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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Is the work of the Lord for you happy and holy service or sad and sordid servitude?

The wages of sin are and always will be death; and the racketeers and booze guzzlers are finding it out.

Why is it that the really bad fellow, the one who drinks and carouses, is so often called a jolly good fellow?

The egotist is a man who has an I-dle I-dea that he is an object of popular I-dolatry, and I-identifies himself as the hero in an epic I-dyl.

It is strange that the man who has never succeeded at a little job so often thinks he ought to have the big job and criticizes the man who has it.

The rich seem to be more worried over the depression than are the poor, because for the rich it means denying themselves luxuries that have become to them necessities.

SALARY CUTTING

THIS is a time for salary cutting. In many instances there should be cuts. Undoubtedly many officials of great corporations have been receiving too much. In a sense they may have earned their salaries by their splendid executive ability. It may be admitted that a certain man by his unusual insight and organizing gifts can make it possible for a group of other men who are not thus gifted to earn far more than they would otherwise earn; and when he does this he is a benefactor. But it is to be seriously questioned whether the effect of paying a million dollar salary is good unless it is known that the recipient is going to put a considerable part of it back into the business or devote it to public institutions. No man needs a million a year for himself, and if he receives it should use it in such a way as to promote the Kingdom of God and righteousness. We confidently believe that if most of the big salaries had been devoted to human uplift, the present depression would not have come upon us.

It is quite natural that when salary cuts are being considered, some laymen suggest that the salaries of preachers should also be cut. We understand that this has been done in a few cases of high-salaried pastors; but in many cases the pastors have offered to accept less and their stewards have refused. Certainly the salaries of most of the pastors should not be cut. Few have ever received enough, and to cut them now would cause many to suffer sorely. It should be remembered that in hard times there are more appeals to the preachers for help than to any other class, and the pastors should be in position to relieve the needy who appeal to them.

The Western Christian Advocate thus comments:

"There is a deception in this salary-cut business. It affects the spirit of the ministry. It leaves wounds from which the minister himself does not soon recover. It affects the children of the family, who, when they come to appreciate what is being done to their father, turn their backs upon the church with bitter skepticism. It disturbs the economic stability of the preacher's life. It makes him insecure. He cannot plan education for his children. He cannot plan his life insurance. He cannot plan his future because of the uncertain spirit which controls the laymen of the church. The reactionary effect this has upon his spirit cannot easily be described. Last year in one of our Conferences there was a tremendous cut of salaries. That caused many men to move. However, it cost the churches between twenty-five and thirty thousand dollars to pay moving expenses. The world looks upon this situation with cynical appreciation. The minister has no come-back unless he is unusually strong in his leadership. He has to take bitter medicine

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sometimes from men who are unskilled physicians. He knows the fine art of taking bitter medicine with a sweet face."

THE ONLY WAY

IN a masterly and thought-provoking editorial the editor of the Michigan Christian Advocate, argues that the only way out of the present world mess is a spiritual way. He mentions automobiles, the bonus, public works, government intervention, and other things that have been suggested and finds that none can solve the problem. He admits that the Church has not done its whole duty and that many church members have been guilty of contributing to the worldly, commercial, greedy trend of things. He asks, "What are we doing to inspire unselfishness among men, practical thoughtfulness for others, not in word but in deed?" Then he closes with the following practical suggestions:

"Is the reader going to be disappointed if the remedies suggested are both old and simple? The farmer grows his crops with much the same old combination, seed, sunshine, rain and cultivation! Are we to ask for the old and tried remedies or for the fads and fancies of the clever? Here are the hints at the only way out of the woods: Crowd the churches, Jewish, Catholic and Protestant. It would bring new hope and faith to millions just to get in the atmosphere of faith and prayer. It would help to create a new spirit in the world, a new spirit! Raise an altar in every home. Suppose every home in America should repeat every morning for a month, the 23rd Psalm as an antidote for gloom, how different the day would be to young and old. Bringing real religion back into the home would create a new spirit among men. Starting every day with prayer and reading of the Bible, then seeking earnestly to find God's will in the little and big choices of the day, this would make a new day for most men. It would help to create a new spirit. Being a good neighbor, a Christian, helpful neighbor, would go far to break down prejudice, relieve distress, overcome sorrow and despair, and create a new spirit. A world-wide revival would actually do more to solve the economic problem of our day than all the special sessions of Congress or acts of Parliament in a century. It's this new spirit that we need, and the church with all its failures and mistakes and shortcomings is the only brotherhood in sight that can develop it in the world."

BISHOP DOBBS CALLS MEETING OF PRESIDING ELDERS AND COMMISSIONS ON BENEVOLENCES

THE Presiding Elders of the Little Rock Conference and the North Arkansas Conference will meet at nine o'clock Wednesday morning, September 16, 1931, at the First Methodist Church in Little Rock, Arkansas.

The Conference Commissions on Benevolences will meet with the Presiding Elders at the same time and place to hear an important statement to be made by Dr. W. G. Cram.—Hoyt M. Dobbs.

BOOK REVIEWS

The Minister and Family Troubles; by Elizabeth Anthony Dexter, Ph. D., and Robert Cloutman Dexter, Ph. D.; published by Richard R. Smith, Inc.; New York; Price, \$1.25.

The problems of the minister in our complex civilization are many and varied, but none are more delicate or difficult to work out than those dealing with the minister's relation to the family troubles of his congregation. This book is not a rule nor a set of rules for the minister's use on all occasions. It is a case study based on the experiences of seventy ministers and is sufficiently wide in range to be very helpful both to ministers and other social workers. It is a distinct contribution to the literature of social welfare. In its treatment of the family relationships it offers us something new both in attitude and method of approach.

Will America Become Catholic? By John F. Moore; published by Harper & Bros., New York; price, \$2.00.

While it is true that the Roman Catholic hierarchy is doing all in its power to make America Catholic, the author of this book satisfies himself, and probably his readers, that that aim will not be reached. He concludes his discussion thus: "The fear that Roman Catholics, even as a minority, may capture the government of the United States appears to be unfounded. In certain areas, for instance, New York, the church is strong. But this means that elsewhere its forces are politically weak. The number of Roman Catholics in Congress, in the Civil Service, among governors of states and mayors of cities is surprisingly small. The evidence as a whole seems to indicate that Protestantism will be seriously mistaken if it leaves the future of religion to the Roman Catholic Church. With all its zeal, that church is not covering and, apparently, cannot cover the field. Unless, therefore, Protestantism is active, evangelical, definite in its faith, its discipline, its worship, there cannot fail to be in the United States a vast population surrendered to indifference and disbelief. The issue today is not whether America is to be made Catholic, but whether America, Protestant or Catholic, is to be made Christian. That is the task." This book is worth having for the information it contains about Roman Catholicism in the United States. It has a long list of Catholic publications. Dr. S. M. Cavert, Secretary of the Federal Council of Churches, says: "A superb piece of work. The most informative book on Roman Catholicism in this country I have seen."

