrix-Henderson students this year. The other is the C. J. Greene Feature Story Contest which the College Profile, student newspaper, conducts.

May 1 has been set as the closing date of the 1931 essay contest. Formal or informal essays, 1,500 to 3,000 words long, are to be turned in at the business office, and announcement of the winning paper, which will be selected by three Conway citizens, will be made at Commencement Exercises in June.

Eunice Horton, Conway freshmen at the time, won the essay contest last year, and Lucille Esmon, Corn- ing, won the feature story prize.

Interest in these prizes is keen this year. An advanced writing course, taught by Miss Vivian Hill, assistant professor of English, is centering attention on this feature. Meanwhile, the Tatlers, new literary organiza-

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tion, and a proposed magazine have stimulated interest in these contests.

W. T. Rowland, Jr., instructor in educational psychology at Hendrix-Henderson College the last two years, has resigned his position and gone to George Peabody Teachers College at Nashville, where he will work toward a Ph. D. degree. Rowland, who graduated from Henderson-Brown, in 1916, was secretary of the Hendrix-Henderson Alumni Association.

Walter Fisher and not Walter Mofatt was the seventh letterman of the Warrior state championship quintet this year. Fisher is a Beebe freshman.—Reporter.

COKEBURY SCHOOL AT HAYS CHAPEL

Hays Chapel is a church on the Hartman Charge. A Cokesbury School was taught March 16-21 by the Extension Secretary with thirty-six people enrolled for credit. Thirty-one of this number met all the conditions for credit. Three others have applied for office credit. Two did all the work for credit except the attending of one night's session. "Worship in the Sunday School" was the unit taught.

All the four churches, Spadra, Hartman, Hays Chapel, and Mt. Zion, had representatives in the school. Nineteen officers and teachers took the course. The largest per cent of enrollment took credit of any school working under these conditions held this year. The last night of the school was cold and rainy but the attendance was perfect.

The high type of work done in this school was encouraging. The people who attended the school believe firmly that the future for the rural church is bright—and with workers like these it is bright. The people in the rural and small churches are the most responsive group in the church to its program.

The success of the school was due largely to the untiring and intelligent work of the pastor, Rev. J. M. Barnett.—Glenn F. Sanford.

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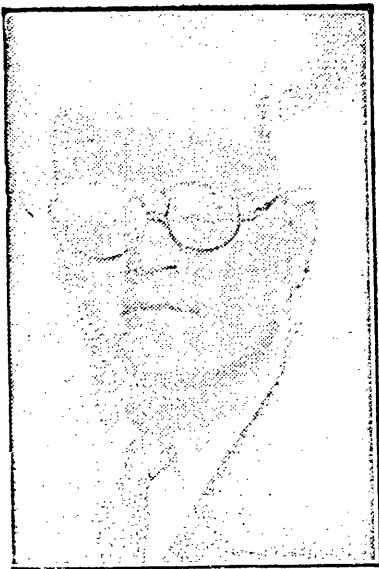
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DR. CHAS. W. PIPKIN, A. B., A. M., Ph. D., LL. D.

Dr. Charles W. Pipkin, former Rhodes scholar and graduate of Oxford, was recently appointed dean of the Louisiana State University Graduate School. Dr. Pipkin holds a bachelor's degree from Henderson-Brown College, and has had eight years graduate work, having studied at Vanderbilt, Harvard, and the Universities of Berlin, Freiburg, and Paris in addition to his three years at Oxford. He is a native of Little Rock and has been a member of the L. S. U. faculty since 1925. He delivered the baccalaureate at Hendrix-Henderson College last year.

SONG LEADER

If there are any pastors who would like to have the help of a good leader of gospel songs and work with children, I would recommend to them the services of Miss Ruby Springer, Augusta, Ark. She is unusually fine help and a mighty fine young woman to have in a meeting of any kind. You can address Miss Ruby Springer, Augusta, Ark., or myself.—F. A. Lark, P. C.

