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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

If you would make the best use of family jars, just preserve peas (peace) in them.

The prediction of financial recovery in the near future is nonsense as long as taxes mount and courage is low.

He is not a hijacker who stops you on the road and trys to sell you a cantaloupe for a penny or a watermelon for a nickel.

If all our hairs are numbered, as we are taught in the Scriptures, we wonder why it is so difficult for some bald brethren to get back numbers.

Since there is an overproduction of locusts in certain states, why not furnish their people with honey so that they might live as did John the Baptist.

It is said that in Yellowstone Park a geyser that had been quiescent for thirty-nine years, has suddenly become active; no doubt Arthur Brisbane, publicity agent and protagonist for the wets, can discover some connection between this outburst and the 18th Amendment.

GOD MUST BE PUT FIRST

IN a message to the two Alabama Conferences over which he presides, Bishop Ainsworth in the Alabama Christian Advocate makes an earnest plea for faithful effort in finishing the work of the Conference year. So fine and appropriate are his words that we reproduce a part of his message below, because it is just as appropriate for our people as for those in Alabama.

"The remaining weeks are crucial in their importance. In these two months a ripe harvest may be lost for lack of careful husbandry and heroic endeavor may yet turn threatened disaster at any point into a worthy achievement to the honor of God and His church. The time is short and none of it must be lost, if we are to give a good account of our stewardship.

"Let our revival campaign be followed up with diligent endeavor to lead every person, who has manifested any serious impression, into open allegiance to Christ and His church. Such persons must not be forsaken when the revival campaign is over. Their souls are at stake; their interest, if not deepened and made decisive, may be dissipated never to return. There are thousands about us in these unusual times who would respond to the spiritual guidance of a skilled hand. Methodism must be faithful to the souls of men. The gleanings after the summer is over may be as valuable as the original harvest. And nothing can be more important than to nurture and build up all new converts in the faith and enlist them in Christian service.

"We have pledged our best for level columns of finance. The result can be achieved, even against great odds, almost anywhere. God in great mercy has blessed the land with plenty, so that our agricultural population should have food to eat and to spare. Even if general economic conditions are still abnormal, nobody can complain against the Almighty. The crux of this whole situation lies in the selfishness and extravagance of a world that has dishonored God. The sure way back is to turn to God in deep and genuine repentance, such as will mark a radical change in our personal habits and social customs.

"And we should not return empty handed! The first fruits belong to God and the Church should not wait for what is left after other obligations have been met. The fall is peculiarly our harvest season and I would exhort the pastor and stewards and godly men and women to meet early in every charge and pray through and plan out a successful close of all finances for the honor of God's house.

"It would be unfair to say that every man who does not meet his financial obligations is dis-

KNOWING THAT A MAN IS NOT JUSTIFIED BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW, BUT BY THE FAITH OF JESUS CHRIST EVEN WE HAVE BELIEVED IN JESUS CHRIST, THAT WE MIGHT BE JUSTIFIED BY THE FAITH OF CHRIST, AND NOT BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW; FOR BY THE WORKS OF THE LAW SHALL NO FLESH BE JUSTIFIED.—Gal. 2:16.

honest. Many honest men are at times unable to meet their just debts. Such persons must be pitied rather than condemned. All such will meet their obligations at the earliest possible moment. Unfortunately there are those who can but do not. To repudiate, or delay the payment of an obligation made to God and His church until everything else is met, touches the depths of dishonesty.

"God must be put first. 'I am the Lord thy God,' saith Jehovah, and 'thou shalt have no other gods before me.' Any other work but His work may be set aside. The maintenance of the Lord's work in Alabama and America and throughout the world-parish of the sons of Wesley is the sure way of recovery for our own and the other distressed peoples of these unhappy times. Let all our people honor God in the keeping of His commandments and in the bringing of more generous sacrifices of their substance to the altars of the Lord's house! Thus will the Lord of Hosts establish our goings and our feet shall stand in an even place."

CHURCH DEBTS

IN addition to the psychological complex growing out of the world-wide financial mess, many of our churches are hampered by large local debts and other expenses. According to The Christian Century, the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. handles about \$60,000,000 a year, and of that some \$14,000,000 have gone for building, repairs and improvements, and less than \$9,000,000 for benevolences. The Methodist Episcopal Church reported in 1921 \$19,513,606 indebtedness and in 1930 this had increased to \$67,351,508. Our own church in 1921 reported indebtedness of \$5,982, 540, and in 1930 it had grown to \$23,784,111. It is noted that, while all the churches have increased their contributions to benevolences in the last decade, nevertheless most of them are spending a large amount on purely local and prideful things. This grows out of the fact that within the last ten years many congregations have felt the need of larger and more modern buildings, especially buildings that are suited to the departmentalized work of the Sunday Schools. While it is undoubtedly true that most of these buildings and improvements were needed, it is also true that often local and denominational pride have caused the building of larger and more pretentious edifices than the financial strength of the several congregations warranted. During the period of quick money and extravagance, it was easy to obtain loans; but with changed financial conditions, in many cases, these debts have become extremely burdensome and in making payments and maintaining the more expensive plant, the congregations have economized on the bene-This has caused embarrassment in the General Boards that had made plans dependent on the larger contributions expected. cases, the local debts are so heavy that it is almost impossible for the churches to meet the obligations as they fall due. It now devolves upon the men who created these enormous local debts to devise ways and means to take care of them. Wherever possible the loans should be refinanced

so that they may be carried with small annual payments for a long period. Where the buildings are substantial and planned with increase in membership in view, it is but right that debts should be gradually liquidated through a long period, because the future members who will use these buildings should have the privilege of helping to pay for them. It is in a sense unfair for a present membership in a few years to pay all the cost of a structure that may be used a hundred years. When that is done, the coming generations should surely meet their moral obligation by paying far more liberally to the various benevolences. This should be done now by the churches that have no debts.

However, the congregations burdened with heavy local debts should not allow themselves to escape the high spiritual obligation to do all in their power to take care of the benevolences. Otherwise they may develop a type of self-interest and self-pity that is distinctly pagan and un-Christian. When it is local and denominational pride which has provoked the building of unusually expensive edifices, it may be as culpable as embezzlement. It is a diversion of sacred funds for gratification of unholy motives.

It is not going to be easy to secure the longtime loans required to lighten the burdens. Consequently there is opportunity for the utilization of all the real financial ability there is in the church. Good men should deliberately and prayerfully ponder this problem, and seek a satisfactory solution. It seems to us that one element in a solution would be to turn over endowment and other funds of church organizations that want only interest and safety to the General Board of Church Extension and with all due precaution for safety arrange that that great business Board should loan these trust funds to the strong churches that need ten to twenty years to pay out their indebtedness. We confidently believe that this Board, with its facilities to examine titles and get facts, could handle these funds to far better advantage than local loan boards. This would make it possible for these funds to do double duty. Let us see what can be done along this line.

