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* AND HE SAID TO THEM *
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* COME AFTER ME, LET HIM *
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* UP HIS CROSS DAILY, AND *
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* LIFE SHALL LOSE IT; BUT *
* WHOSOEVER WILL LOSE *
* HIS LIFE FOR MY SAKE, *
* THE SAME SHALL SAVE *
* IT.—Luke 9:23-24. *

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

Cross-bearing identifies his disciples with their Lord.

A denominational paper should be a faithful exponent of the denominational plans, purposes, and achievements.

As Jesus came to serve and suffer and save, so must his true disciples serve and suffer and help to save, for the follower is not above his Leader.

The world despises a suffering Savior and considers him weak; but his strength is manifest in weakness and his suffering testifies to his immortal love.

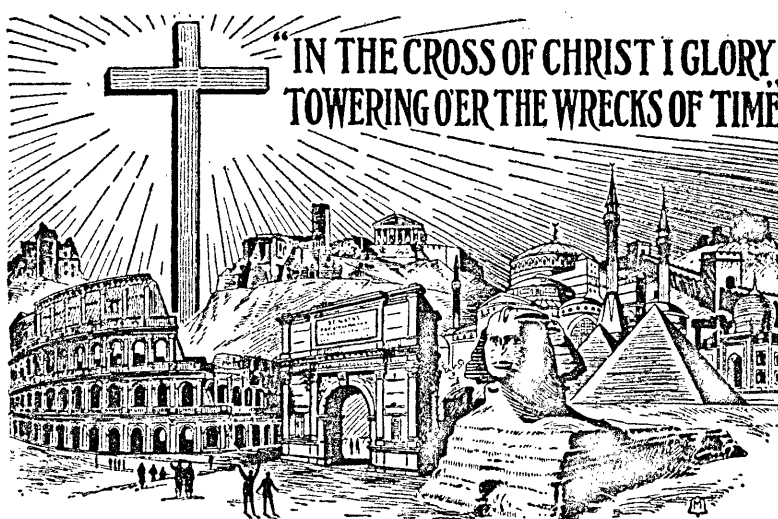
The church paper goes before the pastor and prepares the way for him in the homes of his people, and it follows him and stabilizes and perpetuates his work.

The Conference Organ serves both pastor and people, and carries the messages of their ministering Church to shut-ins and stay-outs and to the drones and the driven. What can be a substitute for it?

OUR PARAMOUNT PURPOSE.

THIS issue of the Arkansas Methodist is published to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. In it may be found an account of many of the things that have been accomplished during this half century. Four institutions of the Church that have developed in Arkansas during these fifty years—Hendrix College, Gallo-way College, the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, and the Western Methodist Assembly—are given prominence because they represent certain concrete achievements in which all Arkansas Methodism has participated and of which we all are justly proud. Of course, the Assembly belongs to all the Conferences between the Mississippi River and the Continental Divide, and all have helped to make it what it is, but because it is in our State and our people are peculiarly blessed in having it among them, we give it place with these other strictly state institutions.

Because it is celebrating its one-hundredth anniversary and because the Little Rock Conference is to hold its session here, we give special prominence to old First Church, Little Rock, one of the great churches of Southern Methodism. Many other churches are partially represented.



OUR PRESIDING BISHOP'S APPEAL.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs writes: "Congratulations! The ARKANSAS METHODIST rounds out half a century today. Who can measure the influence exerted by this voice of righteousness during the past fifty years?"

Who can tell what the next fifty years are to bring to mankind and to the Church? No doubt greater progress will be made in the next fifty years than the most far-seeing eye can discern. The lure of unexplored possibility is before us today.

Loyalty is no longer operative as a motive for taking the Church Paper. We base our claim upon something more substantial than "loyalty." It must be based upon the fact that intelligent men and women of today must have accurate and wise information if they are to function in their places of leadership in the Church. No man or woman can be efficient in official position in the Church without knowing the mind of the Church.

I appeal in these words to every member of the Church in the State of Arkansas to enquire into his or her qualifications for the work just ahead. This is a testing time indeed for us all. No man or woman in official position in the Church is equipped to serve who does not read the Church Paper.

Our first duty is to see to it that our total official family become subscribers to the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

The obligations and responsibilities resting upon us cannot be met by following the method and the processes of the past—we must go forward. Standing upon the shoulders of those who have gone before, our social heritage is such as to put us under renewed obligation. Now is the time. This is the task. A word to the wise is sufficient.

but it evidently is impossible to do justice to all in a single issue of this paper. The nearly three hundred pastors and almost 130,000 members of our Church in Arkansas are doing their part in promoting the interests that are dear to our hearts. Arkansas Methodism is a powerful force for righteousness in our state and is seeking to do its part in advancing the Kingdom of God.

The Arkansas Methodist, the Official Organ of these 300 preachers and 130,000 members, has been a factor in the growth and development of Arkansas Methodism; but it has always been only an instrument. It has not sought to build itself merely for itself; but always has recognized its function to promote all other worthy causes. It recognizes its utter dependence on the support of pastors and members, and in invoking the good opinions of distinguished leaders it is simply endeavoring to impress upon its constituency the place it should fill and the value of its activities to all of the departments of the Church. If any other means

can be found that will do this better, the paper should be quickly suspended. It has no right to live merely for itself. It is simply an agency, and seeks to perpetuate itself because it is thought such an agency is needed.

The interests of the Kingdom have been, are, and will be paramount. This paper serves the Methodist Church in Arkansas because it believes that in so doing it is serving the interests of the Kingdom. It recognizes all the other agencies of the Church and desires to strengthen each and all and make possible the best results. Its editors have always regarded themselves as the servants of the Church, utterly committed to service, and hoping for no reward except that which faithfulness to a holy task may bring here and hereafter. In another column is a brief history of the paper, and our regret is that the achievements of each actor in the drama cannot be more fully indicated. The present editor has been connected with the paper continuously for 27 years, although for a part of the time he has had other

duties. He fully appreciates the services of his several colleagues, and especially the support of the Commission that is responsible for the management. He is, perhaps, the freest editor of editors. No official nor board nor Conference has sought to dictate his course or to hinder him in the discharge of his duty. He has had plenty of critics, but has been allowed to exercise his own judgment in editing the paper.

There have been hardships and difficulties; but the service has been a joy. We would not have changed it if we could. The hardships have had their recompense. Whatever the form of word, whatever the subject under consideration, the primary and fundamental purpose of this editor has been to exalt Jesus Christ and hold up His Cross. Without Him we are helpless and hopeless. With Him, and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can do all things that should be done. It is our daily prayer that we and all those for whom we speak may continually hold the Cross before the dying world of sinful men. It is the high privilege of each of his followers daily to deny self and bear the Cross with Him. In these troublous times, when men are seeking in vain for help from other sources, let us concentrate more and more upon our holy privilege of suffering with Him and serving with Him. The Arkansas Methodist craves the right to represent pastors and people who are willing to bear the Cross and to make that their paramount purpose.

"Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
By the Cross are sanctified;
Peace is there, that knows no measure,
Joys that through all time abide.

"In the Cross of Christ I glory,
Towering o'er the wrecks of time;
All the light of sacred story,
Gathers round its head sublime."

THE CONFERENCE ORGAN

(The following editorial appeared in this paper January 6, 1916, and is reproduced because it correctly represents the views which have been generally held by our church leaders.)

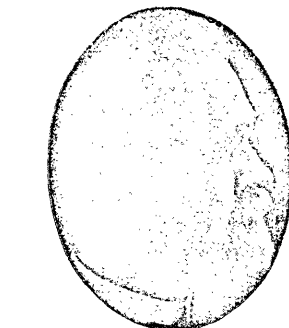
Every political party, every fraternal order, every reform movement, practically every organization has its organ of publicity. Information and inspiration are essential to the success of every worthy movement. This is pre-eminently an age of publicity. The merchant must advertise or perish. The Socialists and Christian Scientists and Russellites have multiplied because they have freely distributed their literature. Methodism in its infancy used books and tracts. Mr. Wesley was a prolific author and bold publisher, willing to lose money on his publications if only they were distributed

and read. Christianity in a peculiar sense is the religion of a book, the Book of books, and has always encouraged the dissemination of knowledge. It was natural that the several denominations should have their organs. Almost every denomination has a general organ to advocate its common and larger interests. Our Church has the **Christian Advocate**, ably edited, and published at Nashville by order of the General Conference. So necessary is this deemed that it is supported by funds other than subscriptions and advertising, when these are insufficient. This strong journal serves as the connectional publicity organ and represents the Church to itself and to the world. It should, if possible, be in every Methodist home, and would undoubtedly increase denominational loyalty and activity. But if we had no other paper, this Connectional Organ must either be many times larger, or people would lack details of Annual Conference news and local interests. While all the Annual Conferences are one in purpose and belong equally to the great brotherhood, still each Conference has its own peculiar problems and sweet and sacred personal relations, all of which require fuller expression than is possible in the General Organ. It has been found profitable and feasible to unite several contiguous Conferences to support one Conference Organ, but there are limits to such a combination. If two States, differing greatly in origin of population and in institutions, are joined, the perplexities of editorial management are multiplied. The paper will seem to give attention to one state and to neglect the other; or the editor will lack familiarity

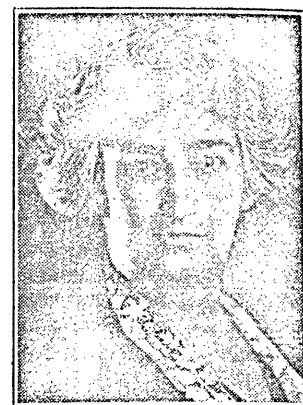
Miss Winburne, Sec. and Treas.

with men and conditions, and will be suspected, often unjustly, of partiality toward certain interests. The large space required for leading articles from representative men may crowd out field notes and lighter items of interest to many. People like to see and hear the editor, and he wants to know his constituency, but the larger the field, the less the possibility for these personal relations. The larger the field the larger the subscription is the supposition, but investigation shows that the circulation does not increase in proportion to the increase in constituency. The smaller, but more intensively cultivated field frequently yields the best results. Combinations and trusts seem to have advantages, and yet they have their limitations and sometimes break down under their own weight. Too much should not be expected of the Conference Organ. It cannot be a literary magazine, a political or the-