King Cotton Is Sick. By Claudius T. Murchison; published by the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.; price, \$2.00.

There are those who wonder why the cotton mills do not buy more cotton and thus help to relieve the cotton growers. This carefully written volume shows that the textile mills are in as bad a plight as are the cotton growers, and are unable to maintain themselves. Mill after mill, once prosperous, has closed; some of them have been junked; many of the owners are in dire poverty. We quote, in part, a review of the book, as follows: "The cotton textile industry has been suffering from serious depression since 1923. The stock market crash of 1929 may have intensified this depression, but has been in no sense the cause of it. The sale of cotton products has not decreased as is commonly supposed—In spite of a growing market, in spite of better management, better machinery, and constant technical progress, the industry suffers today from an inability to make adequate returns either to capital or labor. And although the public could probably

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Personal and Other Items

A dainty note from Rev. H. S. Anglin, formerly of Arkansas, now of Williamsville, Mo., announces the birth, August 29, of Sherman Eugene Anglin.

MARRIED, August 8, at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. V. E. Back, Mrs. Mattie May Crofford and Rev. A. J. Perdue, a local preacher, of El Dorado, Rev. J. C. Williams, pastor at Montrose, officiating.

IT seems that an item in which mention was made of the outlook at Henderson State Teachers College was misleading and that there are no subcollege students there. Those coming by bus from neighboring towns are all collegiate students.

THE way out of the present world mess is a spiritual way, and there is no other in sight. Sure, there is a technique that we must find, but the spirit must come first, making a sort of tandem that can pull us out of the mud.—Michigan Christian Advocate.

IN last week's issue, on page 7, the report headed "Revival at Tucker" should have been "Revival at Iuka." Our apologies are due Rev. J. T. Heath, the pastor, and his people at Iuka for this printer's error which should have been caught in the proof-reading.

REV. B. F. SCOTT, our pastor at Kingsland, called last week and reported that his daughter Ethel, who had been teaching in Fordyce, had submitted to an operation on Monday at the Baptist Hospital. She was doing well and an early recovery was expected.

THE El Dorado papers report that Rev. John W. Hammons, the eighteen-year-old son of Dr. J. D. Hammons of Hot Springs, preached from his father's old pulpit in that city last Sunday and the sermon was highly appreciated by the many old friends of the family.

REV. H. C. HANKINS, North Ark. Conference evangelist, writes that he had a great meeting at Greenfield, Mo., with more than 100 conversions and another at Stockton with 26 conversions one night. He was at the time of writing at Jerico Springs with prospects for a good meeting. He will have an open date about September 20. Write him at Springdale, Ark.

REV. J. ABNER SAGE writes that he has finished his summer's work at Lake Junaluska and is back in Arkansas ready to help pastors in their meetings. He will be with Rev. L. E. Mann at Walnut Ridge for two weeks, and then, on account of certain changes in plans at Paragould where he was to have helped, he will have all dates open during October. Pastors can reach him at Jonesboro in care of Dr. Jas. A. Anderson.

REV. W. FRED LONG, state secretary of the International Sunday School Association of Mississippi, for 25 years, died at Jackson, Miss., August 17. He was well known among us, having served six years in a similar capacity in Arkansas. He had been a telegraph operator in early life, and when he became a Christian he took up church work with zeal and vigor. He was a useful and helpful man and will never be forgotten by those who knew him.

BISHOP THOMAS NICHOLSON of the Methodist Episcopal Church, says: "I regard the present situation in the country as an unusual opportunity for the church. Hundreds of people are disillusioned about material achievements and material satisfactions, and there is an increasing hunger for that for which the church stands and for what a vital and New Testament Christian Church has to offer. Let us make the most of it."

VISITING relatives in Conway and passing through on his way to Nashville, Rev. E. L. Shettles, superannuate of the Texas Conference, dropped in on the Little Rock District Pastors' meeting Monday and then dined with the editor's family. He is a grand old man who has convictions and does not hesitate to express them. He is the greatest collector of rare books among us and has made that a specialty for many years. He now lives in Austin, Texas.

DR. J. D. SIBERT, formerly a member of White River Conference, a prominent pastor and presiding elder, died on July 27 at Miami, Florida, aged 67. He had graduated in medicine at Vanderbilt University and practiced his profession before he became a preacher and joined the Conference in Arkansas. Some years ago he transferred to the Florida Conference where he was known as a church-building pastor. He had many friends in Arkansas who will regret to learn of his decease.

IN a personal letter from Rev. Milton R. Lark, of Eureka, Mo., formerly a member of North Arkansas Conference, information comes that his daughter, Clare, who expects to attend Central College, underwent an operation for appendicitis in the Barnes Hospital and is recovering nicely. Bro. Lark is very appreciative of the service rendered by the hospital. He reports everything moving on well in his charge and that Rev. R. S. Hayden of Bentonville, Ark., had recently held a meeting for him and made a fine impression on his people. Bro. Lark reads with interest all news of Arkansas people, and appreciates the *Arkansas Methodist*.

BISHOP C. H. PHILLIPS, of the C. M. E. Church, well known among our older preachers because he used to visit our Conferences, has made a record as a great leader in his church. Recently, in spite of financial depression, he sponsored a movement for increased collections in his district and succeeded so well that it has as The Christian Index says, "electrified the church and the swing of victory is with us. There will be no repetition of last year... The bishops of our beloved Zion are the hubs around which the wheels of progress roll. When they exhibit courage that quality is infectious to the pastors and lay members."

AN editorial in The Pathfinder quotes predictions of a score of leading business men made last year and the year before about the prosperity that was soon to come; but all of them proved to be false prophets. One of the church organizations that loans millions of trust funds is reported to have indicated recently that many of the loans made on the advice of bankers have proved to be very poor. For the last twenty-five years business men have been telling preachers that they did not know how to run the business of the church and advising that business methods be adopted. Without desiring to be cruel, preachers may now point to the business carried on by the preachers and ask which is in better condition.