REPORT OF FINDINGS COMMITTEE LAKE JUNALUSKA LAYMEN'S CON-FERENCE TO GENERAL BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES, METHO-DIST EPISCOPAL, CHURCH, SOUTH

We, Your Findings Committee, beg leave to report as follows:

In the face of world conditions, out of which come a challenge and an opportunity to the church, we recognize the need on the part of the laymen of a new consecration of their whole lives to Christian service, and we recommend:

First, that the laymen give themselves wholeheartedly to the task of carrying through the full program of the church for the present year:

Second, that there should be here at Lake Junaluska next summer from July 20 to 25, inclusive. a great gathering of the laymen, representatives from every district of every Conference in our territory, for a program of study and inspiration such as would vitally affect practically every local church in this territory. We suggest this program be formulated by the president and secretary of the General Board of Lay Activities in time for full information of the 1932 conference to be presented to the several Annual Conferences in the fall.

Third, that full and definite information relative to the work of the laymen as proposed through the new organization be prepared in (Continued on page 2, col. 3)

Personal and Other Items

MRS. W. F. JOHNSON, of Bradley reports that Sunday School Day was observed at Bradley, September 6, with a good congregation and nice collection.

IT is probable that arrangements will be made for "Pussyfoot" Johnson and Col. F. B. Ebbert to speak in this city within the next two weeks. These are great prohibition leaders and we advise our readers to watch for announcements of the speaking date and arrange to attend.

MISS HENRY McKINNON, who this year has been helping her sister, Mrs. A. C. Millar, has gone to Valley Springs to teach English. Prof. and Mrs. M. J. Russell came down Saturday and arranged for her to take this work in place of a teacher who had made other arrangements. They report a good opening of the Training School.

IN this issue is completed the series of articles on "The Judicial Council" by Judge J. T. Ellison, a prominent layman of Alabama, who was a member of the last General Conference. His articles are worthy of careful consideration and should be read and reread by those who will be expected to vote on the adoption of the amendment that is submitted to our Annual Conferences this fall. Next week there will be an article by Dr. T. D. Ellis, secretary of our General Board of Church Extension, who is one of our clearest thinkers. Then another article is in hand from Bishop Denny whose first article was published several weeks ago. Bishop Denny is opposed to the Judicial Council amendment and his arguments should be carefully weighed and compared with the arguments of these other writers who favor the amendment. A little later there will be editorial comment.

VISITING SOUTHWEST MISSOURI CONFERENCE

A GAIN representing the Western Methodist Assembly and the General Board of Temperance and Social Service, I had the pleasure of attending the Southwest Missouri Conference, which met at Clinton, about half way between Springfield and Kansas City. I had rather a hard trip, having to wait four hours at Hoxie and four at Springfield, with no opportunity for sleep in bed. Arriving at noon, I learned that Supt. S. M. Yancey had just captured the Conference with his wit and oratory. He always makes a hit for the Assembly.

With his usual ability in handling affairs Bishop Smith had all business well advanced on Friday so that it was easily finished Saturday ready for the ordinations and sermon and appointments Sunday at noon. It had been a fairly good year, with many conversions, but many were dropped in pruning the rolls. The Collections were better than in Missouri Conference, approximating 44½ per cent. Some apportionments were reduced, and instead of an apportionment for Church Extension an apportionment of \$13,000 was accepted for the Columbia Church. The Missouri Conference was followed in resolutions suspending the St. Louis Advocate for a year, in appointing a Commission to consider merging the three Conferences, and the vote on Judicial Council, which lacked only one vote of being unani-

mous. Mrs. Lewis, who as extension secretary had made a fine record, was made executive secretary of the Board of Christian Education. It is possible that the Pastors' Summer School may go to Mt. Sequoyah, and interest was manifest in my suggestion that the Conference of 1933 be held there to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the meeting of the Missouri Conference in Arkansas. The next session will be at Neosho, which is not far from Arkansas. The attendance was good, but not many connectional men were present. I had ample opportunity to present my causes during the session of the Conference. I preached for the negroes of the Methodist Episcopal Church and had a good time. As I had to leave before the appointments were read, I do not know many

Clinton, the county seat of Henry County, is in the middle of the Conference, at the crossing of the M., K. & T. Ry. and the Frisco. It is in a gently undulating prairie country where trees had been planted fifty years ago and had grown large. It has a population of nearly 6,000, and is a fine business point. All the Protestant Churches have large and handsome buildings. Ours is the smallest. Across the way is the beautiful high school building with a big gymnasium where the final exercises of the Conference were held.

In a sight-seeing excursion over the town, I discovered that it had one of the greatest chicken hatcheries in the West, a great ice-cream plant, and remarkable florists. One man had wonderful calla lilies, and another had the most beautiful private flower garden I have ever seen. It included about two acres of rough ground that had been landscaped and developed beyond description. There was a large furnace where we toasted marshmallows, and then we had all the fresh grape-juice we could drink. Just before that we had been treated to ice cream. Seldom does a little city combine so many beauties and utilities. There are several artesian wells spouting sulphur water and creating little lakes.

As I had joined the Southwest Missouri Conference in 1886, I felt much at home. Although many of my brethren had passed on, some were left and many others whom I had later known gave me kindly greetings. Many had been my students. The weather was extremely hot for September, but did not mar the pleasure of the sessions. Entertainment was on the Harvard plan, and dinner and supper were had at the excellent cafes.—A. C. M.

BOOK REVIEWS

Not Slothful In Business; by Herbert A. Bosch; published by Richard R. Smith, Inc., New York; price \$1.00.

This is a strong plea for the all-inclusive type of stewardship which goes to make the well-rounded Christian character and the truly useful Christian church. Dr. Bosch makes it clear that a stewardship of life as well as a stewardship of money is required of each of us. The book is full of suggestive ideas and methods which, if followed, would put our church on a sound financial basis and at the same time throw the emphasis of church activities on soul-saving, relegating money matters to the background where they rightly belong. Everyone should read this book.

The Essentials of Leadership; by Herman Harrell Horne, Ph. D., published by Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; price \$1.00.