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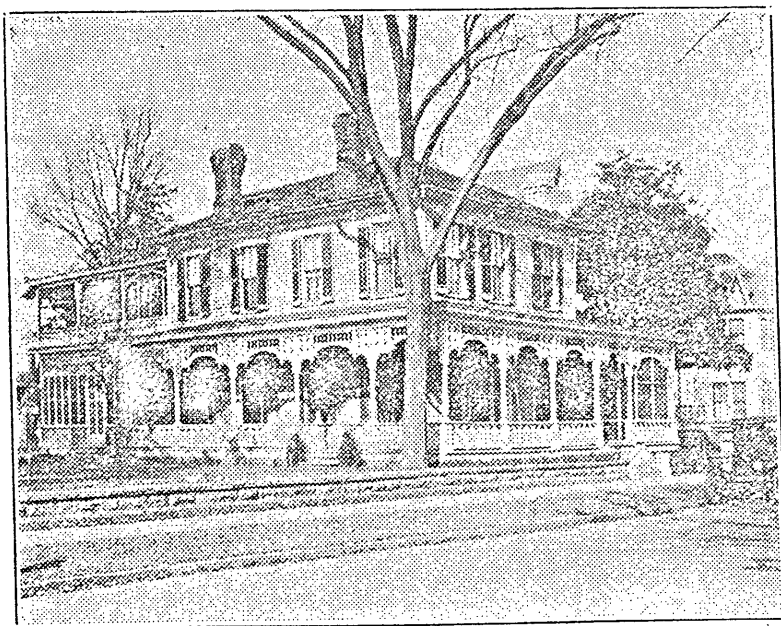
ological review, or an organ of some special reform. It cannot use beautiful paper and illustrations without raising the subscription price. It cannot publish every article submitted, nor report all kinds of news. It cannot equally please everybody. Some of its articles and news are for one kind of people and some for very different people. Each reader should recognize the rights of other readers and not demand that every word shall be for his sole consumption. Each pastor should furnish information promptly from his own charge and not expect the editor to get it intuitively or out of other papers. Each contributor should remember that the editor's table may be full of other equally important matter when his own article is received, and each writer who asserts or criticizes should realize that others may question his assertions and resent his criticisms, and that the columns must be open to both sides of most questions. Then all subscribers and contributors should be ready to be as patient with the editor's faults and failings as they would wish him to be toward their shortcomings. They should not forget that he is human and may have feelings.

The denominational paper, whether general or local, is under obligation to be loyal to the church that founds and sustains it, and yet it is under higher obligation to God and to truth. The Conference Organ must advocate the principles for which its

denomination stands, and support its organizations and institutions, and yet absolute loyalty to truth may occasionally require discussion of wrong tendencies and doubtful policies and respectful criticism of administration. As the denomination is for the promotion of Christianity, its publicity organ must seek also to promote Christianity and to help the denomination itself to be a true and efficient instrumentality to that end. The denominational paper should not be the personal organ of its editor, but the faithful representative of the ideals and life of his constituency. As the paper is supposed to represent the church, it should stand for the best things in the church and reflect the best thought and purest sentiment. The paper is to be in large measure a maker and molder of sentiment. It should lead in the right direction. It should seek to realize ideals. The editor must not misrepresent, but try to interpret the noblest and holiest aspirations of his church. He needs in a very true sense to know his people better than they know themselves, to think more highly of them than they think of themselves, so that his interpretation of their ideals and purposes may help them to be strong and true and brave. He is their seer, their prophet. He needs their confidence, their cooperation, their sympathy, their patience, and their prayers. With these the paper becomes the nervous system of the church, and the movements are harmonious, co-ordinate, and successful.

A BRIEF STORY OF YOUR CONFERENCE ORGAN.

In 1879 Rev. J. W. Boswell was publishing at Batesville a paper called "The Church News;" Rev. Jerome Haralson at Dardanelle had started a paper which he called "The Arkansas Methodist," and Dr. W. C. Johnson was publishing in Little Rock, as an organ of the Memphis and Arkansas Conferences, the "Western Methodist," which had formerly been issued from Memphis, but had been



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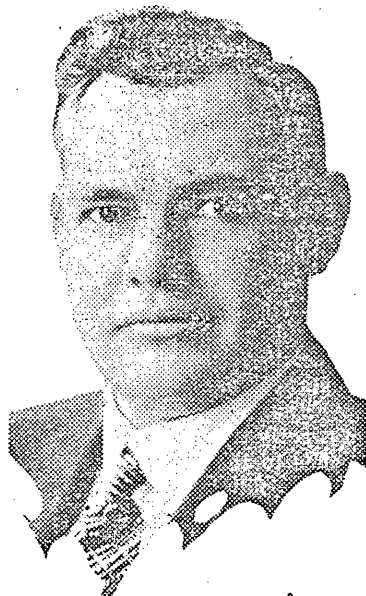
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transferred to Little Rock to secure Arkansas patronage. At the 1879 sessions of the Conferences in Arkansas these three papers were merged, and Dr. Johnson, assuming all liabilities, became editor with Doctors Boswell and Haralson as associates.

In 1880, after a struggle with financial difficulties, the paper was discontinued. The following year the "Arkansas Messenger," which Dr. Boswell was then publishing at Morriston, became the **Arkansas Methodist**, and shortly after was moved to Little Rock and became the organ of the Arkansas Methodism. After about a year, Dr. Boswell's son, who had charge of the printing, died, and Dr. Boswell sold his property in the paper to Rev. S. G. Colburn, a member of Little Rock Conference. He became editor and associated with him for a short time Dr. J. C. Brown of White River Conference. When Dr. Colburn died, April 1, 1884, the paper was edited for a few weeks by Rev. Horace Jewell and managed by Rev. John P. Lowry, until the paper was purchased by Dr. A. R. Winfield and Dr. J. H. Dye. A little later,

Mr. A. Emonson, a layman living at Carlisle, purchased Dr. Dye's interest, and became associated in the business management. When, after a meteoric career, Dr. Winfield died, December 27, 1887, Rev. Horace Jewell again edited the paper until February 1, 1888, when Dr. Z. T. Bennett was elected editor. Near the close of 1889 Hon. George Thornburgh, a prominent layman, at that time editor of the Walnut Ridge Telephone, purchased Mr. Emonson's half interest, and the paper was jointly owned by Bennett and Thornburgh until the fall of 1894, when Dr. Bennett, having sold his interest, retired. Dr. J. E. Godbey, formerly the brilliant editor of the Southwestern Methodist, published at St. Louis, became editor, Mr. Thornburgh remaining as business manager. The partnership of Godbey and Thornburgh continued until September, 1904, when Rev. Jas. A. Anderson and Rev. A. C. Millar purchased the property and became editors and proprietors, and the business was conducted under the name of Anderson and Millar.

The Oklahoma Conference having

agreed to the consolidation of its organ, the **Western Christian Advocate**, with the **Arkansas Methodist**, January 1, 1906, the printing plant of the former was moved to Little Rock and the consolidated papers were issued as the **Western Christian Advocate**. Rev. P. R. Eaglebarger, the editor of the former Oklahoma paper, became a member of the new firm of Anderson, Millar and Co., with Anderson, Millar, and Eaglebarger as joint editors and proprietors. In 1907, the name was changed to **Western Methodist**, but the management remained the same, with the Arkansas, Little Rock, White River and Oklahoma Conferences, as patronizing Conferences. Under this management, between 1906 and 1913, a complete printing plant was acquired, and an extensive printing business was maintained at Fourth and Scott Streets. From 1906 to 1915, Dr. A. C. Millar, having been appointed presiding elder of Little Rock District and later serving as president of Hendrix College, gave little time to the paper, but was al-

ways associated with it as a partner and editor.

In 1913 the partnership was dissolved, and Rev. W. B. Hays, a member of the St. Louis Conference at that time, Rev. Frank Barrett, a member of Little Rock Conference, and Mr. L. F. Blankenship, editor of the **Pocahontas Star-Herald**, an experienced newspaper man, obtained the half interest of Dr. Anderson, Dr. Millar retaining his half, but not participating actively in the management, but still retaining an associate editorial relation. Shortly after this change, the printing plant was sold, a joint stock company formed and the business was conducted by the **Western Methodist Publishing Company**. During 1914, the circulation, which had hitherto approximated 11,000, was by unusual methods increased to over 15,000. In this campaign heavy expenses were incurred; hence, when the financial depression, growing out of the European war, came, the Company found it difficult to maintain the paper. Changed conditions led to the termination of the contract with the Oklahoma Conference, and on account of high overhead expenses, Hays, Barrett, and Blankenship retired, and Millar, being the principal stockholder, became sole editor and manager. The continued financial stringency made the maintenance of the paper increasingly difficult during 1915; hence at the Conference sessions that year a Commission, consisting of Hon. George Thornburgh, President J. M. Williams, Dr. F. S. H. Johnston, Dr. James Thomas, Rev. T. D. Scott, and Rev. J. K. Farris, was appointed to consider Conference ownership. After negotiating with the Publishing Company, the Commission recommended the purchase of the paper, and at the sessions of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences (White River and Arkansas Conferences having been merged) agreed to pay approximately \$8,000, and authorized the raising of \$4,000 a year for two years, and placed the above mentioned Commission in charge. Under the splendid leadership of Dr. James Thomas the full amount was raised, and thus the paper became the property of the Conferences. On account of the debts accumulated during the period of depression, Millar lost all of his investment, but the purchase by the Church saved him from financial embarrassment, and, as it was better that the Church should be the actual owner, there are no regrets over the loss. Rev. A. C. Millar was elected editor and business manager and has continued as editor from that day to the present and has also been business manager, except for a short period when Rev. J. C. Glenn, a fine young business man who had become a preacher, had charge. For one year Rev. J. J. Galloway was Commissioner, and raised a fund with which to pay partially for the property which was acquired in 1928. This property, situated at the northwest corner of Eleventh and Scott Streets, having on it a large house which affords room for the office and home of the editor, is strategically located, and will soon be in the real business district. In addition to the pledges taken by Brother Galloway, the Conferences assumed larger assessments in order to hold the conditional pledges and finish paying for the property. In one more year the last payment will be made, and the Church will have a \$20,000 piece of property where a suitable building may at some time be erected to serve

as headquarters for all our Arkansas connectional activities.