DEATH OF REV. J. H. GOLD

REV. J. H. GOLD, one of our veteran preachers, passed away at his home in Washington, Ark., on September 6, at the ripe age of 91. Born in Clarksville, Tenn., November 9, 1839, he served in the Confederate Army as private and chaplain, and came to Arkansas about 50 years ago, having transferred from Tennessee to the Little Rock Conference. He served such charges as El Dorado Circuit, which then included the town of El Dorado, and Center Point Circuit. About 33 years ago he located and has lived at Washington where he was long engaged in business. Some years ago, recognizing his long and faithful service, the Little Rock Conference re-admitted him and placed him on the superannuate honor roll. He was a rugged uncompromising character, never afraid to stand for righteousness regardless of opposition. He attended the Conference at Pine Bluff last fall and thoroughly enjoyed the occasion. As a citizen he was highly honored by the people of Washington. The funeral service was conducted by Dr. G. S. Sexton, president of Centenary College, who had been associated with him as a boy preacher. He is survived by his wife, a daughter, Mrs. J. F. Dugger of Washington, J. E. Gold of Fayetteville, W. E. Gold of Colorado and Rev. J. O. Gold of Hot Springs, all of whom have the sympathy of the brethren who loved and honored this noble veteran of the Cross.

BOOK REVIEWS

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consume without unreasonable waste twice as much as is produced, the industry suffers most severely from an exaggerated over-production, which forces lower prices and unreasonably low returns to both capital and labor. With its present organization and mode of operation, the cotton textile industry cannot and is not paying reasonable returns to either capital or labor. This book is an attempt to explain the causes of this condition; and it proposes a method of correction which has been proven successful in practice." Cotton growers, buyers, and legislators should read this book.

Thirteen Party Plans for Adults; by Martin I. Webber, A. M.; published by Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; Price, \$1.25.

More and more the church is recognizing the need for a well organized program for the social development of its members. This book offers much helpful material for working out such a program. The discussions are practical and to the point. Part One is a church centered purposeful social "Program for Adults." The following chapters, "Well-Planned Social Activities for Adults an Imperative Necessity," "Organizing the Church for Fellowship," "How to Promote a Successful Adult Social," are a safe guide for the inexperienced leaders who are trying to work out such a program, and he will find a wealth of tested material in part two, which gives thirteen complete party plans for adults.

LET the faithful be on their guard against the overrated independence of private judgment and that false autonomy of human reason. A characteristic of all true followers of Christ, is to suffer themselves to be guided and led in all things touching upon faith and morals of the holy Church of God, through its supreme Pastor, the Roman Pontiff.—Encyclical of Pope Pius XI of Jan. 9, 1931.

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SEPTEMBER.

September is here. The school bells ring. It means shoes for happy bare feet. It means discipline by the clock, a schedule. It is a happy month. Like a man, reaching his full maturity, yet possessed of full vigor, it is strong and hot and powerful. All blossoms have reached their glory and most of them are seeding. The life, kind to kind, is weaving of the gay petals of yesterday a drab sleeping garment, brown and dry against the long night of winter. In the morning of tomorrow's springtime these seeds will know another gorgeous life. Action, the drama of contest, withstanding winds of March and beating rains of April will strengthen and give zest to new forms. Shall a little seed draw its brown blanket of flower petals about it and lie down with more faith or content than I? Shall not I likewise know that every cloud will pass and God's tomorrow will be perfect in its provision for my spiritual and eternal needs and capacities? September should teach me faith.—B. C. Few in Bulletin of Central Church, Rogers.

THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH, SOUTH.

11. The Dangerous Blending of Executive and Judicial Power.

As administrative officers the bishops are subject to the laws of the General Conference, but as judicial officers they have the power to decide as to whether the laws enacted by the General Conference are constitutional, and they also have the power of final interpretation of the laws they are required to enforce. "They are the executive and judiciary combined." The bishop presiding over an Annual Conference may make any ruling he desires, interpret the law in any way he sees fit, and if, when he submits his rulings to the College of Bishops, they approve them, they become authoritative interpretations of the law. "If the preacher, in whose trial these rulings are made, takes an appeal on points of law to the General Conference, and in the interim the College of Bishops meets and approves the rulings from which appeal has been taken, when the case comes up in the Committee on Appeals the law has already been settled by the bishops without hearing him at all, and thus the right of appeal is virtually taken away." "The bishop from whose decisions he appealed is present and stated the grounds of his rulings to the rest of the bishops, but all the pleadings were ex parte; the preacher appealing was not present to be heard." When the appellant goes before the Committee on Appeals to reverse the ruling of a bishop, he is confronted by the affirmation of these rulings by the College of Bishops, so that he cannot argue legal questions before the Committee, and, as he was not allowed to appear in person or by counsel before the College of Bishops he could not discuss them there, he is not permitted to argue any question of law upon his appeal.

In all other courts it is a universal rule of law that all parties to a suit may be present in person or by attorney. The burden is upon the appellant and he has the opening and close of the argument. If either

party to the suit is not allowed to be present, it nullifies the proceedings so far as the debarred party is concerned. The College of Bishops meets semi-annually in May and December. The Committee on Appeals meets annually in May. Our Annual Conferences are held in the summer and fall. If the preacher in whose trial the rulings were made takes an appeal to the Committee on Appeals, and the rulings complained of on questions of law are confirmed by the College of Bishops at its December meeting, such decisions "are authoritative constructions of law," "in such cases they shall be final" and binding upon appellant and on the Committee on Appeals.

If an Annual Conference appeals from a bishop's decision on points of law, when the appeal is considered by the College of Bishops, the bishop who made the ruling is present, and states to his brother bishops the reasons for his decisions. If the Bishops confirm them they become "authoritative constructions" of the law, "final decisions" "binding on the Annual Conferences and the Church." Paragraph 128, Discipline of 1930. The Conference is not allowed to be represented by counsel. No member of the Conference is permitted to be present, and it could not state the reasons for its appeal

or argue the legal questions involved.

The Committees of the General Conference must work under the law as construed by the College of Bishops. The General Conference is governed by the law as interpreted by the bishops.

"The College of Bishops is the supreme court of appeals in legal decisions. An appeal from the decision of a President of an Annual Conference on a point of law lies to the whole College of Bishops, whose decision is final. Their interpretation of the law is authoritative, and governs the administration until the General Conference changes the statute." "Moreover the Bishops are constitutionally the primary judges of the constitutionality of the acts of the General Conference. Their functions as the law officers of the Church are never suspended, during the session of the General Conference, which creates no judiciary committee or at any other time." (Constitutional History of American Episcopal Methodism (Tigert), Pages 378-9.)

The judicial and legislative powers exercised by the bishops over our Church are very great and dangerous. The veto power enables the bishops not only to decide what the Constitution of our Church is, but also to shape, mould, and determine

what it will be in the future. "Not only do the bishops through the veto power succeed in protecting as the Constitution whatever they decide it to be, but through the same channels they have large legislative powers. They are not members of the General Conference and they have no vote," but eight, a majority of our fifteen bishops, "are equal through the veto power to two-thirds of the General Conference less one."