This book plainly points the way to the training of a stronger, better and higher type of leaders for the three all important, inseparable fields

of human interest, morality, religion and education. The author mentions thirty-three essentials of leadership, tells how you may test yourself for these essentials and build up those in which you are lacking. That, in the first chapter, is merely a foretaste of the many valuable suggestions you will gain from a careful study of its pages. The subjects discussed are as follows: "Essentials of Leadership," "Jesus as a Group Leader," "The Philosophy of Greatness," "Complete Living as the Goal of Education," "The Ministry of Teaching," "A Square Deal in Business," "Moral and Religious Instruction In the Public Schools," "Religious Education, Our Dangers and Our Needs," "What Did the Cross Mean to Christ?" "The Changing Church." The discussions are simple and direct in style and inspiring and thought-provoking in subject-matter. one chapter is well worth the price of the book.

The Preacher and His Missionary Message; by Stephen J. Corey; published by Cokesbury Press; Nashville, Tenn.; price \$1.50.

For twenty-five years Dr. Corey has been closely identifed with missions. Through his wide experience as a leader in his denomination and as a member of its great Conferences, his personal contacts with missionaries of all denominations, and his observation of the work in all fields, he is qualified to give us much first-hand information. He who reads and ponders this message will have more zeal for the cause of Missions and a clearer grasp of the subject when he would present it to others. Chapter VII, "The Church's Need of a World Field," is stirring and convincing enough to arouse the coldest congregation. Each of its ten chapters overflows with a challenge and a vital message and even the appendix is full of such good things as the following: "Contemporary Aids;" "Outline Sermons on World Missions;" "The Jerusalem Appeal to Pastors;" "Suggestions on Confronting the Church with Its World Mission" and Bibliography.

CIRCULATION REPORT

SINCE the last report the following subscriptions have been sent in: Lockesburg, Earle Lewis, 1; Calico Rock, Aubrey G. Walton, 1; Pottsville, T. C. Chambliss, 1; Gravette, A. L. Riggs, 2; Harrisburg, C. E. Gray, by Mrs. U. L. Smith, 7; Nashville, B. F. Roebuck, 2; Umpire, J. F. Taylor, 2; Piggott, J. F. Glover, 4; Magazine, V. B. Utley, 9. The work of these pastors is appreciated. Hundreds of new members have recently been received. Pastors could not do better than to get all new members to subscribe for the church paper. It will start them out right.

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pamphlet form and furnished to church or charge lay leaders.

Fourth, that the "unified church budget" be adopted in the local churches wherever practicable.

Fifth, that the pastor and the local Board of Christian Education work out at the beginning of the conference year a complete program of activities of the church for the year. In planning this program, we recognize the need of bringing more laymen into the active work of the church and suggest that some plan for training laymen for these activities be included:

We suggest that a copy of these findings be furnished to every Conference organ with the request that they be published.—J. C. Smith, R. L. Ramsey, S. L. Johnston, R. L. Wiggins, Chairman of Committee.

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THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH SOUTH.

III. The Dangers Inherent in Our Judicial System.

1. Each bishop must reside in his Episcopal District.

2. The Committee on Episcopacy shall assign the bishops their field of work.

3. The bishop shall nominate twice the number needed for presiding elders, and the Annual Conferences shall elect such elders from these nominees.

4. Each Annual Conference shall nominate by ballot four times the number needed for presiding elders, the bishops must select the elders from such nominees.
b. The General Conference may

limit the power of the bishops to appoint the preachers to their work.

6. All appointments must be made by a majority vote of the bishop and cabinet.

7. The bishop shall not appoint a preacher to a work where three-fourths of his cabinet oppose such appointment.

8. The bishop shall form the Districts according to his judgment, after consulting with the presiding elders, and after the number of the same has been determined by the vote of the Annual Conference.

9. Repeals the laws investing the College of Bishops with judicial power and forbids the exercise of any judicial power.

10. Repeals the law giving the bishop power to decide legal questions in the Annual Conferences, and invests this power in a Committee of the Annual Conference.

11. Bishops shall be elected for four years and shall be ineligible for re-election.

12. The General Conference shall fix the bishops' tenure in office.

13. Bishops must retire at the General Conference nearest their 64th birthday.

14. The General Conference may retire a bishop "at any age for any reason deemed sufficient by the General Conference."

15. The bishop shall not appoint any preacher presiding elder for more than four successive years.

16. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church adopts a plan for the unification of the two Churches. The General Conference of our Church adopts this plan, but refuses to send it to the Annual Conferences, claiming that the General Conferences have the power to unite the two Churches.

It would be the duty of the College of Bishops to pass upon the constitutionality of each of said laws. These laws vitally affect the rights, powers and prerogatives of the Episcopacy and the General Conference. Each of these bodies is a vitally interested party, biased by its interest, and neither should have the power to decide the question of constitutionality. In 1844 our Church was divided because there was no independent judicial tribunal with authority to decide the relative powers and rights of the General Conference and the Episcopacy; and the General Conference, an interested party, primarily a legislative body, rendered a judgment limiting the rights, powers and prerogatives of the Episcopacy. It would be

equally unfortunate for the College of Bishops, chiefly an executive body, to render judicial decisions on the relative rights, powers and prerogatives of the Episcopacy and the General Conference. The members of the General Conference would think that the College of Bishops were biased by their interest, and were improperly infringing on the rights and powers of the General conference, so that another division of the Church could easily take place. All of the above mentioned laws should be decided by an able, impartial and entirely disinterested

For many years our Church tried to secure a definite, complete written Constitution; only two of the five commissions' reports were considered by the General Conference. The report of the last Commission on Constitution was very carefully considered by the General Conferences of 1930, and was decisively defeated, the General Conference having determined that the Church did not need and should not have a definite written constitution. Our present Constitution is fragmentary, incomplete and indefinite. It is imperative that the tribunal which is to construe such a Constitution and our laws should have its members selected with great care and that thev should be able, impartial and of marked judicial ability.

The immortal statesmen who wrote the Constitution of the United States created a new system of government which had separate and independent legislative, judicial and executive departments. The new feature was a distinct and independent judicial department. These wise statesmen were accustomed to the arbitrary rule of kings and parliament; the independent judicial department that they established was to guarantee that the United States should have "a government of laws and not of men." This American system of This American system of government has been written into the constitutions of the forty-eight States of the Union. The judges of all Federal Courts are nominated by the President and confirmed by the Senate, which has the power to reject any unfit nominee. For 132 years the Supreme Court of the United States has been the ablest, most powerful and impartial in Christendom.