It is rather remarkable that in 1917, when the paper was 35 years old, most of those who had been connected with it were still living. Those living at that time were: Haralson, Boswell, Dye, Lowry, Bennett, Thornburgh, Godbey, Anderson, Eaglebarger, Hays, Barrett and Blankenship. Of these Lowry, Godbey, Anderson and Eaglebarger are still living. Dr. Godbey, who celebrated his 92nd birthday on August 11, resides in Kirkwood, Mo., and still retains his remarkable mental vigor. As a writer, preacher, and philosopher he is easily one of the greatest men in Southern Methodism. His is an honored household name in Missouri and Arkansas. Dr. Anderson, the aggressive presiding elder of the Jonesboro District, has been presiding elder of Fayetteville, Clarksville, Fort Smith, Booneville, Conway, Paragould, Helena, and Jonesboro Districts. As an ecclesiastical statesman he has been one of our great leaders. He is now, by request of the Conferences, writing a History of Arkansas Methodism. Rev. J. P. Lowry, local preacher, long a successful evangelist and supply pastor, lives in Little Rock and still looks young for his years. Rev. P. R. Eaglebarger, hard-working and faithful, is a superannuate of Oklahoma Conference, who has helped as a supply pastor to establish several churches in our cities. He lives in North Little Rock and keeps a watch-repair shop in this city. For many years the late Rev. D. J. Weems, a faithful member of the Arkansas Conference, did fine work as field agent of the paper.

For the last ten years the **Arkansas Methodist** has had a circulation ranging between 10,000 and 12,000. Its slogan has been "**The Arkansas Methodist in Every Methodist Home in Arkansas.**" There is no sane or logical reason why that aim should not be realized. We do not ask the pastors to work miracles; but if every pastor will take the circulation of the paper as seriously as he does his financial duties, he can in time get it into the homes of practically all of his people.

There seems now to be a determination on the part of our Bishop,

Presiding Elders, and Pastors to undertake to do their best for the paper during the coming year. Arkansas Methodism has made a great record on other lines of church activity. Let us all unite to make a record on circulating the Church paper. We are confidently counting on the backing of our Conferences at their coming sessions and believe that next year will be our best year.

THE DUTY AND OPPORTUNITY OF THE CHURCH PAPERS.

By Dr. John C. Granbery, Texas Technological College.

Anyone living in a small town or in the country wants to take a local paper in order to keep up with the community happenings. There are parties, club meetings, marriages, births and deaths, and a thousand other small details that really form an important part of their lives.

Now the Church paper may perform exactly that function for us with reference to the whole Church. Bishops and presiding elders wish to reach the ministers and leading laymen with notices. An appreciative pastor desires to tell us all that the lines have fallen to him in pleasant places and that his family has received a pounding. We are interested in the revivals held, the number of persons converted and reclaimed, the churches dedicated, the Conference news and appointments and the reports of important boards. For such matters the Church papers are absolutely necessary. If we did not have this medium we would have to create some other.

But is this all? Let us confess that in many instances this has been practically all that has ever been accomplished by our Church papers. To be sure there are articles stating that what we need is a revival of religion, but surely that imparts to us no information. Other articles and editorials state that we are in favor of prohibition, but we know that already. Some tell us that we ought to be more spiritual, but we are sadly aware of the fact.

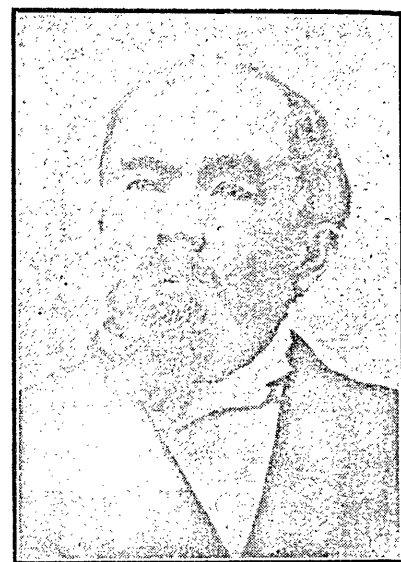
The question that I am raising is as to whether our Church papers have not a larger duty and opportunity than is represented by the function just described. If there ever was a time in our national life when we needed enlightened leadership with reference to moral and spiritual programs surely this is the time. Very frequently the difficulty of getting impartial news with reference to the prohibition question has been dwelt upon and the Church papers have rendered valuable service in that respect. But the question is a much larger one. Virtually all of our great dailies are little more than the tools of the capitalistic system when it comes to any questions affecting the economic order. To be sure since the days of Joseph Pulitzer and William Randolph Hearst great metropolitan papers have made a certain kind of appeal to the masses of the people, but they have done so by exploiting the weaker and more impressionable side of human nature. They have played up the prejudices of people and capitalized the desire of the masses for something sensational. Truly liberal daily papers championing the cause of the masses against the privileged classes do not appear to exist in our country.

Weekly and monthly periodicals have had a large and on the whole salutary influence in molding public opinion. The best of these papers reach a limited constituency. To utilize the magazine literature to the

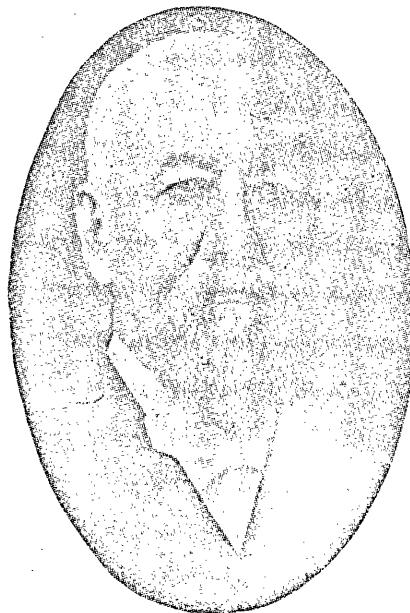
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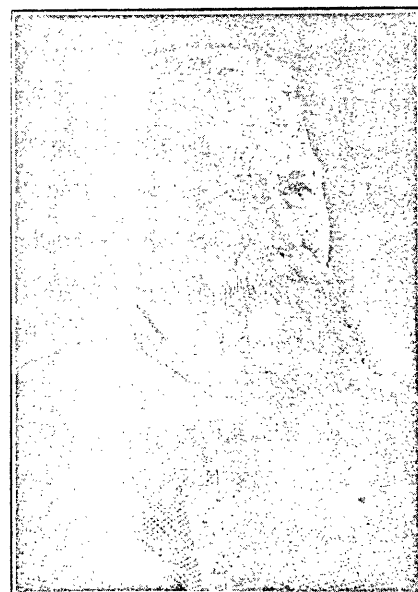
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best advantage requires a pretty high order of information and intelligence and a critical faculty that is rather rare. A vigorous and independent Church press that will deal with all of the great social questions that concern us as a people in a broad and intelligent manner from the standpoint of the interests of the Kingdom of God would indeed render a much needed service in our nation. We are not without such papers. I will at this time mention only four. One is the **Christian Century**, which is interdenominational. Another is the

Christian Science Monitor. Our own **Christian Advocate** at Nashville is continually broadening its scope and speaking with earnestness and conviction on public questions. Finally, in its own sphere the **Arkansas Methodist** is doing its part. It is certainly a great pleasure to be able to include this paper which for many years has been noted for the independence, breadth, and vigor of its utterances. Congratulations are hereby extended to the **Arkansas Methodist** on the occasion of its anniversary.
Lubbock, Texas.

FIRST ATTEMPTS IN DENOMINATIONAL JOURNALISM FOR ARKANSAS.

The Methodist people of Arkansas have throughout their history been served by books and periodicals from our Publishing House, the central plant of which has been for now 76 years at Nashville, Tenn.

In addition, it has been found necessary to provide means of publicity and advocacy for interests of the Church fostered by the Conferences. As early as 1833, when the Missouri Conference, of which Arkansas was then a part, met near Cane Hill, Washington County, there was a proposition to establish a paper at Little Rock, but the Conference preferred to tie itself to the Western Christian Advocate, then published at Cincinnati.

Between 1866 and 1870, Rev. J. E. Cobb published the Arkansas Christian Advocate. Before this, however, as early as 1851, Rev. Francis A. Owens had begun the publication of a paper known as the Memphis and Arkansas Christian Advocate, at Memphis. In 1854 its name was changed to Memphis Christian Advocate, and J. E. Cobb, a member of the Arkansas Conference, was its editor. In 1856 the paper reassumed its first name, and Samuel Watson was editor. The following year the paper was called Memphis, Arkansas and Ouachita Advocate, and so continued till the Civil War wiped it out. Dr. Watson resumed publication in 1865, under its original name. Rev. J. E. Cobb began publication of the Arkansas Christian Advocate, 1866, at Arkadelphia, later moving it to Little Rock, an arrangement that continued till 1870, when Dr. Cobb transferred to Louisiana.

In 1870 the Conferences of Arkansas adopted as their organ the Western Methodist, Dr. W. C. Johnson, editor and Mr. R. W. Blew, business manager, Memphis. The yellow fever epidemic of 1878 took off Mr. Blew, and in 1880 the paper was moved to Little Rock, and after two years back to Memphis, where it soon suspended publication.

OUR EDITORIAL POLICY

(The editorial below was in our issue of January 6, 1916, and is used again so that our readers may decide whether our policy has been consistent.)

Long connected with the paper by virtue of ownership, the present editor now holds his position by the practically unanimous suffrages of his brethren. Appreciating the honor and confidence, we feel a new weight of responsibility. The Conferences and the Commissions give us a free

hand and we are limited and restrained only by our own sense of duty and propriety. We regard the position as a great opportunity to render service. Primarily we must be true to God and to truth as we understand it. Then we must be absolutely loyal to the church which the paper represents. While it is a Conference organ, it stands for Connectionalism, and cannot advocate State or Conference measures which are not positively and broadly connectional. No difficulty is anticipated at this point, for having been close to the heart of Arkansas Methodism for a quarter of a century we stoutly maintain that our Methodism is fundamentally sound and loyal. There may at times be differences in the interpretation of policies, but with sufficient light misunderstandings will disappear. Knowing that the Arkansas Methodist is the exponent of Arkansas Methodism, we shall seek to discover essentials and interpret realities and represent the Church in Arkansas at its best. This may sometimes involve controversy and honest differences of opinion, but if these are respectfully expressed they will not be suppressed unless positive injury might follow publication. While practically everything that is received will appear, we must exercise our best judgment as to the time. Some contributions by their very nature have the right to priority. Others can be held without loss. We now have articles and editorials which have been in type six months. We are not at enmity with any man. If any brother has aught against us, he need not hesitate to send in his contribution, if he feels that he has a message to the Church. Every interest of the Church shall receive attention. News is desired. Pastors are urged to furnish it fresh either in field notes or items for editorial use. Articles on any subjects pertaining to the Church are invited and will be used if found available. As far as possible, articles should be brief and carefully written. Sometimes they are returned for revision. Obituaries especially should be brief and confined to essential facts. Strictly political discussions will be avoided. Offensive personalities will not be permitted. As our colleges are prosecuting campaigns and stress is to be laid on evangelism this year, much space will be devoted to these subjects. Missionary endeavor is the supreme activity of the Church, and will ever be emphasized, and to this end the spiritualizing of the material will be advocated. We are overwhelmed with the feeling that Christianity is at a crisis, that God is trying to discover who can be trusted and used in furthering His imperial plans, and that, if we are unresponsive, our opportunity for acceptable service will depart. During this year, as never before, we need to agonize in prayer for guidance and a willing, teachable spirit. It will be our purpose to provoke the Church in Arkansas to do its utmost for the advance of the Kingdom of God. We recognize our limitations. We need kindly counsel, courteous co-operation, brotherly encouragement, sympathetic criticism and sustaining prayer. As we cannot always please ourselves, we cannot hope to please all; but we shall seek the Master's approval. Appreciating the kind words and deeds of the past year, we gird ourselves for another year with faith and hope. May it be the best year in the history of Arkansas Methodism.