CONFERENCE MINUTES NEEDED

In writing the History of Methodism in Arkansas I greatly need a complete file of minutes of each of our Conferences. There are files in certain libraries, but to get what is needed from these would mean much absence from home. Besides, I wish to clip certain matter, and so need to own these copies of the Journals.

Rev. J. A. Sage has placed me under lasting obligations by sending me a complete file for Little Rock Conference from 1884 to this date. I have none for Little Rock Conference back of 1884.

Rev. J. T. Self, formerly of White River, now of St. Louis Conference, together with Mr. F. M. Daniel, long Secretary of White River Conference, have supplied me with files for that Conference from 1895 to date of its consolidation with Arkansas Conference, 1914. I have no minutes of White River Conference back of 1895.

I should have had my own file for Arkansas and North Arkansas Conference from 1879 to this date, but certain numbers got away. Rev. Warren Johnston and Rev. Roy Faw-

cett have supplied several of these. However, I need the five following years, 1879, 1904, 1905, 1907 and 1910. If any numbers back of 1878 are in the hands of any of my friends, I should much appreciate it if they would send them to me.

If any friend can dig up numbers for White River Conference back of 1895, or if any friends can find numbers for Little Rock Conference back of 1884, I should very much appreciate the sending of them.

I may add that I am getting forward with the writing of the history at a rate far beyond what I expected. Innumerable kindnesses have already been extended me. If, when I am done, it interests the readers as much as its preparation is interesting me, I shall be happy.—Jas. A. Anderson, Jonesboro, Ark.

AN OPEN DATE FOR EASTER

The time for a revival leading up to Easter has been changed, throwing this excellent date open. If any pastor needs help in a meeting to begin the 29th of March, write me at once.

The financial depression need not stand in your way. If you need my service for this or any other date, I am in position to come to you regardless of financial conditions, and I am at all times ready and willing to serve where I may be needed.—Norris Greer, Conference Evangelist, Jonesboro, Ark.

EVANGELISTIC MEETING AT COTTER

We began our meeting at Cotter March 1. Pastor preached Sunday and Sunday night. The Rev. W. T. Singley of Elk City, Oklahoma, came to us Monday, and his singer, Mr. R. L. Cooper, of Aberdeen, Mississippi, came Tuesday of the first week of the meeting. From then on

Bro. Singley and his singer were in charge of the evangelistic program. Bro. Singley preached each evening after thirty minutes' song service, conducted by Mr. Cooper, which thoroughly prepared the way for the preaching service. Bro. Singley spent one hour each afternoon teaching stewardship and tithing, using the Bible as his text-book. He was very clear, logical and forceful in presenting God's truth in Tithing and Stewardship, getting results. We are now organized as a tithing church with forty-four signing the tithe pledge, with others to follow.

Our organizations are perfected with the proper officers elected. Thus, with great results, our financial troubles are solved at Cotter. There were three who united with the church, two on profession of faith and one by letter.

Anyone, any pastor or community needing a real revival that will put their church 100 per cent on all lines, would do well to get these two men to hold their meeting.—T. H. Wright, P. C.

ROVER CAMP MEETING

We are arranging to have a Camp Meeting at Rover. It will begin the middle of August and will be conducted by the Presiding Elder, Rev. F. E. Dodson, and other preachers whom he will select to assist him.

We hope all pastors of adjacent territory can arrange open dates for the last half of August.—J. W. Fair, P. C.

BISHOP DOBBS AT HELENA

Dear Mr. Editor: Sunday and Monday, March 8 and 9, were "red letter" days in Helena Methodism. They marked the coming to us of Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, D. D., LL. D., for a two-days' stay. His coming had been thoroughly planned for and "capacity" crowds heard him at the morning and evening services on Sunday and more than one-hundred men gathered for a men's banquet Monday evening with the Bishop as honor guest.