The Methodist Episcopal Church was organized before the Constitution of the United States was written. For 24 years the legislative department of our Church possessed absolute power. In 1808 this absolute power was limited by the Six Restrictive Rules, one of which protected the Episcopacy. The judicial power was very largely vested in the General Conference. The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church still possesses supreme judicial power. For ten years our Church operated under the laws of the undivided Church. The General Conference of 1854 gave the College of Bishops supreme judicial power. In 1870 the General and Annual Conferences conferred upon the College of Bishops its present veto power.

Our Church has a separate legislative department, but its executive and judicial departments are centered in the bishops. This is a very dangerous blending of executive and judicial power. Our fragmentary, indefinite and incomplete Constitution and the critical conditions which our Church is facing make this combination of executive and judicial

power exceptionally dangerous. This was the view of the General Conference of 1930, which by a vote of 293 yeas to 10 nays adopted the Judicial Council amendment to the Constitution and sent it to the Annual Conferences for their approval. In this and the preceding article the dangers inherent in our judicial system have been pointed out, and the imperative need of a separate and independent judicial department shown.

Under the proposed amendment to the Constitution, the members of the Judicial Council will be nominated by the College of Bishops. The bishops know our leading clerical and lay members as no President can know the lawyers and judges of the Unit-States. This will enable the bishops to select the very best possible material for membership on Judicial Council. The General Conference has the power to reject any unfit nominee, a fact which will guarantee the election of the very best possible members. The term of office of the first members of the Council will be four and eight years, thereafter it will be eight years. The decisions on all Constitutional questions must go to the Annual Confer-

ences for their approval.

The Judicial Council will give the Church an able, wise, and entirely disinterested tribunal of marked judicial ability, under whose wise guidance our Church will safely ride through all kinds of weather over the stormiest and most dangerous seas.—John T. Ellison, Center-

ville, Alabama.

THE FLOODS IN CHINA

Representatives of nearly all il-Boards of Foreign Missions in this country recently met in New York to consider the situation in the great flood areas in China. The meeting reviewed carefully all of the information that had been received from China through various sources. was evident that these floods constituted one of the greatest disasters in any part of the world. Apart from local floods there are four large areas that have been inundated.

The first area is that along the middle Yangtze River above and below Hankow. The American Consul General reported on August 14 that it was estimated that in the provinces of Hunan, Hupeli, and Kiangzi, the number of people seriously affected by the flood is 31,000,000, of which possibly 10,000 have been driven from their homes and are destitute in widely scattered areas. The damage to the cotton crop alone in the flooded areas may exceed silver dollars 70,000,000. The present great emergency arises because some millions of people have lost all they possess and are without means of food or shelter.

The second large area is the whole lower basin of the Hwai River. The latest news from China brings the information that the most recent and possibly the most severe disaster occurred when the flood waters of the Hwai River, emptying into the Grand Canal, caused the dykes to burst in a number of places, resulting in large loss of life and property. Whereas in other areas the rise of the water had been gradual and, therefore, afforded warning and time for escape, the Canal disaster brought death and terror because of the nature of the floods. The area around the Canal is low, without any hills or very high ground to which the people can escape. Although this

area is subject to frequent floods, the cablegrams from China state that the disaster this year is equal to that of the great flood in 1910.

Because of lack of communications in China, the Hwai River floods in 1910 were not known to the outside world until the late autumn, when Mr. E. C. Lobenstine, a Presbyterian missionary, made a journey into that region. Relief work was begun at once to help the three million people who were starving in Kiangus and Anhui. The American Red Cross sent \$5,000 on December 31 as the first contribution from America towards the relief. Through. out the following spring they continued to help, giving a total of \$61,000 at that time. Moreover, the United States Government sent the American transport "Buford" with 3,600 tons of food, chiefly flour, was the united gifts of the American Red Cross, the leaders of the "Christian Herald," and the commercial clubs of America. The "Christian Herald" also sent a generous financial contribution. The complete total of gifts to China was silver dollars \$1,526,012. However, because of the delay in beginning relief measures the people were in desperate condition before the new year. Medical contingencies were sent into the various areas, the Red Cross leading in this work. Although the present flood at least equals in size that of the 1910 flood, it is hoped that much suffering can be saved by prompt

The third flooded area is along the Tientsin-Pukow Railway from Nanking north to Hsuchufu, about 100 miles, where the railway crosses the old Yellow River bed. Letters received from Nanking state passengers from Nanking northbound are required to go six miles by motor boat to reach the terminus of the railroad.

The fourth flooded area has been along the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, where the areas surrounding practically all the large cities between Shanghai and Nanking are under water, resulting in large property damage.

The meeting was strongly in favor of united action by all the organizations in America that are interested in giving aid to the Chinese people at this time of extreme distress with a view to obtaining the largest measure possible of effective The unanimous opinion of relief. the meeting was that the assistance needed was both immediate emergency aid to provide food and shelter and medical assistance to ward off disease for the people who have lost everything, and also continued assistance throughout the winter to prevent starvation of large numbers whose food supplies have been lost.



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For Youth

THE COST OF A FRIEND

How much does a friend cost? A friend is the most costly thing in the world, my dear. Lover, husband, wife, nor child cost as much, unless they too be friends.

A friend costs time--time for the daily little things of life, a smile, a bouquet of flowers, a poem or a song, time to see a sunset, to wipe the dishes or to mend a tire-short minutes of time lost to oneself but found in the heart of the other, long etérnal minutes that live in the hearts of both. It costs minutes that grow into hours when his soul seeks a new horizon and you watch his flight. It costs hours when his soul sees no horizon and you can only hold his hand and mutely understand: minutes and hours that you spend together laughing, playing, singing, striving and sharing each for the joy of the other. It costs minutes and hours that you spend apart, when only your thoughts are joined by the bond invisible.

A friend costs thought, the kind and careful thoughts that keep fresh and sweet the bond that strengthens as the days grow into years. He costs the long deep thought that leads the heart to conceive a new vision.

The vision, the conception of days or hours or only a broken second as it flashes across the inner sight may mean sacrifice, sacrifice of all that has been for self alone when it should have been for both. And when the sacrament of such sacrifice is offered it returns to the sacrificer to garb his soul in the raiment known as contentment.

A friend costs faith-faith that when temptations come you will find him the same conquering soul that you have known in other daysfaith in yourself that you can live with the valiant courage he expects of you, and faith that the One who gave this friend will keep and protect that which He has given. And such faith costs patience. A friend costs faith, that the lives so wrought will find their consummate being in heaven.

A friend costs hunger, and dreams and hopes, my dear. That is what a friend costs!

"And is not life full spent when you have paid the cost?"

Full spent, you say? Yes, often the body is full spent from exhaustion and the heart from tenderness but spent only to rest a while and spend again?

"And why does it cost so much?" I do not know; it is the way of life.