GREETINGS AND SUGGESTIONS FROM BISHOPS, EDITORS, SECRETARIES, AND OTHER FRIENDS.

BECAUSE THE CHURCHES LIVE THEY LIVE ALSO.

Bishop Warren A. Candler, our Senior Bishop writes: "I congratulate the Arkansas Methodist on its fiftieth anniversary. I remember some of its great editors of the past: Dr. A. R. Winfield, Dr. J. E. Godbey, and Dr. J. A. Anderson with other valuable editorial workers. Few secular papers live fifty years for the simple reason that they do not represent through so extended a period any high principles or lofty interests. But there is longevity in the papers of the Church arising from the abiding truth of God which they represent and proclaim. Because the Churches live, they live also. Members of the Church, however, do not value their Church paper at the high appraisal it deserves. If every member of the Church read one or more of the Church papers every week, they would be better acquainted with in. May the future of the Arkansas Methodist be even greater than its past."

THE SECULAR PRESS CANNOT TAKE THE PLACE OF THE CHURCH PRESS.

Bishop Collins Denny writes: "From the beginning Methodism has made large and effective use of the printing press. It is highly probable that it could not have had its God-given success without this use. Neither length of years nor change of life has diminished the need of the press for the effective work of the Church. Indeed, it is more needed today than ever before. The secular press cannot take the place of the Church press. The interest and ideals of the two are radically different. Even those secular and semi-religious papers which give some space to 'Religion' or 'the Church' largely fail to treat of the essentials of Christianity."

"During a long ministry, unusually varied in work, I have not known an active, intelligent, effective Church worker who did not receive and read a Church paper. Knowledge and interest are necessary to successful activity in any sphere. For knowledge of the work of the Church and interest in its true purposes, a genuinely religious paper is essential."

"A wide circulation and reading of a paper giving itself largely, if not wholly, to the discussion of the things of the spiritual life, to the true work of the Church, is one of the most helpful assistants any pastor can have. There may be truth in the statement of Machiavelli, as there certainly is something thought-provoking, that mankind can be divided into three classes: Those who know things without being taught them; those who know them when they are taught them, and those who neither know them nor can be taught them. Few of us get beyond the second class, perhaps none."

"Again and again it has been noticed and emphasized that man is incurably religious. In every age of the Church the men who have gone forth by word of mouth or by the printed page to proclaim the gospel with power, have received an eager hearing and the multitudes have been blessed. Let the work of Wesley and the early Methodist preachers in Europe and America be witness of this fact. Consider the perennial interest in the Confessions of Augustine and the works of Bunyan."

"Our Church work will again recover its pace and its power and its blessed influence when by tongue and pen all of us continue in the old paths where is the good way. May there be a speedy, a great increase in the circulation and reading of genuine religious papers! Never has Methodism given itself unitedly to any end and failed. If we will, we can use widely and with blessing our Church papers, and check this present overflowing tide of materialism and all forms of wickedness, and help to bring in the reign of righteousness."

SILENT INFLUENCE BEYOND CALCULATION.

Bishop Edwin D. Mouzon writes: "I send words of greeting to the Arkansas Methodist on its fiftieth anniversary. No man can estimate the good work done by a definitely Christian periodical through the long period of fifty years. Coming once a week into the homes of our best people, standing always for the truth of the Christian religion and the ideals of Christian ethics, the silent influence of such a paper is simply beyond calculation. And if ever such a paper was needed, it is needed today. The voices that speak to men are legion and the confusion of their speech is a veritable Babel. If ever our American people needed sanity and clarity of thought, this is the time. I am hoping that with the fiftieth anniversary of the issuance of your paper, a new conviction of the importance and necessity of publishing and circulating the Arkansas Methodist will come to all our people and preachers in Arkansas."

IT HAS WROUGHT MOST WORTHILY.

Bishop John M. Moore, writes: "The Arkansas Methodist has had fifty fine years of high and honorable service. It has carried a lofty banner for the Methodist hosts of Arkansas. It has kept step with every progressive movement of the Church and the best citizenship of the state. It has sounded no retreats. It has been the implacable foe of every enemy of public and personal righteousness and the undaunted friend of every worthy cause and human endeavor. To the Arkansas Methodist, with its fifty years, all hail, and all health!"

Here let it be said, the Church paper of whatever name has wrought most worthily during the last half century. It has maintained high standards of Christian thought and made programs of Christian Endeavor. It has never been needed more than in this day of sordid interests and materialistic matters. If the Church paper fails, the Church loses a strong right arm. It is the business of the Church to see that it does not fail."

WOULD THAT PREACHERS AND PEOPLE HAD A LARGER APPRECIATION.

Bishop W. F. McMurtry writes: "Please permit me to congratulate you and the Arkansas Methodist on fifty years of splendid service. The service rendered by the Conference Organ is very great indeed and would that our preachers and people had a larger appreciation of it. We will not realize the value of this agency in the Church until, by indifference, we permit these Conference papers to die for lack of support. I sincerely

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trust that the *Arkansas Methodist* may have fifty years more of splendid service and achievement. May God's blessing be upon you and upon the paper."

BOUND UP TOGETHER.

Bishop W. N. Ainsworth writes: "Arkansas Methodism and the *Arkansas Methodist* are inextricably bound up together. Neither can get on without the other. An investigation will show with mathematical certainty that where the *Methodist* abounds, every interest of the Church succeeds. No program of religious progress can be put over without it. Both the Church and the *Arkansas Methodist* are to be congratulated on the completion of fifty years of service together. Let me wish the *Methodist* continued years of increasing usefulness in the service of the Church!"

PASTORS SHOULD REALIZE IMPORTANCE OF PAPER

Bishop Sam R. Hay writes: "I congratulate the *Arkansas Methodist* on having so successfully arrived at its fiftieth birthday. The Conference organ has a place in our Methodism that cannot be filled by any other agency. Having spent two years in Arkansas as president of your Conferences, I know of no other paper filling the place better than the *Arkansas Methodist*, and I wish for you and the paper continued success. The only way I know to increase the circulation is for our pastors to realize the importance of a conference paper and diligently seek to put it into the homes of our people."

LIKE A WEEKLY PASTORAL VISIT.

Bishop H. A. Boaz writes: "Please accept my sincere congratulations on the fiftieth anniversary of the *Arkansas Methodist*. May she live to celebrate her Centennial in due time. It is impossible to estimate the good done during the past and likewise impossible to tell how much good it may do in the future. The Church paper is necessary to the ongoing of the work of the Kingdom. In the homes where it is read and appreciated it is like a weekly pastoral visit. It brings the news of the Church and a correct interpretation of the great moral and religious problems that are before the public mind. Though I have not lived in Arkansas for nearly a year I still look to the *Arkansas Methodist* every week as a letter from home. Success to you, Dr. Millar, and to your paper. You have done a great work and will continue to so do while in that responsible place."

GIVE THE PEOPLE THE TRUTH.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore writes: "Someone, describing the words of Jesus, said: 'They were as a handful of sweet spices cast into a bitter sea to sweeten its waters.'"

"The presses of America are pouring forth a deluge of unwholesome and vicious literature. Most of it is in attractive form filled with skepticism and cynicism, and has a strange fascination for too many of our people."

"The power of the Christian press to combat this false propaganda is incalculable. If these bitter waters are to be sweetened and the evil influences checked we must give the people the truth as it is in Christ."

"The *Arkansas Methodist* for fifty years has been a mighty instrument for righteousness. It imparts knowledge and instruction, inspires to noble thinking and heroic living. It de-

serves our encouragement, prayers and loyal support."

THE BULWARK OF THE CHRISTIAN HOME.

Bishop Paul B. Kern writes "I stood in front of a window in a drug store in a small town in Missouri the other day and studied the magazines and weeklies offered to the public in that little village. There was every kind and type of literature—if it can be called that—dealing with cheap romance and the underworld. One wonders who reads all this trash; but someone must read it or else it would not be stocked in country-town drug stores. It reveals the problem which confronts the Church. As a people read so will they think and as a people think so will they act. Unless we can put into the homes of Christian people literature that reflects the ideals of the Kingdom of God we shall not expect our people to put His Kingdom first. We ought to stop fooling with this matter and take it up seriously with no shorter ideal than a Christian paper in every home for every Christian in the home. To be content with any less than this is to surrender to the forces of secularism and worldliness."

NEVER SO POSITIVELY NEEDED.

Bishop A. Frank Smith writes: "I have been a constant reader of the *Methodist* for many years, and it has come to occupy a very definite place in my affections. There is no publication among us which more worthily serves its constituency than does the *Arkansas Methodist*, and none that is more fully alive to the issues that confront the Church from day to day. Its fearless insistence upon Christian thinking and living in every sphere of life, both individual and social, is unfailing. This Anniversary Number appears at a time when religious publications face the most difficult period they have ever known; many are being discontinued for lack of support, and others seem doomed to the same fate. Yet never in the history of such publications have they been so positively needed as now. The Church press alone can be counted upon to give accurate and untrammelled publicity to moral and spiritual movements, and without it our people remain largely uninformed. I hope that the conditions now confronting our church papers may bring us to realize that they are a necessity, and not a luxury. There is no more reason why the Church paper should pay its way than there is for our Sunday School literature to pay its way. We will not solve the problems of the religious press till we are willing to come to its relief financially. With all my heart I congratulate you personally upon this auspicious occasion, with the hope and prayer that you may have many long years of service yet before you as editor of the *Arkansas Methodist*."