For several years I have had my resident Bishop for a day or two each year. It serves as a kind of revival or an inspiration to our people. But I believe the coming of Bishop Dobbs to us this year has meant more to our local situation than any similar event I can now recall. The good

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Bishop is so democratic and brotherly, he moves with such a wonderful manifestation of Christian graces, and with it all presents divine truths in such a masterly fashion, that the people here were simply charmed by his presence among us.

Bishop Dobbs preached Sunday morning on "The Christian Philosophy of Life;" Sunday evening on "The Bible—the Word of God;" and used as a subject at the men's banquet Monday evening, "Religion at the Counsellor's Table." I have not yet heard these subjects presented in such a masterly fashion and our people were literally held "spell-bound" by them. I don't think there is any question but that Bishop Dobbs is one of the very greatest preachers of our Methodism and his coming to any of our Churches will add untold blessings to them, as it has been a great blessing to Helena Methodism. Some of our people have called the Bishop the Saint John of our Methodism and this preacher is in full accord with that idea.

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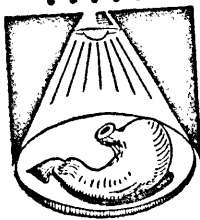
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ATKINS GRIEVES OVER LOSS OF PASTOR

We were all heartbroken when we learned, through his family physician, that our beloved Brother J. B. Stevenson would have to take a vacation from his earnest, conscientious, devout labors as pastor of our Church. His resignation was read before the quarterly conference by Brother Crichlow, Wednesday night. All eyes were in tears when we realized that our pastor, beloved by all, out of the church, as well as all in church, would be unable to appear in his pulpit in the future.

Brother Stevenson is serving his fourth year here, and is loved and respected by all who know him. He has been affected by high blood-pressure and heart trouble for several months, but only in the last few days did he consider giving up his active work.

His resignation will become effective Easter Sunday. May God bless him.—W. G. Hogan.

EVANGELIST HANKINS WRITES OF MEETINGS

I report a fine meeting at South Greenfield, Missouri, resulting in fifty-two conversions.

Commenced at Melbourne, Ark., Sunday, March 8, with Rev. W. W. Peterson. The new Church has just been opened for use. Peterson is doing a fine work here.

Meeting is starting off fine with large crowds and much interest. We expect a great Holy Ghost revival here before we close.

Will be with Rev. S. G. Watson, our pastor at Clarendon, April 12.

We have open date for two weeks' meeting commence March 23. Any pastor wishing help may send telegram to me here in care of Rev. W. W. Peterson.

Remember that I own my own big tent and make a specialty of tabernacle revival campaigns.

Now is the time for pastors to get ready for their summer meetings.—H. C. Hankins, Evangelist.

WESLEYAN COLLEGE GIVEN HIGH RECOGNITION

The Council of Church Boards, and the Association of American Colleges, at a recent meeting held in the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, mentioned Wesleyan College, Macon, Georgia, as the oldest chartered college for women in the world, and as having been the institution from which the wife of President Sun Yat Sen was graduated, and the institution where the wife of the present president of China attended school.

Wesleyan is a member of the Association of Georgia Colleges, the American Association of University Women, the Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools in the Southern States, and is on the approved list of the Association of American Universities. Only four of the higher institutions in Georgia are given approval by the Association of American Universities, which is the highest standardizing agency in the nation. These are Emory, University of Georgia, Wesleyan and Agnes Scott.

REV. J. B. STEVENSON RETIRES

After fifty golden years of faithful service, Rev. J. B. Stevenson, on advice of his physicians, has resigned his pastorate at Atkins and retired from the active work of the ministry. This does not mean that Brother Stevenson's ministry has been brought to an end. A man like Brother Stevenson serves by his very presence. Fortunate is Conway to add him to the noble group of retired ministers who make that city their home.