"And does he not cost too much?" A friend never figures the cost and it is never paid alone. There are always two to share it and therein lies the secret.

Have you never had such a friend, my child? Then you have not yet found the joy of living-Ann Sayles in Michigan Christian Advocate.



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As he left the house, he called, "Good-bye, Mother," and ran whistling down the street. On a corner two blocks away from the school he saw a little boy about two or three years old, who was crying. There were a number of people standing arcund, but no one knew the little lad, and he would not answer their questions, only cried as if his little heart would break. Jerry knew his name. It was Jimmy Stewart, and he lived across the street from Jerry's Aunt Isabel.

Jimmy must have wondered away from home, and was lost. A policeman came up, and tried to get Jimmy to tell his name, but he only cried the harder. Jerry said, "Hello Jimmy," and Jimmy for a moment stopped crying and ran over to Jerry.

The policeman said, "Do you know where this chap lives?"

"Yes," answered Jerry.

"Will you take him home?"

"I could, but I am afraid I will be late for school, and I have not been late this term."
"What is his father's name?"

"I do not know," answered Jerry, "but I can tell you where he lives," and he gave the policeman Jimmy's address.

"Then," said the policeman, must take him to the station and call his people to the nearest telephone." When they started off Jimmy cried hard, and tried to pull himself away because he was afraid.

Now what could Jerry do? He thought, "I must take Jimmy home; and maybe, if I hurry, I can get to school on time."

He called, "Come with me, Jimmy." Jimmy stopped crying, ran over and took his hand, and they started off. But Jimmy could not walk as fast as Jerry; so Jerry tried to carry him, but had to walk more slowly. However, he got Jimmy home, and his mother, who was running around the neighborhood trying to find him, was on the street and ran to meet them.

She thanked Jerry and said, "You are going to be late for school, I am afraid. What is your name, little man?"

Jerry told her, and added, "I am going to run as fast as I can; maybe I can get there on time."

The school bell had rung, and the teacher had started the opening exercises when Jerry walked in, his face flushed from running, and took his sent.

After the opening exercises the teacher said, "I am sorry, Jerry, but I shall have to take your name from the Roll of Honor. It is too bad, in the last week of school!"

Woman's Missionary Dept. MRS. A. C. MILLAR, Editor.

Communications should be received Saturday for the following week. Ad-dress 1018 Scott Street.

ZONE MEETING AT WINCHES-TER

Zone meeting No. 4 of the Monticello District met at Winchester, Sept. 3.

In the absence of the president, Mrs. James Gabbie presided. Scripture reading, singing of hymns, prayer by Mrs. John Russell of Dumas, and a special musical program, rendered by the Winchester young people, made a very enjoyable afternoon.

During the social hour, sandwiches and tea were served. Next meeting will be with the Dumas Auxiliary.-Mrs. S. S. Cassady, Supt. Publicity.

ZONE MEETING AT BLYTHE-VILLE

The 40 women from nine Methodist Churches who attended the meeting of Zone 1 of the Jonesboro District, Thursday afternoon at the First Methodist Church, heard an interesting program.

In the business session, Mrs. O. C. Ganske, chairman of the Zone since it was formed four years ago, resigned, and Mrs. J. E. Critz was elected to this position. Mrs. E. R. Bogan of Luxora was re-elected secretary.

Mrs. E. K. Sewell of Marion, District secretary, led the discussions of problems of the Zone for the coming year and of the need of the various groups assisting one another. Mrs. W. W. Hollipeter conducted the devotional.

At the close of the program, Mrs. W. M. Taylor and Mrs. H. M. Adkinson were members of a committee who served a fruit ice to the visitors during an informal reception.

Churches represented were: Osceola, Luxora, Dell, Manila, Promised Land, Yarbro, Keiser and the two Leachville congregations.—Sec.

SPARKMAN AUXILIARY

Welcomed whom? All members, visitors and women interested in the promotion of God's Kingdom who desired to attend.
When? September 7.

Where? Sparkman M. E. Church, South.

For what purpose? For a short program and business meeting.

Jerry hung his head, but did not answer. He felt too bad about it, and thought it would be of no use to try to explain.

Shortly after Jimmy's mother stepped into the room and explained why Jerry had been late. The teacher explained to the children the reason for the tardiness and asked: "How many think I should take Jerry's name from the Roll of Honor?" and not one hand was raised.

"How many think I should let it stay on the roll?"

All hands went up. One little girl raised her hand. "What is it, Peggy?" said the teacher.

"I think Jerry's name should be first on the roll," to which all the children agreed, and the teacher erased Jerry's name from where it had been written and wrote it on top. -N. Dakota Christian.

Why? Because to know is to grow and organized business vitalized with the physical, mental, and spiritual elements of life elevates our Auxiliary membership to a fuller knowledge of the Missionary program and leads to fuller success.

Why interesting? Because of the following program:

Opening song, "The Beautiful Garden of Prayer."

Subject, "Jesus Our Ideal Church Member."

Devotional comments and prayer, Mrs. J. A. Leamons.

Devotional, Luke 4:16-21.

Missionary news of Monthly Bu! letin, Dawn Leonard.

"The Congo Field," Mrs. J. A. Leamons.

"Light in Solitary Places," Mrs. Huggins.

A short business session, followed after the reading and approval of our minutes.

Mrs. C. D. Cade was elected Mission Study Leader for the remaining part of this year.

The Norene Robkin Fund was discussed. Other business followed.

Dawn Leonard dismissed the meeting with prayer.—Dawn Leonard, Supt. of Publicity.

MISSION STUDY INSTITUTE

The Mission Study Leaders' Institute of the Conway District met at Conway, Sept. 4, in charge of Mrs. N. R. Griswold, District superintendent of Mission Study. Mrs. Nancy Green of Little Rock talked on "Inspiration at Mt. Sequoyah." Mrs. I. A. Brumley, District secretary, reviewed the course on "Methods of Teaching," recently given on Mt. Sequoyah. Mrs. J. M. Workman gave a devotional on "Study to Show Thyself Approved." Lunch was served by the Conway women. A demonstration in teaching a chapter of the new study book; "The Challenge of Change," was given by Mrs. J. W. Crichlow, Mrs. G. A. Simmons and Mrs. Nelson of Asbury Church, Little Rock. Special music by Mrs. H. C. Johnston. Interesting discussion followed on Fellowship groups and projects with which to follow up the study of "The Challenge of Change."