HAS RENDERED GREAT SERVICE

Former Governor George W. Donaghey writes: "I note that you are getting out the Fiftieth Anniversary Number of the *Arkansas Methodist* and I write to congratulate both you and the Church on the maintenance and perpetuation of this most important paper. I say important, because of the great service it has rendered both our state and the Church. It has since the beginning stood for the highest ideals of Church and state and has wielded a great in-

fluence in the proper shaping of the mind of the citizenry of the state. I wish you and the paper the continued success you both truly deserve."

HAS PLAYED AN IMPORTANT PART IN HISTORY OF ARKANSAS

Hon. H. M. Jacoway, former member of Congress, writes: "I see from public print that The *Arkansas Methodist* will be fifty years old this year. I wish to take this means of congratulating you and others who have worked so hard and unremittingly to make this valuable publication what it is. The *Arkansas Methodist* has been a source of inspiration and education to many thousands of people. It has played a most important and compelling part in the history of Arkansas."

CONGREGATION MEASURED BY ITS SUPPORT OF CHURCH PAPER.

Governor Harvey Parnell writes: "A very important factor in the religious life of the community is an understanding and co-operation between the pastor and the members of his church. It is almost impossible for the pastor to have a direct personal contact with a very large per cent of the congregation. Through the medium of the Church periodical direct messages and appeals may reach a goodly number of persons who are not permitted or for reasons cannot attend services as much as they would like. Also in this manner it is possible to make important announcements that will cause a larger attendance and bring to the readers information they would not otherwise receive. A very important factor in the life of a church is an understanding of the views and teachings of the particular denomination. Through articles it is possible to make a thorough study of a question that would not be wholly possible in a sermon. There is no more important liaison between the minister and his congregation than is a Church periodical, and a congregation and its minister may in a certain sense, be measured by its Church paper and the support it receives from the church members."

A FEARLESS EXPONENT OF THE MORAL SIDE OF EVERY PUBLIC QUESTION.

Former Governor Charles H. Brough writes: "May I congratulate you as the editor of the *Arkansas Methodist* on the approaching semi-centennial of your great and useful paper, established fifty years ago? Although a member of another denomination, I have read the *Arkansas Methodist* with pleasure and profit. Under your able editorship, it is cleanly conducted and is a fearless exponent of the moral side of every public question. I shall always remember with gratitude the signal service you rendered me and the cause of good government by your able reply to an article appearing in the *Literary Digest* of one of its 1917 issues, in which you vigorously defended the good name of Arkansas. Your long and honorable service as an educator, during which you served as president of Hendrix College, and later as an editor, richly entitle you to a place among the really great and pure men of Arkansas. In the words of Rip Van Winkle, 'May you and your family live long and prosper.' 'I am a great believer in the value of a well-edited Church paper, not merely as the organ for the dissemin-

ation of Church news, but as a moulder of public opinion. In this era of depression, when America is going through 'the seven lean years,' experienced by Joseph of old, our Nation and our Commonwealth need 'men of honor, men who will not lie, men who live above the fog in public duty and private thinking,' and, in my humble opinion, the editor of the *Arkansas Methodist* measures up to these qualities. I wish for you and the *Arkansas Methodist* continued usefulness."

IT HAS FOUGHT CORRUPTION AND DENOUNCED CRIME

Former Governor Tom J. Terral writes: "In the year 1931 the *Arkansas Methodist* has reached its fiftieth milestone, and in these fifty years has rendered a service, extolled Christian religion, and championed good citizenship. It has fought corruption in government and denounced crime and for such service it has endeared itself to the people of this State. The churches and pastors of the Nation cannot afford to do without a church paper. It is the medium through which pastors and laymen extend church service to men and women. It is the strong arm of the pastor in reaching his people. The *Arkansas Methodist*, through its able and fearless editor, has been a shining star for the Methodist Churches of the State, and it has constructed for itself a monument that will live and endure. I count it a privilege to send these words of greeting to the beloved editor, Dr. A. C. Millar, the great church paper—the *Arkansas Methodist*, and you, the Methodists of Arkansas. I bid you God's speed, growth and progress."

CAN SERVE THE CAUSE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. J. H. Reynolds, President of Hendrix and Galloway Colleges writes: "Our Church has quite wisely entered upon a program of unifying all of its Christian education work functioning through the Epworth League, the Sunday School and the Colleges. To make this legislation effective we must translate it from the Discipline into the minds and hearts of preachers and laymen alike. It must become a spiritual fact. To accomplish this will call for wide publicity both through the spoken word and the printed page. The Church paper can serve this cause effectively. A definite plan for getting and keeping the right information available for our members through the Church paper should be developed and systematically carried out."

HAS WIELDED A CONSTRUCTIVE INFLUENCE

Dr. J. M. Williams, Vice-President of Hendrix and Galloway Colleges, writes: "As one long connected with the work of education as conducted in our Church schools, I am bringing you our congratulations from Galloway College looking forward to the celebration of your fiftieth anniversary. Beginning in 1894, I have been a reader of the *Arkansas Methodist*. Certainly since that time I have known both the paper and its work. Those who have made the *Methodist* possible during these years have done for Arkansas an invaluable service. The paper has stood for law and order, for fairness between men, for righteousness in public and private business. In Arkansas it has always wielded a constructive

influence, flavored at all times with Christian idealism. May this influence never cease. To its editor we extend our thanks for the things brought out in his own long useful life, characterized by piety and brotherly love. Arkansas holds him up as one of the finest examples of a great Christian gentleman."

AN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION

Dr. W. P. Few, President of Duke University, writes: "I look upon the church paper as an educational institution. The school and college produce and the paper distributes. It is well known that in business today distribution is more important than production. Perhaps this is also true in education. At any rate, the church paper can be and is an ally to the college. The two are working toward the same end. If the paper is allowed to languish, other causes, including education, will be bound to suffer."

GREAT CHURCH PAPERS ARE NECESSARY

Dr. Harvey W. Cox, president of Emory University, writes: "Allow me to congratulate you and Arkansas Methodism on the fiftieth anniversary of the *Arkansas Methodist*. I consider the church paper as one of the great educational forces in the work of our church. Great preachers are important; great colleges are of untold value; but great church papers are necessary, if we are to carry on a powerful, united, forward-looking Christian program. Let me say, in conclusion, that I consider the *Arkansas Methodist* one of the liveliest and most influential papers of our church. May it prosper and increase in its power and influence for Christ and the Church."

VIRILE AND INTERESTING

Dr. C. C. Selecman, President of Southern Methodist University writes: "Under your firm, intelligent, bold leadership, the *Arkansas Methodist* has been one of the most virile and interesting of all our church press."

You have stood for the highest things in home, church, and state, and have made a valuable and lasting contribution to the life of our nation."

VALUABLE ADDITION TO HOMES NOT METHODIST

Dr. J. L. Cuninggim, President of Scarritt College for Christian Workers, writes: "I have learned with deep interest that the *Arkansas Methodist* is fifty years old this year and I am writing to express to you and to the Methodist people of Arkansas my hearty congratulations. I trust that this year will surpass any of those that are gone. I read the *Arkansas Methodist* with great interest, and appreciate the service that it is rendering to the Church and to Christianity throughout its territory. I wish it might be found in every Methodist home in the state. For that matter, it would be a valuable addition to homes that are not Methodist. In this connection I wish to express my appreciation also of your personal contribution to our Church. One of the first books on Education that I ever read was your volume which fell into my hands many years ago. From then until now I have followed you, more or less, in your work, and have appreciated the service that you have rendered. You have my best wishes

for you personally, and for the *Arkansas Methodist*."

METHODIST PEOPLE NEED MORE INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

Dr. R. E. Blackwell, President of Randolph-Macon College, writes: "I congratulate the *Arkansas Methodist* on reaching its 50th year. May the next fifty years bring it greater and greater prosperity. I am convinced that our Methodist people need better and more intimate knowledge of the work of the Church. If every family in Arkansas were to subscribe to *The Methodist*, there is no doubt in my mind that the work of the Church in all departments would prosper gloriously. May *The Methodist* under your able editorship approximate this ideal."

CHAMPIONS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. Henry M. Snyder, President of Wofford College, writes: "I congratulate the Methodists of Arkansas on the fiftieth anniversary of the *Arkansas Methodist*. I can well believe that *The Methodist* has made during these years a great contribution to the progress of the Church in Arkansas. In particular, I happen to know that it has championed in a constructive way the cause of Christian education, and what Methodism has accomplished in this important field, it owes in a considerable measure to the intelligent and consecrated service of the *Arkansas Methodist*."

SPLENDID WORK WITH LIMITED RESOURCES

Dr. D. R. Anderson, President of Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., writes: "It is difficult to see how a Church could get along without its paper. It is a means whereby information about the work of the Church and the personalities shaping its policies, are carried to the homes of the people. Without a Church paper, our own great movements could not have succeeded, such as the Centenary Missionary Campaign, the Campaign for Superannuated Preachers, and the Christian Education Campaign. It is my belief that a Church paper ought to be in the hands of every family in its jurisdiction. If this were the case we would have a better informed membership and more interest in the activities in the Church. Our Church papers have done splendid work with extremely limited resources and should have the gratitude of all loyal Methodists. I would like to add to this general expression, also a personal expression of appreciation of the eminent services of Dr. A. C. Millar as editor, as a Methodist preacher, and as a citizen."

MUST HAVE CHURCH PAPER TO REACH OUR PEOPLE

Dr. R. H. Ruff, President of Central College, writes: "Please allow me to extend greetings to *The Arkansas Methodist* upon this, its fiftieth anniversary. Throughout the years *The Arkansas Methodist* has been one of our best Church papers and under your vigorous leadership it has maintained its high standard of service and usefulness to our Church. May the Lord continue to bless you in your labors. The Church paper is necessary to our success in the field of Christian education. We must have the Church paper if we are to reach our people in an effective way."

A GREAT STIMULUS TO CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Dr. Guy E. Snively, President of Birmingham-Southern College writes: "Please accept my most cordial felicitations upon the occasion of the semi-centennial of the *Arkansas Methodist*. I have followed your work as editor for a number of years. I commend you most highly upon the excellent service you have rendered as editor and as a leader in Southern Methodism. From copies of the *Arkansas Methodist* which I have seen from time to time I know that your paper has been a great stimulus to Christian Education, especially in the state of Arkansas. I believe other of our Church organs would do well to emulate you in the encouragement you have been giving local colleges and other phases of Christian education. A paper of your kind can be of inestimable value to us college presidents."