Their legislative power "in the Annual Conferences transcends this. They are equal to three-fourths of all the members of the Annual Conferences less one." (Conference Rights (Kerley), Page 192.)

The bishops after vetoing legislation preside over the Annual Conferences when these Conferences consider the measures vetoed. The bishops possess very great power and influence, make all appointments, direct and control the business of the Annual Conferences.

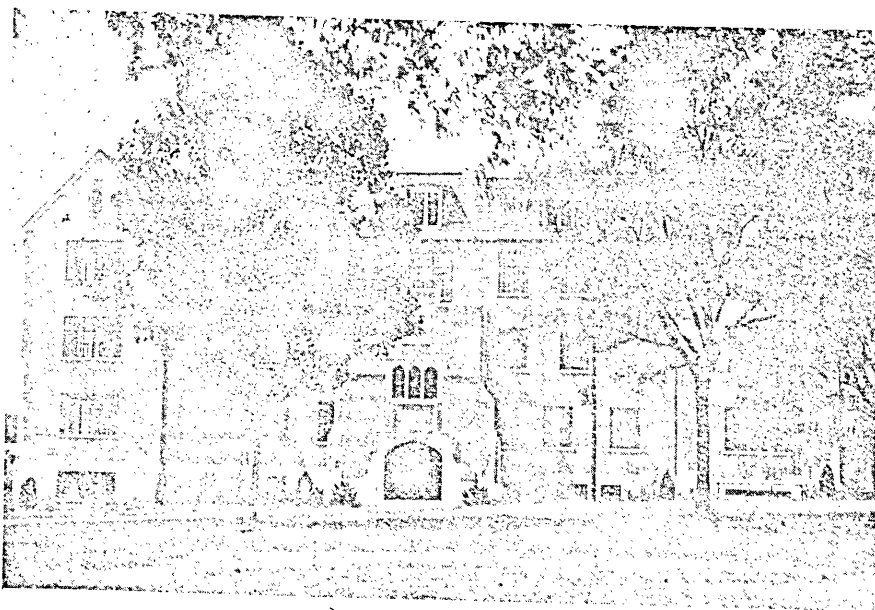
The greatest strain in the undivided Methodist Episcopal Church and in our Church has arisen over the powers and prerogatives of the Episcopacy. The Methodist Protestant Church was born as a protest against them. In 1820-1824 the Methodist Episcopal Church, came very near being divided over the rights and powers of the General Conference and the Episcopacy. These very questions caused the division of that Church in 1844. The most recent example of the dangers of the present judicial system occurred in 1924 when the College of Bishops was irreparably divided, and our Church torn asunder, over the question whether the College of Bishops had the power to call a special session of the General Conference, when that Conference had requested and directed them to call such special session. Although more than seven years have passed, the wounds caused by the failure of our judicial system to function properly at that time have not yet healed.—John T. Ellison, Centreville, Alabama.

COMPARED WITH LAST YEAR

A few days ago Mr. G. M. Bowers, one of Birmingham's best laymen, called us up, and said, "I see in the Advocate that Mr. Haley, the treasurer of the North Alabama Conference, reports that the churches have sent to him \$31,091.20 on Conference collections, the report being through July 31. Can you tell me what the report was for the same date last year?" "Yes, Sir, we can," was our reply, and referring to the Advocate files, we told him that the report for the same day last year was \$13,081.16. (We regret that we do not have the figures for the Alabama Conference also). It will be noted that the report for this year is almost two and one-half times as large as for last year. This is most encouraging, and gives us a real impetus toward the final tug. But, every thoughtful pastor and official member must realize that there is yet much to be done—and the time is short. Let us thank God for what has been done, take courage, and go at this work with a Christian determination to do our very best, and that for Christ's sake!—Alabama Christian Advocate.

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A LETTER OF THANKS TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FROM A JAP- ANESE SCHOOL GIRL

During 1929, the Young People's Missionary Societies raised as a special amount of money to buy a Concert Grand piano for the Hiroshima Girls' School in Japan. The Houck Piano Company of Nashville, by its generous terms, helped to make the purchase of the piano possible and attended to the shipping. Its arrival at Hiroshima was a "red letter" day at the school and the joy and gratitude of the students have been expressed in a number of letters written by them in English to the young people who sent the piano.

Since our young people's societies have been transferred to the Board of Christian Education, we have no way to get these letters to them except through the adults. It has occurred to us that you might like to use one of these letters through the columns of your Conference paper.

With best wishes, I am cordially yours, Bessie W. Lipscomb.

Hiroshima Girls' School,
Hiroshima, Japan, June 10, 1931.

Dear Friends: I am writing you for the first time. I am a student in the College Department of Hiroshima Girls' School. I thank you for your kind present of love to our school. We are very glad to have such a nice piano in our school. It stands in the chapel hall. Whenever we go there we see this beautiful piano and hear its beautiful tones. Our school teachers and students are very fond of music.

We shall have a literary exercise on June 13, together with a concert for introducing the piano to our friends. All the members of our school are rejoicing exceedingly that we can have such a good piano. I think no school but ours has such a splendid piano. I hear that it was bought with the funds saved during the past four years. I cannot help

admiring all the members of the Young People's Missionary Society. We all thank you for your kindness. Always with love.—Yoeko Goto.

ZONE MEETING AT EMMETT

Zone No. 1 of the Prescott District held its quarterly meeting at Emmett, August 13. This Zone includes the Chapters of Hope, Blevins, Washington and Emmett. The different chapters were well represented and all took an active part in the program.

A short classical program was rendered by two of the college students of Emmett before the devotional service.

Miss Lula Garland, who will be a Senior at Hendrix College this year and who is president of the Dramatic Club of that school, read a fantastical one-act play entitled "The Maker of Dreams." This play has been used very much by Little Theatre groups all over the state in the past few years and is a delightful Pierrot and Pierrette story.

Miss Johnnie Hamilton, who is a student at Magnolia A. and M., played a beautiful variation of "The Holy City." Miss Hamilton is a talented pianist and violinist.

The theme of the devotional service was Spiritual Cultivation. Mrs. Stephens, chairman from Blevins, read the fifteenth chapter of St. John's Gospel. Prayer, Mrs. Stephens. Two topics were interestingly discussed. Mrs. Thornton of Emmett talked on "Sharing the Gift of Life," and Mrs. Ward of Hope discussed "God, a Redemptive purpose."