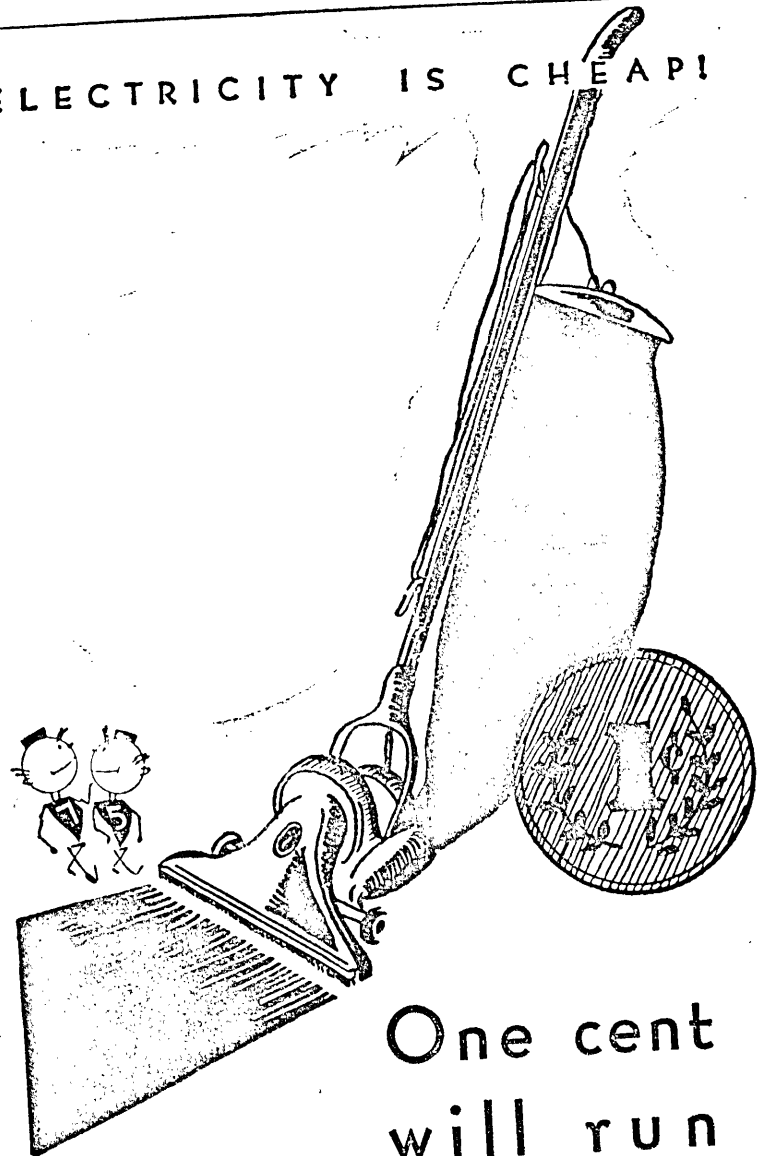
Brother Stevenson was licensed to preach in September, 1881, admitted on trial in 1883, and stands second on the chronological roll of active members of the North Arkansas Annual Conference. Few, if any mem-

bers of the Conference, have rendered greater service than he. While he never sought preferment for himself, he served on important boards and committees, and filled well the leading appointments this Conference had to offer.

Brother Stevenson was self-sacrificing. Few ministers have given more to the kingdom than he. No wonder that his church this year was the first in the District, if not in the Conference, to send its check for Kingdom Extension, the first to pay its District work in full, the third to send an offering to the Orphanage, and the fourth to pay on Conference Benevolences.

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of his money. Where is the preacher who more often supplied his own pulpit that he might go to rural sections in order to tell the people of the Christ? Who among us has worked harder for our schools and colleges? Who has believed more in the Christian press and refused to be satisfied until his people were reading the *Arkansas Methodist*? What man has sent in a hundred per cent list more often than he? There would be no church press problem confronting us today had we all followed the worthy example of Rev. J. B. Stevenson.