It was estimated that 32 Council credits would be made in this District during the year and that at least one would be made by each Society. About 30 were present from Atkins, Conway, Morrilton, First Church and Gardner Memorial of North Little Rock, Russellville, and Vilonia. It was considered a more

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THE WEEK OF PRAYER

The literature for the Week of Prayer, November 1-7, 1931, will be mailed to Auxiliaries early in October. It contains two programs for retreats; also a program on the Week of Prayer specials. Of course, each Auxiliary will put on the Week of Prayer specials program. It is hoped that they will also hold at least one retreat, purely for the spiritual upbuilding of the members of the Auxiliary. The two retreat programs can be used in all-day meetings or in two half-day meetings. God speaks to human hearts more vividly in the quiet places...

The objects to which we contribute our Week of Prayer offering are: Spofford Home for maladjusted children, Kansas City, Mo., and for the repairing of buildings in the foreign field. Spofford Home is particularly in need of a new building. The children now live in an old residence illy fitted for their use; and it is in an unsuitable section of the city. Spofford is a unique institution which should be supported by the Church. The foreign special is most urgent. For years on account of the rising prices, the Council has been unable to appropriate money for repairs. A number of the buildings are absolutely dangerous to the life of the children we serve. Especially is this true in Korea and Mexico. Let each Auxiliary prepare to make this the most outstanding Week of Prayer in our history.—Estelle Haskin.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT MIS-SION STUDY SCHOOL.

The Arkadelphia District Mission Study School held Friday, September 11, at Malvern was most gratifying in every respect. Out of 27 letters of invitation there were 22 representatives from the societies in the Dis-At 10:30 a. m. Mrs. Fred Harrison, District secretary, gave greeting and introduced Mrs. Mc-Clain of Malvern, who gave a gripping devotional service. Mrs. C. B. Nelson of Asbury Church, Little Rock, was the teacher and in a clear, succinct manner gave not only the best methods of teaching the book, "The Challenge of Change," but made the book a living, growing thing to be transmitted into the lives of others, which will result in co-operative activity for the welfare of our own country.

Mrs. Green, of Little Rock, presented the requirements of the Council and Mrs. Simmons gave a report of the Congress of Home Missions. Mrs. McAlister of Little Rock, conducted a "model Lesson" which was prefaced by "Impressions From Mt. Sequoyah."

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The ladies of Malvern served a delicious noonday lunch and with the added fellowship with friends everyone counted the day as one of pleasure and profit in the ongoing of the Kingdom.—Mrs. F. M. Williams.

MISSIONARY INSTITUTE AT LAKESIDE.

On September 10, Pine Bluff District Missionary Institute met at Lakeside. Nine Auxiliaries were represented, with forty-six members and several visitors present. The following ministers were welcome visitors: Rev. J. C. Glenn, Rev. E. C. Rule, Rev. R. E. Simpson, Rev. W. R. Bovd.

Mrs. V. D. Webb, the wide-awake District secretary, opened the meeting with the song, "He Leadeth Me." Mrs. J. D. Kincannon was pianist. Mrs. Brunson of Sherrill gave an inspirational talk on Leadership, based on Matthew 5. Vocal solo, "Our Task," by Miss Catherine Dietrich, was especially enjoyed.

Mrs. Gilliam Lawton, president Lakeside Auxiliary, extended a most gracious welcome, to which Mrs. V. D. Webb made fitting response. Mrs. Woodard, who recently attended the Mission Study Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, was presented by the presiding officer and introduced the subject, "The Challenge of Change," which was the subject of discussion throughout the day. Mrs. J. R. Sanders discussed the requirements for study classes. Mrs. Woodard gave an interesting discussion on the various changes in manner of life today.

A delicious luncheon was served by the Lakeside Auxiliary.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Rucks and Mrs. Leslie of the Monticello District, and Miss Isabel Woodard of Shreveport, La., were introduced. Miss Woodard served as pianist for the afternoon session. The morning subject was continued during the afternoon session. A rising vote of thanks was extended to Mrs. Woodard and Mrs. Webb for their services in making the Institute a success. The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. M. V. Tisdale.— Mrs. J. C. Fisackerly.

INSTITUTE AT ASHDOWN.

The Mission Study Institute for the Texarkana District was held at Ashdown, Tuesday, September 8. The District secretary, Mrs. W. L. Phillips, presided. Mrs. A. R. McKinney presented the new book, "The Challenge of Change," in a very entertaining and instructive manner. She was assisted by Mrs. H. M. Harper of Texarkana. Devotionals were given by Mrs. I. M. Phillips and Mrs. Seth C. Reynolds. A vocal duet was rendered by Misses Ernestine Chappelle and Helen Franklin, and a song by three junior girls, Mary Fay Lambright, Frances Locke, and Lorena Phillips.

Ten auxiliaries were represented with eight superintendents of Mission Study and eight presidents and other delegates, making about thirty visiting delegates.

A plate lunch was served in the basement of the church, at the conclusion of which a basket of dahlias was presented to Mrs. McKinney by Mrs. Reynolds in behalf of the Ashdown Auxiliary.

The members of this Auxiliary count themselves fortunate to have had the pleasure of entertaining this body of earnest missionary women and extend a hearty welcome to them to come again.—Reporter.

Department of Christian Education

UNION LEAGUE OF PARAGOULD DISTRICT.

The Union League had its regular monthly meeting at Marmaduke Sunday afternoon, September 6.

The Leagues in attendance were Oak Grove, Shiloh and Pruitt's Chapel of the Paragould Circuit, Bard Senior and Hi-Leagues and Old Friendship of the East Side Circuit, Paragould, East Side, Harney's Chapel and Marmaduke Senior and Hi-Leagues.

The following program was rendered, led by Miss Allene Harney, Marmaduke:

Song, "Love Lifted Me."

Invocation, "Rev. Mr. Harris, Bard. Song, "When Love Shines In."

Scripture Reading, Matt. 5, by Lou Etta Stovall, Marmaduke.

Reading, Mary Louise Craig, Old Friendship. Vocal Solo, Mrs. Wade, Pruett's

Chapel. Reading, Modena Roe, Bard.

Duet, Imogene Gwyn and Mae Copeland, Bard.

Scripture Reading, Wilma McKelvey, Paragould, East Side.

Reading, Robylen Bradsher, Marmaduke.

Piano Solo, Anna Fae Williams, Marmaduke.

Both the Senior and Hi-League banners went to Bard.

The Union will meet at Old Friendship the first Sunday in October.— Willyne Taylor, Sec.