A short round table discussion on the ills of the present day church proved very worth while. The conclusion finally reached was that two of the main handicaps of the church today are personal indifference and fear of criticism.

The business meeting included the reading of the minutes by Mrs. Jordan, secretary of Emmett, and the election of officers. Mrs. Stephens of Blevins, who has served so well as chairman, was unanimously re-elected chairman, and Mrs. Timberlake of Washington was elected secretary.

Mrs. Stephens announced that the next meeting would be at Washington the second Thursday in October, at 3 o'clock.

After this business was concluded, a sunset luncheon of sandwiches, fried chicken, cake and ice tea was greatly enjoyed under the shade of nearby oak trees.—Mrs. D. S. Jordan, Zone Sec.

WYNNE AUXILIARY

The Society met in regular social program meeting in the basement of the church, with Mrs. C. J. Coffin, Mrs. S. A. Long, Mrs. M. J. Monahan, Mrs. C. E. Harney and Mrs. J. H. Fisher as hostesses. Leaflets on Home Missions were given by Mrs. Coffin and Mrs. C. B. Hall. The concluding chapters in the Foreign Mission book, "India Looks to Her Future," were very interestingly given by Mrs. T. E. Lines, Mrs. Farris, Mrs. May, Miss Frances McElroy, and Mrs. Oliver. The Study Class has been unusually well attended and has attained the standard of Council recognition for the first time as an Auxiliary. The hostesses served a tempting salad plate to thirty members and three visitors, Mrs. A. A. Savage of Memphis, Mrs. Ray Smith of Coffeyville, Kan., and Mrs. Howard Jobe of Paris, Tenn.—Reporter.

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PARTING

(Appropriate when students are leaving home.)

A little wish for you, dear friend of mine;

A little wish, to bid you on your way.

I'll ne'er forget your smile, your cheery face

That helped me bear the burdens of the day.

A little smile for you, dear friend of mine;

A little smile, yet wistful in its glow,

That tells how I regret to see you leave,

And that I'm going to miss you, miss you so!

A little kiss for you, dear friend of mine;

A little kiss accompanied by a tear

That just would come, despite what I could do,

But fervently it asks, "God bless you, dear."

—Dorothy F. Pilquist.

THE CHALLENGE OF 1931 TO YOUNG PEOPLE

In the panic of 1873, when thousands sacrificed their possessions at slaughter prices, H. C. Frick laid the foundation of his princely fortune. He borrowed to the limit and invested in coal fields. He had faith in the return of prosperity and courage to back his faith.

This is the history of depressions. The masses lose faith, become panicky, and stampede. The far-sighted few prepare, and reap big harvests in better days just ahead.

Lessons for You

There are important lessons in this for college students and those ready for college. Here are some—ponder them:

1. It pays to take counsel of faith and courage, not of doubt and fear. Allow nothing to keep you out of college.

2. It pays to capitalize depressions. Get ready then to earn the big dividends awaiting those who are prepared when prosperity returns.

3. You can earn little or nothing at home now, but at college you can prepare for the future.

4. Go to college even if you have to sacrifice, economize, work, borrow. Nothing else will yield you half the returns.

5. A strong reason for going to college is that college-trained people are the least affected by depressions. Look about you and see how they hold their places and earn good incomes.

During the Battle of the Marne, Foch wired Joffre: "My right is annihilated, my left is retreating, but I am charging the center." What a glorious victory his courage won!

You are now at your Marne. On your right is the cotton debacle, on your left financial depression. Will you, like Foch, charge the center?

Eighteen months ago a father, who for years had been saving to send his daughter to college, was thrown out of employment and the family had to use these savings to live on. The

daughter, however, said: "I'll go to college anyway!" This courageous spirit conquered all difficulties. She will be in college this fall.—J. H. Reynolds, President, Hendrix College, Conway, Arkansas.

SOME OBSERVATIONS ON THE NEW PROGRAM OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

By Bishop Paul B. Kern.

Many interesting reports have been drifting in to me from the field regarding the new unified program in religious education. And they have been most encouraging. The Pastors' Schools almost without exception show a substantial increase in attendance and a new spirit of enthusiasm for the future. The Conference Assemblies of Young People have successfully made the transition, from the old Epworth League Assembly to the new unified program for all young people. The Leadership Schools at Mt. Sequoyah and Lake Junaluska have shown great vitality and promise. One interesting factor emerges. The number of young people between the ages of sixteen and twenty-three has increased and the falling off has been almost entirely among the adults over twenty-three. This is as it should be and more and more our Young People's Assemblies will be for young people. The new program for younger adults that is being developed opens up a new field of service for adults and lays a challenge down that they will be quick to accept.

I have been greatly interested also to hear continued and widespread acclaim for the advantages of the new arrangement. The staff at Nashville has labored long and hard to build a road through the "new ground" of our legislation. It is my personal conviction that they have done a good piece of work. It would have been much easier to lay down some plans and hand out a blue print of activities all ready for any church. But they have not chosen to do the job in such a mechanical way. Rather they have looked upon this as a co-operative task in which the Central Office at Nashville and the actual people in the church must each have a share and responsibility. The result is the discovery of the principles underlying the program and the closest and most intimate understanding between these two groups. It is a slower way, but also the surer way, and the church is realizing now the result of the patient, far-looking labors of our competent staff in the Department of the Local Church.

And now all that is needed is continued confidence and co-operation upon the part of the pastors. Some have not yet appointed their Local Board of Christian Education. A few have made little study of the new legislation. For all who are not fully posted on these matters literature is available at Nashville by addressing the Board of Christian Education, 810 Broadway.

Once again the chance comes to Southern Methodism to blaze a trail in the field of religious education. Leaders everywhere are watching with cordial interest and growing confidence our developing program.

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Our legislation does what others have long hoped for but failed to see accomplished. But I am even more interested in seeing the new legislation succeed, because I see in my mind's eye the hundreds of thousands, yea even millions, of our people who need a vital religious experience, a new fervor for righteousness, a new zeal for God. Any program is just so many words unless into it is breathed the passion and hot earnestness of men and women who use it as a means to the glorious end of making Christlike characters. Our line has been shortened by the new program, but it will avail us nothing unless it means a quicker and more direct approach to the multitudes who need Christ. A program is only a channel of power. Legislation does nothing. It merely gives us a chance to do something. As we all pull together for the alluring task ahead of us in the local church, let us thank God and take courage. The best is yet to be.

COKEBURY SCHOOL AT SALADO

Rev. I. L. Claud, pastor at Newark, taught the unit "Worship in the Sunday School," at Salado during the week beginning August 3. Twelve people enrolled for credit in this school and ten of this number received credit.