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May God grant him a long life that he may continue to minister to us and to many by his presence.—His friend and presiding elder, J. Wilson Crchlow.

OBITUARIES.

Killiam.—Henry H. Killiam was born March 31, 1878; was married to Miss Annie Forrester, July 20, 1902. To this union were born two sons and four daughters.

Bro. Killiam spent most of his life in Izard and Fulton Counties. He was a man that did much for other people. Some four or five years ago he was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Iuka in which he was a steward and a trustee at his death.

The two years the writer was his pastor, we took no step in the church but what he took a part. He was al-

ways ready to help in everything in church work. Many happy hours has the writer spent with him and in his home.

On January 26, after not feeling well for two or three days, he got up about one o'clock, and when he started to lie down again he fell. He shook hands with the family—told them he must go and was ready, and soon fell asleep.

The funeral was conducted January 25, in his home by the writer and the pastor, J. T. Heath. A large crowd attended the services, showing he had a host of friends. His body was laid to rest in the Moody cemetery. He leaves his companion, six children, two grandchildren, three brothers, four sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.—L. L. Langston, his former pastor, and J. T. Heath, Pastor.

Dyer.—Z. D. Dyer was born near Nashville, Tennessee, January 17, 1835, was married to Ellen P. Harrison December 23, 1857. To this union seven children were born—four boys and three girls, all still living; Eddie, Joel, Jack, Wilton, Mrs. Patty Banks, Mrs. Mamye Alley and Mrs. Grace Davis. Was married to Rebecca Littlejohn by Rev. N. E. Fair, January 14, 1891. To this union four children were born; three girls and one boy; all are still living: Mrs. Ruth Rutledge, Miss Pearl, Miss Edith and Marvin.

He had been a loyal member of the Methodist Church since the age of eleven. Had been a Mason for about 65 years.

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Sunday School

Lesson for March 29

REVIEW: JESUS THE WORLD'S SAVIOR

GOLDEN TEXT—How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power; who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Busy Doing Good.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus Busy Doing Good.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Jesus the World's Savior: Preparation and Popularity.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Jesus the World's Savior: Preparation and Popularity.

Since the lessons of the quarter center in one person and have one theme; namely, the world's Savior, the best method of review for senior and adult classes will be to refresh the mind with the principal facts and leading teachings of each lesson. Assignments should be made a week ahead. The following suggestions are offered:

Lesson for January 4.

John the Baptist was a great preacher. He had a great heritage in his godly parents. Much can be expected from a son of such parents.

Lesson for January 11.

Jesus, as to personality, was divine and yet his human nature developed in the normal way. He waxed strong in body, was filled with wisdom, and God's grace was upon him. Though conscious of his deity, he lived a life of filial obedience.

Lesson for January 18.

John the Baptist came in fulfillment of prophecy, calling upon men to prepare for the coming of the Messiah by repenting of their sins. Baptism was the appointed sign of their repentance. With fine humility, John turned the attention of the people from himself to Christ.

Lesson for January 25.

Jesus was led into the wilderness by the Holy Spirit to be tempted of the Devil. His temptation was Messianic. The purpose was to demonstrate the reality of the incarnation. Jesus went from the place of anointing and heavenly recognition as the Son of God to meet and to spoil the enemy of God and man (Heb. 2:14).

Lesson for February 1.

Jesus demonstrated his power over various diseases and over demons, thus displaying his Lordship. Even while demonstrating his mighty power, he operated through benevolent channels.

Lesson for February 8.

Jesus made clear to the disciples that they would be hated and opposed as they went out into the world with his message. Those who follow Christ must expect opposition and suffering.

Lesson for February 15.

Jesus is the friend of sinners. There is no one so steeped in sin as to be shut out from him. Christ came into the world "to seek and to save that which was lost."

Lesson for February 22.