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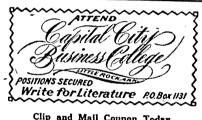
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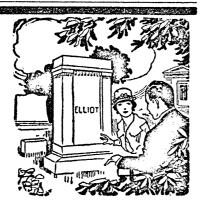
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ECUMENICAL CONFERENCE, SPECIAL RAILROAD RATES

We desire to remind the delegates and those attending the Ecumenical Conference in Atlanta, October 16-25, that the railroads of U.S. and Canada have authorized the sale of round-trip railroad tickets on the regular certificate plan from their starting points to Atlanta and re-The basis for this round-trip fare is one and one-half fare for the round trip. Under this arrangement, passengers will pay one-way fare going, and secure a certificate, when properly validated at Atlanta will be honored for the return trip at one-half fare.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES.

The largest remittance that I have received since my last "Notes" came from Eureka Springs, Rev. Conner Morehead, pastor, Miss Mary Lena Barnes, treasurer. In fact this remittance was made up of two checks, a few days apart. One check was for Golden Cross Enrollment, being the largest offering so far from the Fayetteville District for our .hospital work. Brother Morehead is in high favor with his congregation and also with the city at large. In spite of financial conditions in that part of the state I am looking for a fine total showing along all lines.

Without any apology, I again refer to Weiner Circuit, Helena District, for I received two or three days ago the largest single payment in the history of the Weiner church. Pastor James T. Randle was in the midst of a fine revival at Weiner when he wrote, the day before having received fourteen into the church, thirteen of them being by baptism and profession. No wonder he writes: "God has been blessing me; my cup is full." The Weiner church has a fine treasurer in Mrs. C. O. Wofford.

Two checks came from the Paragould District, one of which was from Smithville Church, Rev. W. J. Williams, pastor. Last year Brother Williams was pastor at West Searcy-Higginson and was able to report a gain over the previous year despite the drought. He is "hard at it" again and I am sure will be able to repeat last year's gain. The other check was from New Liberty Church, East Side, Paragould Circuit, Rev. A. W. Harris, pastor. Nothing less than 100 per cent is going to satisfy Brother Harris. He has already doubled the Circuit's 1930 record.

Two checks came from the Batesville District. Mrs. H. E. Heckart, treasurer of the Cotter Church, sent in its tenth remittance and more than doubles Cotter's last year's total. Brother Wright is looking forward to the honor and joy of reporting at Conway, "Conference Benevolences, In Full, Bishop." Extra fine work. The other check was from Charlotte Circuit, Rev. L. L. Langston, pastor. Brother Langston writes, "Our aim is to make everything 100 per cent in spite of the depression?" Mighty fine "aim." No pastor ever paid in full who did not first aim to do so. Watch for a fine report from Charlotte this fall.

Rev. C. H. Harvison is in his third year at Haynes-Lexa, Helena District, where he has done splendid service for the Conference Benevolences. The first year, 1929, his charge paid nearly three times as much as the previous year; and last year it paid "In Full" in face of the drought. This year he and his people are certain to seek by all means

possible to maintain the 1930 standard.—George McGlumphy, Treasurer.

REVIVAL AT BETHESDA

The revival meeting started at Bethesda the fourth Sunday in August and closed the first Sunday in September, giving us a two weeks' meet-The pastor, Rev. L. R. Ruble, his own preaching. We had twenty-one conversions and sixteen additions on profession of faith. We expect several more additions to the church. The church was revived and the Sunday School has taken on new life. We hope for better work in the church in the future. A number of the leading young men of the community were converted.-W. L. Calaway.

SEARCY DISTRICT PREACHERS' MEETING.

Happy is the man that finds his fellowship with men of God. Rich, happy, and helpful fellowship was given to the clerical membership of the Searcy District when we met together to report the year's work to date and to make plans for winding up successfully the program of the year. There was a spirit of optimism prevailing, and every preacher pledged his every talent in allowing God to use him successfully in these two remaining months of the Conference year. With such a spirit, and with such earnestness I cannot see failure in any way for our Dis-

On Monday evening, September 7, we met in the church for our evening services. Rev. Guy Murphy of Cotton Plant delivered a forceful and convincing message on "The Need of the World." Each of us went away feeling in a deeper way the responsibility of the church in offering this need to the world.

Tuesday morning we met again to enter into our business session. The devotional service was conducted by our presiding elder, Rev. W. C. House, and as usual his message was appropriate, practical and convinc-With a spirit of love he leads us; little wonder is it that the preachers unanimously voted to send a petition to the Bishop asking his return.

Detailed reports were given by each pastor for the year. The reports, although not as good as we would like, were encouraging, and the fight that the District is to make for the remainder of the year will, I believe, cause our reports to be much more favorable at Annual Confer-The clergy and the laity alike ence. are awaking to a new sense of their responsibility and this will mean re-

The District plans a series of services for the first week in October. The services are to be held with the purpose of creating a greater spirit of loyalty to God and the church. There will be a rotating plan used for speakers, each preacher preaching in a different church each night. The plan, we feel, is a good one and we are praying for its success.

Heber Springs is an ideal place for a meeting. Such hospitality, such food, such warm friendship, as we were given by that church, cannot be forgotten. We can not beautifully express our appreciation, so we say to the church of Heber Springs, very sincerely, "Thank you."

We are happy in our District, glad that we are ministers of Jesus Christ, thankful for our happy fellowship together at Heber Springs, and we are carnestly working and praying for the advancement of the Kingdom of

God among men. Pray for us. - Cecil R. Culver, Sec.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT NOTES

Acting on the suggestions of the General Board of Lay Activities, a committee composed of the P. E., District lay leader and his two associates, and a few of the pastors, planned for a District Laymen's rally on the fifth Sunday in August, at 7:30 p. m., at Springdale, near the center of the District.

From the beginning of our plan, both pastors and laymen manifested a spirit of hearty co-operation. On the appointed date a truly representative and interested group of pastors and laymen from every part of the District assembled.

Believing that our own presiding elder, Dr. Tolleson, who is closing out his quadrennium on the Fayetteville District, understands and appreciates the needs of our people, we asked him to bring the message of the hour. This he did, using for his subject "History Calls to the Laymen."

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The writer is at present in the midst of a revival at Decatur, directing the music for Rev. A. L. Riggs, our pastor there, who is preaching old-time Gospel messages. This is the fifth meeting in which I have assisted pastors this year with one more yet to be held before Conference.—Irl G. Bridenthal, Fayetteville Dist. Lay Leader.

REVIVAL- AT FORESTER

In June, I visited the new town of Forester, which is twenty-two miles southeast of Waldron, where the Caddo Lumber Company is located. By permission of my presiding elder, Rev. F. E. Dodson, and my Board of Stewards, I gave some of my time this summer and fall to organizing the church there.