Salado is a church on the Pleasant Plains charge. Rev. W. T. Griffith is pastor. This is, at least, the third school which has been held on this charge this year. We are sure that visible results are seen from each of these schools.—Glenn F. Sanford.

COKEBURY SCHOOL AT FALLING SPRINGS

Falling Springs is a church on the Gravette-Decatur charge. Rev. A. L. Riggs, pastor, taught a Cokesbury School in connection with his own revival on his own charge. The class session was conducted each morning from 9:30 to 10:30. The "Educational Work of the Small Church" was the unit taught. Ten people enrolled for credit while only eight of this number met the requirements

for credit. The conducting of a Training School in connection with a revival is a good plan in many situations.—Glenn F. Sanford.

N. ARKANSAS SUNDAY SCHOOL DAY OFFERING REPORT TO SEPTEMBER 5

Batesville District
Previously reported\$459.36
Mountain View 15.50
Total\$474.86

Conway District
Previously reported\$491.94
Lamar 5.00
Total\$496.94

Fayetteville District
Previously reported\$326.12
Harmon 5.00
Total\$331.12

Helena District
Previously reported\$337.85
Widener 6.00
Wesley Chapel 1.40
Total\$345.31

Paragould District
Previously reported\$212.82
Marmaduke 4.00
Total\$216.82

Standing by Districts
Conway\$ 496.94
Batesville 474.86
Helena 345.31
Jonesboro 336.77
Ft. Smith 331.80
Fayetteville 331.12
Searcy 280.11
Paragould 216.82
Booneville 203.17
Total\$3,016.90
—G. G. Davidson, Executive Sec'y.

PARENT EDUCATION AND HOME CO-OPERATION

Brinkley, through the work of the pastor, has a fine class in "The Practical Study of Home Life." This class is a part of the Adult Department of the Sunday School and is taught by the pastor.

Some of the general subjects are: "Mating," "What the Home Is to Be and Do," "The Care of the Baby," "Pre-School Influences of the Home," "Starting the Child to School," "The Influence of Pictures in the Home," "The Influence of Reading Matter in the Home," "A Study of Obedience," "Why the Child Grows to be Nervous," "Family Worship," "The Relation of the Home and the Church," etc.

The class has made a study of home life in Brinkley and has secured these facts: There are 290 homes of white people in town, 178 live in rented houses, 229 homes have flowers, 260 are clean, 138 have gardens, eight have continual sickness, 32 are widows, 405 children in these homes, 198 homes attend church and Sunday School, only two homes with children who do not send to the public school.

We hope to secure like figures on the Negro homes.—J. J. Galloway, P. C.

Church News

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE PAYMENTS ON KINGDOM EXTENSION FUND THROUGH AUGUST 31

Arkadelphia District
Previously reported\$ 586.89
Hot Springs Circuit 7.00
Princeton Circuit 1.25
First Church, Hot Springs... 300.45
Total\$ 895.59

Camden District
Previously reported\$1,557.55
To correct error in report for May—Orrick charge should have been Missouri Conference 4.00
Total\$1,553.55
First Church, Camden 300.00
Total\$1,853.55

Little Rock District
Previously reported\$1,905.35
Winfield Church, L. Rock... 100.00
First Church, Little Rock... 1,000.00
Total\$3,005.35

Monticello District
Previously reported\$1,084.05
Wilmar 4.75
Total\$1,088.80

Pine Bluff District
Previously reported\$1,940.60
Sheridan-New Hope 33.50
Pine Bluff Circuit 76.00
Gillett-Swan Lake 18.00
Altheimer-Wabbaseka 75.00
DeWitt Station 5.00
Carr Mem., Pine Bluff 25.00
Total\$2,173.10

Prescott District
Previously reported\$ 508.42

Texarkana District
Previously reported\$1,844.89
Hatfield Circuit 3.00
Lockesburg Circuit 3.13
Total\$1,851.02

Grand total\$11,375.83
—James Thomas, Secretary.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The Methodist Ministers' Brotherhood of the Little Rock District met at the First Methodist Church, Sept. 7, at 9:30 a. m., with Presiding Elder J. A. Henderson in the chair. The meeting opened with the singing, and A. C. Millar led in prayer. "I need thee every hour," was sung and and Rev. D. H. Colquette led in prayer. Brother Henderson spoke a few words of exhortation and mentioned the short time till Annual Conference.

Rev. E. L. Shettles of the Texas Conference; Rev. Edwin Keatley, local preacher from Forest Park Church, and Rev. Virgil Morris were introduced.

Reports were had from the pastors on conditions in their charges, and it was found that 927 members have been received this year and encouraging reports were given in reference to finances.

A resolution about the new Hymnal was adopted.

Dr. A. C. Millar spoke of the Arkansas Methodist anniversary number, to be issued Oct. 22, and asked for full co-operation.

Dr. James Thomas, presiding elder of Pine Bluff District, gave an encouraging report of affairs in his District.

Rev. Clem Baker spoke of the reviving of rural churches, 25 or more having been reopened this year.

Brother Henderson spoke a few words of appreciation of the wonder-

ful co-operation on the part of the preachers of the district.

Rev. C. D. Meux reported that he had been appointed superintendent of the Little Rock Good Will Industries and would serve part time without salary.

Mr. C. K. Wilkerson, college field secretary, spoke a few words of greeting.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Rev. W. R. Harrison.—C. D. Meux, Sec.

REVIVAL AT CHRISTIE'S CHAPEL

On Monday night following the second Sunday in August a meeting began at Christie's Chapel. The people had been looking forward to that time and were prepared for the meeting, so each one entered into the services, hoping to get successful results with God's help.

The pastor, Rev. O. C. Robison, had no outside help, nor did he need any. He preached two wonderful sermons each day to a packed house, with the best of results.

On Wednesday night, Rev. A. J. Christie of Lake Village preached a great sermon to a large congregation, most of whom were his kindred. Bro. Christie had incidentally come back to his old home for a short visit and it pleased every one greatly to hear him preach.

The meeting continued through Tuesday night following the third Sunday, and although the weather throughout the week was cloudy and threatening rain, the congregations were fine throughout.

Oftentimes the closing service of a revival lacks in feeling and enthusiasm, but not so with this one. The closing was the grand finale of a very successful revival.

During the time there were 17 conversions, four reclamations and 12 additions to the church, eleven of which came on profession of faith and one by letter. Several of the number preferred baptism by immersion and for that reason all were

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taken in together at the water's edge the following Sunday afternoon after the meeting had closed.