ITS VALUE BEYOND COMPUTATION

Dr. King Vivion, President of Southwestern University, writes: "Southwestern University sends greetings and felicitations to you and to the *Arkansas Methodist* on the successful completion of fifty years of service of that esteemed paper. The value of the publicity of Church news, and the promulgation of the teaching position of the Church and the interpretation of the trend of affairs as is being done by the *Arkansas Methodist*, is beyond computation. We bid you God's speed, and pray that the Father of us all may give an increasing usefulness in bringing in the Kingdom."

IT MAKES FOR INTELLECTUAL CHRISTIANITY

Dr. C. M. Dannelly, President of Kentucky Wesleyan College, writes: "I am pleased to congratulate *The Arkansas Methodist* on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary. The Church paper seems essential in the work of our connectionalism. It reaches our members with news and information about the many interests of the Church. It thus makes for intellectual Christianity. I trust that the official organ of Arkansas Methodists may continue to prosper through the years to come."

THE FOSTERING WORK OF CHRISTIAN JOURNALS

Dr. Geo. S. Sexton, President of Centenary College, writes: "I congratulate you and the *Arkansas Methodist* on having reached the half-century mark. I have been a reader of the *Arkansas Methodist* for forty-five years. One can not estimate the real value that the *Methodist* has been to the work being done by our Churches and in the promotion of Christian education. Our Churches and Schools could scarcely exist without the fostering and promoting work of our Christian journals, such as the *Methodist*. You have my best wishes for continued usefulness."

THE CHURCH PAPER AN ALLY OF THE HOME

Dr. Walter D. Agnew, President of the Woman's College of Alabama, writes: "The Woman's College of Alabama extends most hearty greetings and congratulations to the editor and the constituency of the *Arkansas Methodist* on the completion of fifty years of most helpful service to our beloved Church. This publication is widely known for its

leadership in civic as well as religious issues. The Church paper may be outstanding as an agency for Christian education. It is an ally of the home in its task of rearing a Christian family. It is the pastor's assistant in educating his membership in the things of the spirit. It is an aid to the Church School in helping to produce a higher citizenship and a better society."

EVERY INTEREST OF THE CHURCH FOSTERED

Dr. D. M. Key, President of Millsaps College, writes: "I am much pleased to learn of the fiftieth anniversary of the *Arkansas Methodist*, and wish to compliment you on rounding out so long a period of usefulness and service to the Church. Every interest of the Church is fostered and advanced by the splendid publicity, the exchange of views, and the valuable information afforded by the Church paper. Many of our Church papers are having a hard time (as indeed the Church colleges are also) in view of the meager financial support necessary for their existence. It is hard to imagine how the work of the Church can be carried on without their invaluable service of intercommunication."

EDITOR'S WORK SUPPLEMENTING THAT OF THE PREACHER

Dr. James R. Joy, Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, New York, writes: "I have known the *Arkansas Methodist* rather intimately for twenty-five years. Ever since you have been the editor it has been one of the Methodist exchanges to which I always look with eagerness and with the confidence that I would find in its editorial pages clear and forcible statements on important matters of interest to Methodists generally. The Methodism of your section owes much to the possession of such an organ. I sometimes think that the pastors, on whom we must depend so largely for the circulation of our denominational journals, are too little aware of the manifold ways in which the editor's work supplements that of the preacher. Will the *Arkansas Methodist*, at the end of its first half-century, accept this cordial word of esteem from *The Christian Advocate*, which is now midway in the first decade of its second century?"

THE MOUTH-PIECE OF A STRONG DENOMINATION

Dr. A. F. Smith, editor of the *Christian Advocate*, our General Organ, writes: "One of the formative influences of the State of Arkansas through the past fifty years has been the journal which is now named *The Arkansas Methodist*. Its editors have been able men who had in their hearts the zeal of the Church and the enlightenment of the Lord. They have defended and promulgated the great doctrines of the Scriptures; they have been indefatigable in their efforts to improve all education, and particularly to establish institutions of Christian education. They have been citizens of highest rank who have had a great influence in the making of the laws and directing the civil and social life of the citizens of their State. One can hardly picture what might have been the condition of Arkansas without the influence of such a periodical as this. Joined with other such publications, being the mouth-piece of one of the strongest denominations in the State, (Continued on Page 57.)

CONGRATULATIONS *of the* CHURCHES

of Little Rock, North Little Rock, Bauxite, Mabelvale

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS

The Churches represented on this page offer greetings and extend congratulations to the **Arkansas Methodist** on the occasion of its anniversary of fifty years of service to the Methodism of Arkansas.

Fifty years of faithful service is a record worthy of commendation. In this period of the life of the Church and the Nation the Religious Press is supremely important. It is one section of the press which can speak untrammelled and unafraid on all moral issues.

Our denomination is under the highest obligation to maintain publicity organs that can bring to her membership the teachings of the Church, her plans, and her programs. The value of such a publication to our denominational work cannot be overestimated, because it is believed that each home to which it goes will be blessed by its presence. Consequently it is the earnest desire of the Pastors and Officers of these Churches that the **Arkansas Methodist** should find its place in the homes of all their members.

The continued success of their Official Organ is the sincere desire of these Churches.

Pulaski Heights Methodist Church

Rev. Leland Clegg, Pastor.
Dr. J. H. Bux, Chairman Board of Stewards.
W. O. Clark, Superintendent of Sunday School.
Mrs. E. B. Matkin, President of W. M. Society.

Highland Methodist Church

Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Pastor.
W. L. Elliott, Superintendent of Sunday School.
Mrs. Geo. Chance, President of Woman's Missionary Society.
Roy Ulmer, Chairman Board of Stewards.
Mrs. Rosco Blount, Choir Director.

Asbury Methodist Church

Rev. J. F. Simmons, Pastor.
Mrs. J. T. Reveley, Church Secretary.
Hardin Bale, Superintendent of Sunday School.
Walker Sanders, Chairman Board of Stewards.
Mrs. S. S. Pettus, President of Woman's Missionary Society.

Capitol View Methodist Church

Rev. C. D. Meux, Pastor.
H. R. Coffman, Chairman Board of Stewards.
H. R. Coffman, Superintendent of Sunday School.
Mrs. R. E. Bedwell, President Woman's Missionary Society.
Frank Scott, President Epworth League.

Washington Avenue Methodist Church

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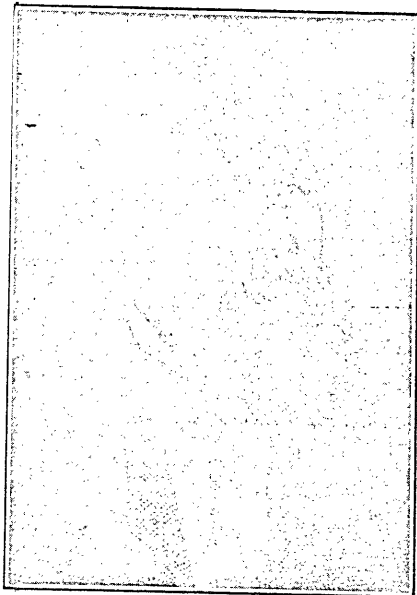
THE ARKANSAS METHODIST HOME FOR ORPHANS

By Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Pastor of the Highland Church

For more than a quarter of a century the Arkansas Methodist Home for Orphans has stood a living embodiment of the spirit of the Master when he said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not." The movement that resulted on the founding of the institution was begun in 1897. Incorporation was effected two years later, March 18, 1899. During this time the Home has ministered to 511 homeless children, making possible their growth to young manhood and womanhood either in the institution or by adoption into carefully selected private homes. At present there are thirty-one enrolled as members of the Home.

The names and contributions of those whose labors have entered into this Christ-like service are far too numerous to mention in an article the length of this. But the institution is in a very real sense a monument to one of Arkansas' greatest laymen, Col. Geo. Thornburgh, who was charged with the task of raising funds with which to purchase the site and erect the building as it stands today. Without cost to the Board, this labor of love was sufficiently completed for occupancy of the building by the summer of 1910. This building is imposing in appearance, well arranged and substantially constructed. It is conveniently located at Sixteenth and Elm Streets, within four blocks of the car line and only a little further from Highland Church and the Robert E. Lee School. The picture on the front page indicates the type and design of the building.

Since the passing of Col. Thornburgh, Dr. James Thomas, the only surviving member of the incorporat-



Hon. Geo. Thornburgh, Founder of Ark. Methodist Orphanage and First Pres. Ark. Anti-Saloon League.

ors has been the leading spirit and the guiding hand in the affairs of the institution. As Superintendent he has generously given of his time and service and has made possible the necessary financial support. Among the many great contributions that Dr. Thomas has made to Arkansas Methodism there are few, if any, that he regards with greater satisfaction than this service in behalf of those who have been unable to provide for their own needs.

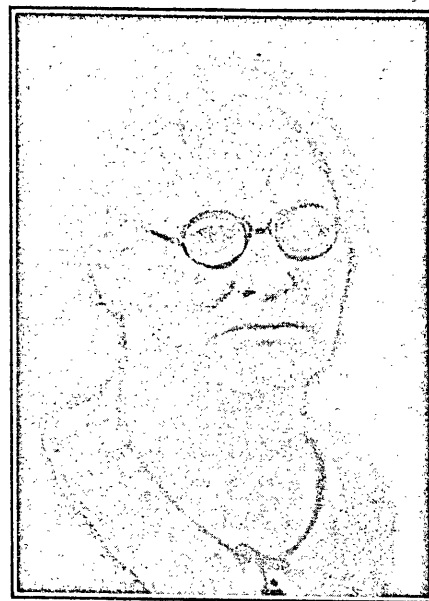
During the first few years of its operation, the Home was supported by voluntary contributions and by funds raised by special agents. In 1907, at the request of the Board of Trustees, the Field Agent was eliminated and the financial obligations assumed by the then existing three



Rev. James Thomas, D. D., Superintendent of Ark. Methodist Orphanage.

Conferences of Arkansas Methodism. The institution is now the joint property of the Little Rock and the N. Arkansas Conferences. Its present income is derived from Conference assessments, the annual Christmas offering and voluntary gifts and donations.