A few weeks ago, the vice president, Mr. Rosborough, requested that Rev. Mr. McReynolds, the Baptist pastor of Glenwood, and I hold a meeting and organize the Methodist and Baptist churches. We began the meeting August 30, and closed September 6. Our results were twentyfive accessions to the Methodist Church by letter and profession of faith. There are others who will join soon. The Baptist Church had about the same number. A young people's group was organized with about forty-five. The mill company has built a nice commodious church. Both the a nice commodious church. mill operators and the employes have shown a great appreciation for the

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REVIVAL ON ASHDOWN CIRCUIT

We began our meeting at Winthrop, July 5, assisted by Rev. John Brazel, who did some fine preaching. The attendance was small and very little interest was shown. Only one addition by baptism.

I went from Winthrop to Alleene and began there July 19. Everybody was ready for a meeting and the house was crowded from the first service. There were 35 converts and 20 additions on profession of faith.

I went from Alleene to Wallace and began there August 10 with great success. Everything was just right for a revival, and we had a fine meeting, with seven additions by baptism.

From there we went to Granby. That is our home church. Began August 17. Had a wonderful revival, with 32 conversions and 21 additions to the church on profession of faith and baptism. That ended the revivals on my Charge, leaving the churches all in fine shape spiritually.—M. T. Rose. P. C.

REVIVALS ON BRANCH CIRCUIT

We have just closed a great meeting at Cole's Chapel, in which there were 29 conversions and 24 accessions. The church was greatly revived and has entered upon a new life of activity. One whole family, the parents and two daughters, were saved and brought into the church. One man, head of a large family, was converted at his home at the hour of midnight.

Rev. J. H. Mathis was with us the last week of the meeting and led the singing. Bro. Mathis is fine help.

We are now in our meeting at Ratcliff with Bro. W. C. Hutton of Pea Ridge doing the preaching and Bro. Mathis leading the singing. This promises to be a fine meeting. Already there have been conversions and additions to the church. The revival work on this charge will close with the meeting at Branch, beginning the third Sunday in September.—J. B. Stewart, P. C.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT MEETING

Rev. J. L. Dedman, the presiding elder of the Monticello District, called his preachers together for a meeting at Dermott Thursday afternoon, September 10. All were present except Rev. J. N. Simpson of New Edinburg. After a very helpful devotional service conducted by the presiding elder, the pastors gave very helpful and hopeful reports of their several charges. Nearly five hundred have been received into the church throughout the year, indicating good revivals throughout the District. With a few exceptions the salaries of the preachers and presiding elder are about as well as they were this time last year. Many of the pastors reported that much of the Conference Claims were either in hand or vouch-

At 6 o'clock the laymen of the District joined their pastors in a banquet and Lay Program. Mr. Noel Martin, the princely lay leader, was in charge of the program. Optimistic reports were heard from representative laymen from nearly every charge. They all sounded a hopeful note.

Those who appeared on the program as scheduled speakers included Rev. Neill Hart, who made the "Welcome Address," and Prof. O. C. Landers, who responded in a very unique style. Messrs. George Spencer of Monticello, B. F. Albright of McGehee and Carl Hollis of Warren gave wonderful messages for the inspiration of all present.

At the conclusion of the program a resolution was presented and unanimously adopted asking that Bishop Dobbs defer, if at all possible, the meeting of the forthcoming Annual Conference for one month.—A. J. Christie, Sec.

REVIVAL AT PERRYVILLE

Sept. 8, we closed a two weeks' meeting at Perryville, which resulted in eight accessions, two by profession and six by letter. This meeting was also considered by the membership of the church one of the best revivals of the membership they had enjoyed for years.

Most of the preaching was done by Rev. S. O. Patty of Ola and Belleville. He was pastor of this Charge a few years ago and built a beautiful church at Perryville during his pastorate. The folks were delighted to have him with them for the meeting and his sermons were all very inspiring.

The singing was led by Mrs. W. B. Loudermilk and Miss Melda Adams was at the piano. These are both home talent. And they led us in this part of the worship to the delight and inspiration of all.—J. W. Harger, P. C.

CONSTITUTION DAY

Constitution Day will soon be here Thursday, September 17, 1931. We are glad to note that the National Committee of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution have sent out some very interesting facts regarding Constitution Day. chairman of that committee is David L. Pierson, secretary of the New Jersey Sons of the American Revolu-He is known as the "Father of Constitution Day," as it was he who, a number of years ago, brought the matter to the attention of the governors of the states, requesting them to issue a proclamation for the observance of Constitution Day. Mr. Pierson suggests that the observance begin on Sunday, September 13, and that sermons and addresses be made on that day in all the churches, that from homes and churches where people meet, the Flag should be displayed on Anniversary days, September

In view of the fact that so many attacks are being made upon Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, which Constitution, with its Amendments, is the constitutional law of the land, greater emphasis than ever should be laid upon the date which marks the birthday

anniversary of the adoption of the Federal Constitution by the Philadelphia Convention on September 17, 1787.

We quote the following paragraphs from the "call" sent out by him and which includes ideas proposed for this year's recognition of America's Anniversary:

"Our founders builded for us! May we show our gratitude, not only by applauding their matchless achieve-ments, but impressing upon the indifferent, the newcomers among us, and the rising generation the fact that all our progress as a free and independent nation has been due to the setting up of this system we deeply revere—the Constitution of the United States! Recommendation is made that services be held Sunday, September 13, in all the churches opening the week in which the anniversary occurs. Pastors are requested to assist as generously as they have in the past, and attendance by every compatriot upon at least one service arranged for this Holy Day is urged.

"Participation, it is recommended, by most generous display of the Flag of Stars and Stripes from the home and every place where people meet on the anniversary day, September 17. Do not fail in this important and vital act. It is a duty!"

OBITUARY

McGee.—Jack McGee, the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. McGee, after a very brief illness passed away, Sept. 3, at the hospital in Helena, Ark. His stay on earth was short, only a little more than twelve years, but in these few years all who knew him had learned to love him. He was baptized and received into the church in May, 1928, by Bro. Bumpers, his pastor at that time.

Jack was a fine boy, full of life, and with a cheerful disposition, a boy of fine intellect, a good scout, always playing his part well, faithful to his Sunday School and always ready to take an active part on the

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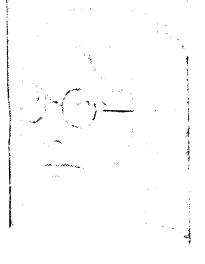
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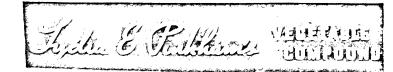
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