The people of Christie's Chapel love and highly esteem the pastor and his wife. We hope to pay out in full and hope to have Bro. Robinson and his good wife returned to the Emerson Charge next year. Under their leadership the Church and Sunday School have increased greatly and we want the good work to continue. We boast of the great S. S. at Christie's Chapel with its enrollment of more than 100 and average attendance of 75.—Mrs. Owen Christie.

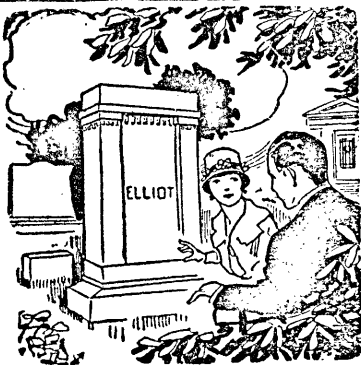
REVIVAL AT WARREN

We have just closed a very helpful meeting here in Warren. We began on Aug. 19 and closed on the 28th. Rev. Neill Hart, our pastor at Dermott, did the preaching, and it was well done. Bro. Hart is a very attractive personality and interesting speaker, and his popularity grew with every service during the meeting. Bro. Hart held 21 preaching services here and there was not a dull moment during any service.

There is to be a reception of members at 11 a. m., Sunday, the 30th.

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We have the names of five who are to join the church on profession of faith. The co-operation of the other churches and the spirit manifested by all was simply wonderful.

Our church is feeling the depression just like every other church is feeling it, but I think that our financial condition is somewhat better than it was at this date last year.

The pastor of the Baptist Church here has been sick for several months and the Presbyterian Church has been without a pastor since May, so I have had a rather strenuous time of it, doing triple duty, but the Lord has been wonderfully kind, and my health has been perfect, and so we have been getting on fine. The new pastor for the Presbyterians will begin his pastorate tomorrow. I think that we have a new spirit in this good town now and are hoping that everything will be greatly improved.—A. W. Waddill, P. C.

CALICO ROCK

Finishing my course for the B. D. degree from the School of Religion, Duke University, in June, I was assigned immediately to Calico Rock for the remainder of the Conference year. Mrs. Walton and I are enjoying our work here beyond expression. This is a beautiful section of the state. The people have been kind to us in every way, and are responding in splendid form to every request for the advancement of the Kingdom. We have just closed a two weeks' meeting in which the pastor did all the preaching and the people did great work. The meeting resulted in 27 professions and 16 additions to the church. We are making plans to dedicate the church before Conference and to hold a Cokesbury School. We are pressing the matter of subscriptions to the Arkansas Methodist and expect to show a favorable increase soon.—Aubrey G. Walton, P. C.

REVIVAL AT PEARCY

On the evening of August 12, we began our meeting at Percy. Rev. D. L. Wilcox, our pastor, did the preaching and Rev. Alfred Doss, local preacher from Morning Star, led the song service.

The attendance the first week was small and very little interest was shown. However, three were converted.

On Tuesday evening, one week after the beginning of the meeting, one young man was converted. The next night he testified to the congregation and begged his pals to come and be Christians with him.

The next night there were nine conversions, most of whom were young men.

After this wonderful work of God, Bro. Wilcox and the older Christians were very much encouraged. Every one seemed to have more zeal and determination to work and win more souls for Christ.

Each night following the pastor preached with the help of the Spirit. The sermons were as a two-edged sword piercing the hearts of hard-hearted sinners, causing them to stop and think. From then on there were conversions by the dozen.

We feel and know that God was with us. The people testified the same at the closing service, Sunday, Aug. 30. New converts, as well as old, testified that they had indeed been blessed. Some quoted Scripture and talked upon it, others asked for prayer that they might ever continue about "His Father's Business."

There were 53 conversions and 43 additions to the church, 28 by baptism, 13 by vows, and two by letter. The membership before the meeting was 28.

We thank God for this wonderful outpouring of His spirit, and we pray for the continual growth of his church.

We all love our pastor and are all for him. On the short acquaintance with Bro. Doss we all learned to love him and hope and pray for him to have success in life.

As a result of the meeting, a prayer meeting has been started and much more interest is shown in Sunday School and League work. There were 150 in Sunday School last Sunday, Aug. 30.—A New Convert.

REVIVAL AT GORBY

Rev. J. O. Vance, formerly of the St. Louis Conference, held a meeting at Olive Branch, near Gorby, Arkansas. The meeting began the first Sunday in August and continued one week. It rained services out Monday and Tuesday nights.

People came several miles over very rough roads to hear him preach. He delivered some wonderful sermons.

Had seven conversions and 28 agreed to tithe. The people of Olive Branch believe if all preachers would preach and instruct the Christian people, there would be more paid in for the cause of Christianity.—Thurman Mason, Supt. of Olive Branch Sunday School.

REVIVAL AT PERRY

Sunday morning, Aug. 30, concluded a two weeks' meeting at Perry, conducted by the pastor, Rev. J. W. Harger. The song and devotional service was conducted by G. B. Colvin, and the piano presided over by Miss Adele Harris, both of Perry. This meeting was pronounced by many as being the best meeting ever had by this church and it resulted in ten conversions and six reclamations. Strong scriptural sermons were preached by Bro. Harger, both morning and at night, and it was noteworthy that a majority of those converted or reclaimed were adults, some well advanced in years. The Baptist Church of this place joined heartily in the services and all felt greatly uplifted as a result of the meeting.—G. B. Colvin.

EBENEZER CAMPMEETING

On Friday evening, Aug. 14, the campmeeting at old Ebenezer Camp Ground, on Center Point Charge, opened with a grand old hymn, followed with prayer by Hon. W. D. Lee, father of the Rev. L. O. Lee of Hot Springs, who was the evangelistic preacher for the occasion.

Although we had rain during the first few days, the crowds kept coming. We had larger crowds than had attended the campmeeting in several years.

Bro. Lee brought some great, stirring and convicting messages. There were several conversions, and many others resolved to live a better life. Miss Martha Brandt of Carlisle, with her wonderful, trained talent, brought us some soul-stirring messages on her violin at each service, with Miss Edwina Green at the piano as accompanist.

Rev. F. L. Arnold, Bro. B. W. Propps, and Bro. O. Bearden led the great choir in worship in song.

We were glad to have the following ministers visit and deliver some wonderful messages for us during

the meeting: Rev. F. L. Arnold of Traskwood, Rev. J. D. Baker of DeQueen, Rev. E. P. Doak of Waldo, and Rev. B. F. Roebuck of Nashville.

Mrs. L. O. Lee and Miss Julia Graves had charge of the Young People's services, and Mrs. C. R. Andrews had charge of the children's services.