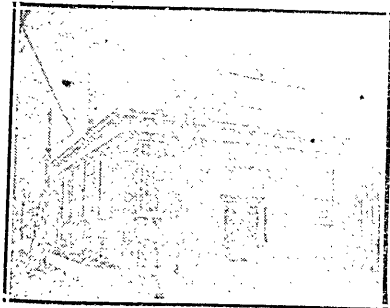
The affairs of the Home have always been conducted in a sane and business-like way, but the Church is especially indebted to the present management under the general direction of Dr. Thomas as Superintendent and Mrs. S. J. Steed as matron. Mrs. Steed is a rare personality, combining the financial judgment of a successful business man with the instinctive tenderness and love of a mother. Her love is all-inclusive



Mrs. S. J. Steed, Matron Ark. Methodist Orphanage.

and her care is as special and personal as is humanly possible where so many temperaments and dispositions must be dealt with. She sews for them, she cooks for them, she advises and counsels with them, in fact she does everything that growing life needs to have done for it. The members of the Home are fortunate in having Mrs. Steed as their foster mother. She is ably assisted by her daughter, Miss Fannie Steed, and Mrs. W. F. Cain.

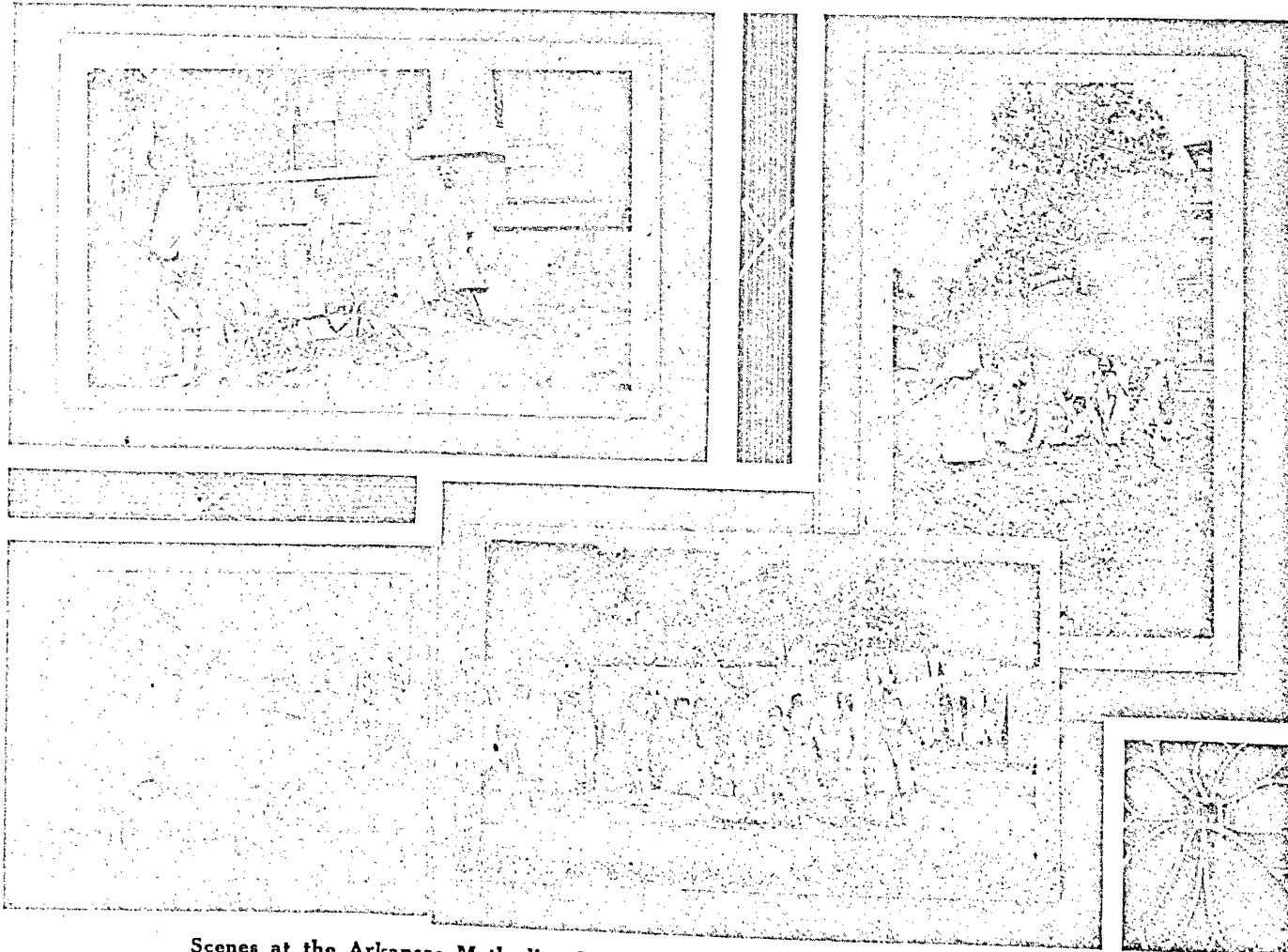
Much work is done about the Home by the children, under the direction of adult supervisors and helpers. Few private homes having children are more neatly and cleanly kept than is this Home. Plenty of good, wholesome, well prepared food is served in a manner that would do credit to the best regulated and disciplined



HIGHLAND CHURCH

Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Pastor.

At this church, four blocks from the Orphanage, the children of the Home attend church services and Sunday School and find a cordial welcome and take an active part. The pastor is deeply interested in the children in the Home and enjoys his pastoral work with them.



Scenes at the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, 16th and Elm Streets, Little Rock.

private home. Among the best physicians in the city are employed to attend all cases of illness that may develop among the children.

School attendance is not only urged but required of all members of the Home. The matron is a member of the Parent-Teachers Association and keeps in close contact with the teachers and officers of the schools which cooperate beautifully with her in the training of the children.

The Home is served by Highland Church where the children attend Sunday School and the worship services and where those who are old enough are active workers in the Epworth Leagues. Practically none go through the Home without accepting Christ and identifying themselves with the Church. Family devotions are regularly held and the religious and spiritual atmosphere is excellent.

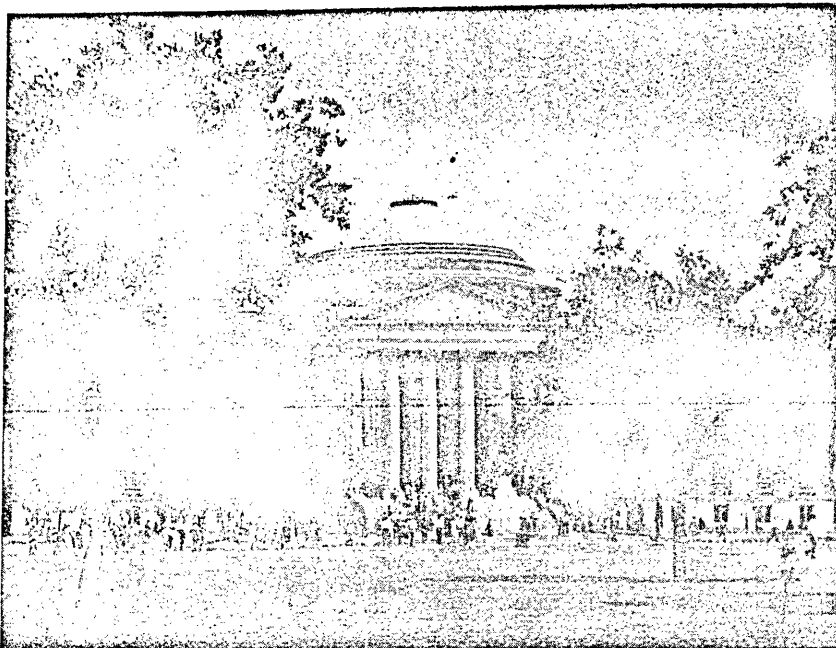
On the whole, it may be safely said that these children enjoy all the privileges of normal home life at its best. One of the older children now in the Home recently remarked that she did not see that they were deprived of anything that other children have.

The management is very careful about the reception and disposition of all who enter and pass through the Home. One of the standing rules is, "Before any child is formally admitted into the Orphanage, the Board must have all necessary information that the institution may be guarded against diseases and bad influence." The Board is likewise very careful to see that only the right kind of homes are permitted to receive and adopt any who may be taken from the institution.

Arkansas Methodism is rendering no more Christ-like service than that rendered through the Methodist Home for Orphans. No institution is making a greater return on its investment. Only the future can reveal the results of its ministry in the development of strong and vigorous manhood and beautiful and symmetrical womanhood. Friends and lovers of the cause are invited to "come and see" what is being done for these otherwise homeless ones who, without this institution, would have had to begin life with the odds so greatly against them.

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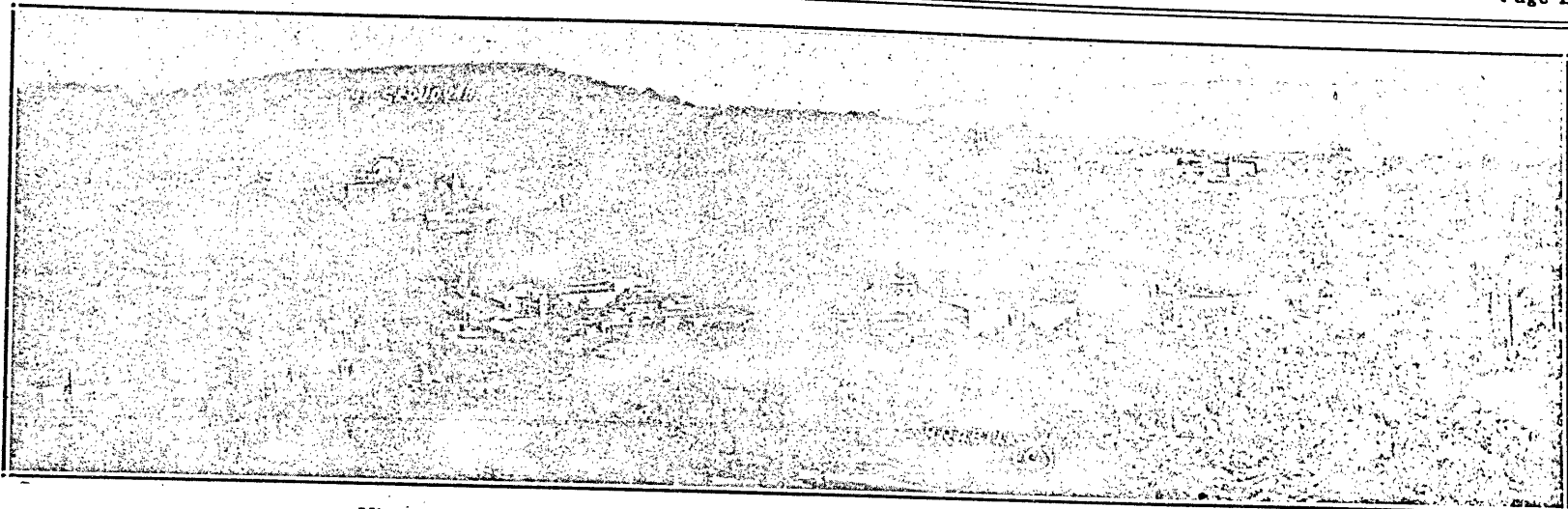
THE WESTERN METHODIST ASSEMBLY

At a meeting at Lake Junaluska, N. C., in the summer of 1920, a group of Western men, at the suggestion of Dr. (afterwards Bishop) Boaz and Dr. D. H. Hotchkiss of Texas, agreed that a similar institution was needed west of the Mississippi River, and authorized agitation in its favor. The matter was brought before the Annual Conferences that fall and commissioners were appointed to study the situation and recommend. During the following year the commissioners met and organized and visited many proposed sites in the Ozark region, and reported to the Conferences of 1921 that an Assembly was desirable and could obtain suitable sites and large donations. Consequently the Conference elected commissioners and authorized them to proceed with the location and establishment of an Assembly.