Jesus' supreme mission was to make known the good news of salvation to a lost world. In spite of the good seed sown by him, only a small portion brought forth full fruitage owing to the unfavorable condition of the soil.

Lesson for March 1.

The greatness of the harvest—man's lost condition moved Jesus to ask the disciples to pray the Lord to thrust out laborers. The real force back of missionary endeavor is prayer. When the church begins to pray about mis-

sions, there will be missionaries and money to sustain them.

Lesson for March 8.

The parable of the Good Samaritan shows who is my neighbor and what being a neighbor means. My neighbor is the man needing my help, whether next door or across the world. Being a neighbor is the most important thing for me. To be a neighbor means to be on the lookout for those in need and to give sympathetically the needed help.

Lesson for March 15.

The Bethany home was always open to the Lord. Jesus will come into such homes as will give him welcome. The inspiration of the Bethany home must have greatly helped Jesus as he went out to meet his foes. It is the inspiration of the home which gives men courage to go out and fight the battles of life.

Lesson for March 22.

The parable of the rich fool shows the peril of allowing the heart to be set upon even the fruits of legitimate toil. To seek gold and thus forget God is to play the fool.

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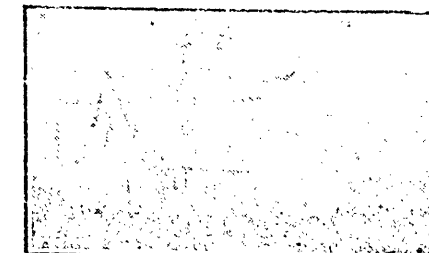
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Acree.—Ida May Hook was born October 6, 1864, and was married to John Acree, February 5, 1895, six children were born to their union. She was converted at the age of 16 and joined the Methodist Church, and lived a Christian until death. Our Heavenly Father called her home

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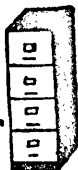


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February 25, 1931. She leaves behind a faithful husband and four children; Mrs. James Peas, Mrs. Shelba Simmons, Miss Zettie Acree, Edward Acree; one brother and one sister and a host of relatives and friends. It was so sad to give her up but the good Lord saw fit to call her home and it made our sad hearts glad, to hear Mrs. Acree say that she was going to live with Jesus.—A Friend, Mrs. W. T. Griffith.

Hardaker.—I am sure my brother pastors who have served this charge while John E. Hardaker was living in the church, will agree with me that they never found a truer friend of preachers and the church. He was a real leader of men and applied his sound business methods to church work and was a faithful steward. Though suffering with severe heart trouble, and in a condition that compelled caution and made it impossible for him to leave his room often, he was among the first to call on his new pastor and extend a hearty welcome. "Uncle John," as he was familiarly called, manifested a genuine, optimistic Christian spirit to the end. Brother Hardaker was born in Parisburg, Ohio, Aug. 26, 1864; came to Arkansas 30 years ago and had been one of Roe's successful business men for a number of years. He married Flora Grames, March 13, 1887. To them two children were born, Clyde, who died when 15 years of age, and Mary, who died when 13 years old. While "Uncle John" was ready to go, and although death released him from suffering, his faithful widow and his many friends regretted to give him up. Death came suddenly on December 22. His pastor conducted the funeral service in our church near his home, where he had worshiped since uniting with the church in 1911, under the ministry of Brother J. F. Rodgers. How consoling to observe the vigorous faith of his strong Christian companion, who is an active worker in our church, which calls to mind such words as: "Oh, how sweet it will be in that beautiful land, So free from all sorrow and pain, With songs on our lips and harps in our hands, To meet one another again."—Lee R. Sparks, pastor.

A TERRIBLE CONSPIRACY EXPOSED

I have carefully read Bishop Cannon's exposure of the conspiracy to ruin him. Cannon has been exonerated after having been examined by the United States authorities and then by the Methodist Church, and I waited until all that was over before writing what is in this editorial.