All working together with one accord, we feel that much and lasting good was accomplished. It is said by many to have been the greatest meeting in several years at old Ebenezer.—C. R. Andrews, P. C.

REVIVALS ON POTTSVILLE CHARGE

We closed our meeting at London, Aug. 27, with more than 60 conversions, reclamations, and more than 30 uniting with both the Methodist and Baptist Churches.

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with Rev. Mr. Elliff, pastor of the Baptist Church of Greenwood, doing the preaching and Mrs. Lady Evellen Witherton of Pottsville leading in the spiritual songs.

This was indeed a great meeting. The preacher, singer, Rev. Mr. Moore, pastor of the local Baptist Church, and members of both churches must have been at their best.

We closed our meeting at Pleasant Grove, Aug. 19, with nine conversions and reclamations, and acceptions. The pastor did the preach-

ing. Robt. Hines of London led the singing.

All of our meetings have been wonderfully successful and our churches built up, except at Pottsville, and there were no gains at this point, except one member.—T. C. Chambliss, P. C.

REVIVAL AT TUCKER

On the fourth Sunday in August we began our meeting at Tucker and closed on the night of the fifth Sunday.

We had a very gracious meeting. The singing was splendid, with Mrs. Frank Wenzel at the organ and leading the choir. Two fine young girls were received into the church on profession. The membership of the church was revived and strengthened as a result of the meeting. The pastor did all the preaching except on Friday night, when Dr. James Thomas dropped in and preached for us, to the delight of all.

It is our plan to begin a meeting at Sherrill the first Sunday in September.

I feel like we will have a good meeting. We need it, and am sure the good Lord will grant it if we do our part.—F. F. Harrell, P. C.

REVIVAL AT GRAND PRAIRIE

We have just closed our meeting at Grand Prairie, on Cecil Charge, with seven conversions. Rev. S. E. Kimberling, the pastor, did the preaching. He is a good gospel preacher and knows how to conduct a revival campaign. We have a loyal church and a fine community in which to live. We also have a strong Sunday School and good Epworth League.

I shall be glad to assist pastors in song service and personal work.—Robert Nance, singing evangelist, 3723 W. Irving Ave., Ft. Smith.

ARKANSAS REPAYS.

Arkansas has started paying back its debt to the generous-hearted people of the United States who sent food and cash into this state through the American Red Cross last winter.

England, Ark., an agricultural town in Lonoke County, was more widely advertised last winter than any other locality in all the drought area. That wasn't England's fault, and it was not justified by the facts, but it happened just the same. England has taken the lead in proving to the world that the agriculture which was on its back last winter is on its feet today, ready to return to others the bread they cast upon the waters.

When stories of destitution in an Oklahoma town came out on the wires, England organized a caravan of trucks, loaded them with food and started them to Oklahoma. Simultaneously, a celebration was held in England of the bounteous crops which a kindly nature and a thrifty people have produced this year.

Arkansas farms have produced heavily this year, and in many instances there are surpluses which cannot be used or marketed at a profit on the present low price level. Home canning is proceeding on a large scale to preserve the surplus fruit and vegetables against the winter's need. But it is usually true in a season of plentiful production of truck that considerable quantities go to waste because of lack of market. Arkansas can help considerably to offset the publicity it got last winter, and to return in kind the generosity of people elsewhere by following the example England has set.—Ex.

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LESSON TEXT—Acts 14:1-28.

GOLDEN TEXT—Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Some Missionary Adventures.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Some Missionary Adventures.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Hardships of Missionaries.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Christianity Facing Other Religions.

I. Paul and Barnabas Preaching at Iconium (vv. 1-7).

Their experience here was much the same as at Antioch. They entered the Jewish synagogue and preached, causing a multitude of Jews and Gentiles to believe. The unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles to the most bitter opposition. Concerning their work in Iconium observe.

1. Their manner of preaching (v. 1). They "so spake" that a great multitude believed. They were true preachers. Only that which brings conviction of sin and induces decisions for Christ can be truly said to be preaching in the biblical sense. It is not enough merely to bring the truth to the people. It must be brought in such a way that men and women will be induced to decide for Christ.

2. Their attitude toward opposition (v. 3). This is suggested by the word "therefore." "Long time therefore they tarried." The opposition did not prevent their preaching but incited them to continue preaching. Christian workers should not give up work because of opposition.

3. Their preaching accompanied with miracles (v. 3). Since the opposition was so fierce, the Lord granted special help in his vindication of their testimony.

4. The effect of their preaching (v. 4). The multitude of the city was divided. Where men faithfully preach the gospel there will be division.

5. Paul and Barnabas assaulted (vv. 5-7). The Jews and the Gentiles united in this assault. Being apprised of this effort, Paul and Barnabas fled to Lystra and Derby, where they preached the gospel.

II. An Attempt to Worship Paul and Barnabas as Gods (vv. 8-18).

1. The occasion (vv. 8-10). It was the healing of a lame man. God's gracious power shown in healing this lame man occasioned new difficulty. That which ought to have been a help was turned into a hindrance. This was a notable miracle. The man had never walked. On hearing Paul preach, faith was born in his heart (Rom. 10:17). When Paul perceived that he trusted Christ, he called with a loud voice that all could hear for the man to stand upright. The cure was instantaneous, for he leaped up and walked (v. 10).

2. The method (vv. 11-13). They called Barnabas Jupiter, and Paul Mercurius because he was the chief speaker. The priest of Jupiter brought oxen and garlands ready to offer sacrifices unto these men (v. 13). In the person of Jesus Christ God has actually appeared to man (John 1:14; Phil. 2:7, 8).

3. Their efforts frustrated (vv. 14-18). This foolish act was happily averted by the tact of the apostles as exhibited in the address of the occasion:

a. They denied that they were divine beings.

b. They directed them to turn away from these vain things unto the living God who made heaven and earth.

III. The Stoning of Paul (vv. 19-22).

Wicked Jews from Antioch and Iconium pursued Paul with relentless hate to this place where they stirred up the very people who had been willing to worship them a short time before. This shows that satanic worship can soon be turned into satanic hate. This hatred took form in the stoning of Paul and the dragging of him out of the city for dead. Having been raised up by God, he with undaunted courage pressed on with his duties as a missionary bearing the good tidings to the lost. Soon after this, Paul turned back and revisited the places where he had preached, telling them that through great tribulation they must enter into the Kingdom of God.

IV. The Organization of Churches in the Field (vv. 23-28).

Evangelization with Paul did not mean a hasty and superficial preaching of the gospel, but the establishment of a permanent work. Elders were appointed in every church. The work of the missionary is not done until there is established on the field self-governing and self-propagating churches.

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