What conspiracy? Raskob, the head of the Democratic party and also head of the liquor interests in America and a millionaire, threatened the preachers who would not support Al Smith for president by telling them that they would be put out of business for meddling with his scheme to destroy our prohibition laws by electing Al Smith, a Roman Catholic, Liquor man president. There were thousands of preachers who took his dare and Bishop Cannon was very prominent in that number. Many of the lesser lights have been badly injured by Raskob's followers. Mordecai Ham was put out of the pastorate in Oklahoma City. The skids were put under Sipes and he was rolled out as

pastor of the First Baptist Church, Little Rock. A few of the lesser lights were literally ruined by this Roman Catholic-Liquor conspiracy. The editor of the Baptist and Commoner has learned definitely that detectives are on the trail and that his every movement is under observation. They are watching for a chance to get him in any way they can and they would not stop at honorable methods. But when the Roman Catholic-Liquor gang go up against Antioch Church, where he is pastor, and go up against the class of Baptists he affiliates with they strike a solid stone wall and they know it by this time and it will have to be a frame-up of some sort if they ever get Bogard. All our preachers had better watch their step.

But they do not deny putting detectives on Cannon's track and the names of the detectives have been given and the men back of it have come to light and letters written and instructions given certain papers to get Cannon at any cost have been found and actually published. How Cannon got the letters, and the names of these detectives, I do not know, but he has put in cold print and besides that he has brought suit against the conspirator's leader for a half million dollars and here is hoping that he may make it stick. That same bunch of conspirators have Hired Newspaper Writers with headquarters at Washington to "Smear Hoover." That is why so many bad things are being published about the president. It is paid for by the inch.

The detectives fished some of Cannon's private correspondence and tried to make something bad out of that. When men stoop so low as that they deserve the contempt of all respectable people. But it was anything to get Cannon. They sought to disgrace his children and in some way link him with the alleged bad conduct of his children and in that way get him. I will quote a part of a letter written by Wm. Randolph Hearst, to his obedient servant, Mr. Geo. Young of the Los Angeles Examiner, and it shows the extreme that the conspirators went to in their effort to destroy Cannon. Why destroy Cannon? Because he led in the fight that defeated Al Smith for president. Why did they put the skids under S. E. Tull and roll him out of Pine Bluff? Why did they almost crucify Tull's brother at Augusta, Ark? Because Raskob threatened the preachers and here is the carrying out of the threat. The liquor interests shot R. D. Gambrell dead on the streets in Jackson, Miss., a number of years ago. The liquor interests shot to death Carmack, the greatest man Tennessee had, just a few years ago. Liquor hooked up with Romanism and headed by a millionaire Roman Catholic can not only "smear" President Hoover with vile slander and pay for these slanders to be published in newspapers, but that same thing can

hound any preacher who dares to oppose them. Cannon dared and and several thousand others dared and the fight was on. The fight still goes on. These same Raskobites are declaring that they intend to make the Democratic Party wet in its next platform and they intend, evidently, to nominate Smith again or some man like him that will be an insult to the rank and file of the good people of the nation. But here is a part of the letter written by Hearst to Mr. Young of Los Angeles:

"I feel that the most important duty of the Hearst papers all over the country now is the destruction of the influence of that group which Bishop Cannon represents and controls. This can best be done by careful and constant assaults upon him. In saying be careful, I refer to the necessity of making no errors that may have a rebound."

Read that over again, gentle reader, and let it go in on you. A conspiracy, financed by Raskob, and carried out by this paid newspaper publisher, publisher of a chain of great daily papers, a conspiracy to ruin not only Cannon but those who associate with him! Had he known that this instruction would leak through, like wet goods are given to doing, Hearst would not have written them. But Cannon has exposed it all and we know what to do and whom to fight. Preachers, watch your step and keep your powder dry.—Baptist and Commoner.

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