After receiving many attractive propositions from many communities, the Commissioners, at a meeting at Ft. Smith, on March 15, 1922, accepted from citizens of Fayetteville a proposition of 400 acres, \$35,000 in cash, the building of a road to the Assembly grounds, connection with water and sewer mains, electric light plant, and telephone facilities. This cost Fayetteville more than \$100,000, and is worth far more than that to the Assembly.

The Commissioners organized, secured a charter, and employed Hare & Hare, nationally known landscape architects, to lay off the grounds on top of the mountain just east of Fayetteville, which was later named Mt. Sequoyah after the famous Cherokee chief, who with his band, according to tradition, had camped at the foot of the mountain on their trek to the West, and who was the originator of the famous Cherokee alphabet, said to be the most nearly perfect of alphabets known.

Mr. J. L. Bond, retiring state superintendent, was elected superintendent, and assisted by Col. H. M. Ratliff, local engineer, the work of preparing the grounds and buildings was begun and proceeded so rapidly that the Assembly was opened June 20, 1923, with Bishop Atkins and other distinguished speakers on the program. In his address, Bishop Atkins, a principal promoter of Lake Junaluska Assembly, said that he con-



View of Fayetteville, with Mount Sequoyah, 1,722 Feet High, in the Distance.

sidered Mt. Sequoyah one of the most beautiful situations in the world and the Western Methodist Assembly the most important institution of the Church west of the Mississippi River.

For three and a half years, under the superb management of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bond, the Assembly was getting a good start and winning golden opinions. When in the spring of 1927, Supt. Bond resigned to become superintendent of Union Co. schools, Rev. J. W. Workman, student pastor, was elected and served until, at the Board meeting in July, Rev. S. M. Yancey was elected superintendent. Under his careful and efficient management the Assembly has made progress from year to year, and this year closed its most successful season.

Buildings on the grounds are the following: Chapel, Superintendent's

Home, Cafeteria, 25 two-or-four room cottages, Epworth Hall, Elza-Stephens-Rommel Hall, two one-story dormitories with ten rooms each, Book House (built by our Publishing House), Arquoyah Library Hall (built by Arkansas S. S. group), office, store, porter's lodge, 10 one-room camp houses. It is conservatively estimated that these buildings and equipment, and the grounds, are worth \$200,000. They have been made possible by Fayetteville's donation, the contributions of Epworth Leaguers to the League Hall and of the W. M. S. to the Woman's Building, the sale of lots amounting to \$24,000, and a loan of \$25,000. In 1929 and 1930, on Mt. Sequoyah Day, freewill offerings were taken in the churches to the amount of some \$5,000 to be used in maintenance. On recommendation of the

General Conference last year the patronizing Conferences accepted assessments amounting to some \$10,000. With proceeds of these assessments and sale of lots it is expected within four or five years to liquidate the small debt which was incurred in making the original improvements.

About 200 beautiful lots were laid out around the Assembly grounds, and some 75 of these have been sold and a number of lovely summer homes have been built. The other lots are for sale this year at a reduced price for cash or to those who will immediately build on them. As all of these lots are within easy reach of the beautiful, progressive, educational community of Fayetteville, with the State University within easy reach, and as a hard surface road is promised within a year, these lots are desirable for permanent resi-

dences, and should be secured now and improvements made while prices are low. Much of the building material used in construction on the grounds is native stone picked up nearby. The Assembly has won its place among the institutions of the Church, and our educational leaders say that, if we had no such institution, it would be necessary to create one for summer educational, recreational, and inspirational purposes. The location is unsurpassed, the elevation being 1,722 feet above sea level, the climate is favorable, the views wonderful, the surroundings inspiring, the social and religious contacts helpful, the cost of living moderate, and all things conspire to make the Assembly a delightful "Summer Capital for Western Methodism."

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Rev. S. M. Yancey, Supt. W. Methodist Assembly.

THE WESTERN METHODIST ASSEMBLY

(Dr. E. F. Dempsey, in Wesleyan Christian Advance.)

The Western Assembly, on Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., is to our Methodism beyond the Father of Waters what Lake Junaluska is to our Church east of his mighty tide. Four hundred acres constitute the handsome campus, part of which is covered by forest, part of which is meadow land. To a traveler from the Eastern seaboard it is quite interesting to observe that, while we have this plateau almost a square mile in extent, it forms the peak of the mountain.

In order to reach this summit from the valley of the White River, which flows nearby, requires a climb of over a mile up the mountain road. This is, one learns, typical of the Ozark Mountains, whose peaks, instead of being sharp and pointed like those of the Rockies and Alleghenies, are, like that of Mount Sequoyah, plateaus of greater or less extent. An Ozark Mountain is a truncated cone.

We are informed that geologists assert that this is among the oldest land in the world and that the valleys have been cut out by slow erosion extending over vast periods of time, leaving the mountains as described. For himself, the observer

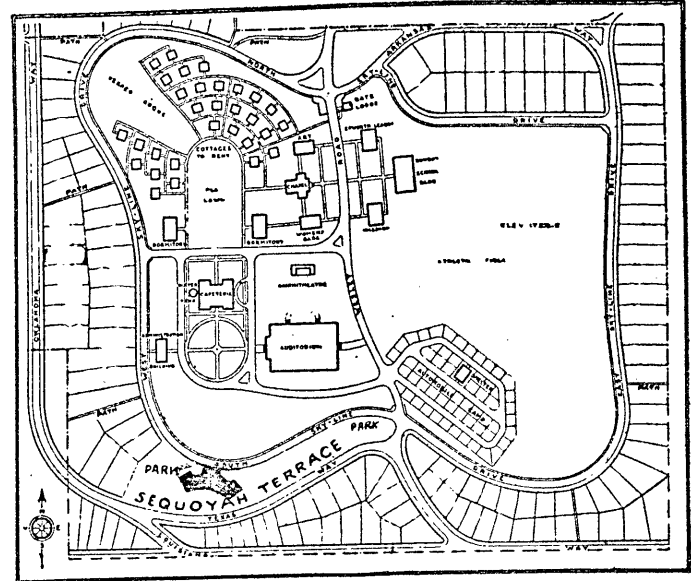


Supt. J. L. Bond, First Superintendent Western Methodist Assembly.

can see that, unlike the distorted and twisted strata of our Georgia mountains, the strata here lie on the horizontal level, being composed in parts of sandstone and in others of limestone. This tends to confirm the contentions of scientists as to the age of the land and the reason for its peculiar and unusual condition.

Considerable progress in the development of the landscape has been made, so that we have well surveyed roads, attractive flower beds and lawns adorned with ornamental shrubs, as well as the native forest trees. Considering the short time since this enterprise was launched, the number and quality of buildings is noteworthy. There is a frame building for the drug store and soda fountain, one for post-office and administration office, together with a number of such structures for summer residences. In addition to these, there are several very handsome homes, built partly of the native rocks gathered from the mountain itself, of brick and of timbers. There is a convenient open-air chapel that seats several hundred people, equipped with a platform not only adapted to speaking, but to pageantry and dramatics. There is a cafeteria that affords excellent accommodation to hundreds, sometimes thousands, of guests. The Woman's Building, which when completed will cost not less than \$50,000, is a structure of four stories, and is already so far completed that one can see that it will be very tasteful and convenient, being equipped with hot and cold water, as well as every other resource of ease and rest, such as reading rooms, pleasant parlors, and so forth. The Epworth League Building is of almost equal extent and is indeed a credit to our youthful Methodists of Arkansas and nearby States. There is every reason to believe that, before another assembly shall meet, the State and county commissioners will put in a well-paved highway, thus linking together the city of Fayetteville and Mount Sequoyah, this being the last inadequately paved mile of road between the two.

A tall figure looms in the background of all this activity and achievement, and that figure is none other than Dr. A. C. Millar, who has very suitably been called the father of Mount Sequoyah. He has envisioned the Assembly and has had the moral force to stay with it and see it take form and shape. Others, too, have wrought with him. Among these, we must name Rev. Samuel M. Yancey, who, with his wife and son and daughter, spares not himself either day or night in his devotion to this important enterprise of our Church. We unhesitatingly say that, as superintendent of the Western Methodist Assembly, Rev. S. M. Yan-



Grounds of Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah.

cey is the right man in the right place.

Our stay was made pleasant by a number of automobile rides, due to the hospitable kindness of our friends, among them Drs. Harrison Hale, Atticus Webb, Sam M. Yancey, William Sherman, Mr. Winchester and others. In the course of these rides, we were able to realize the beauty and sublimity of the mountain scenery surrounding the little city of Fayetteville, which, as Bishop Ainsworth said, is "indeed a beautiful little city." We also were thus enabled to view the bumper crops of corn, of grapes and of apples. The apple trees were literally bending to the ground under the burden of their fruit, while truckloads of grapes were

being hurried along the splendidly paved roads to nearby markets. The corn, of course, was still growing in the field, all, with heavy ears and foliage almost black-green in its richness. This condition prevails not only in the immediate environs of Fayetteville, but through the Mississippi Valley and all through the States of both Missouri and Arkansas. We were told that such crops are found throughout the great Southwest. From our own observations after the drouth year in Georgia, 1925, we were prepared to see this great promise of harvest, for it seems that the land is rested and somehow more productive the year after drouth.

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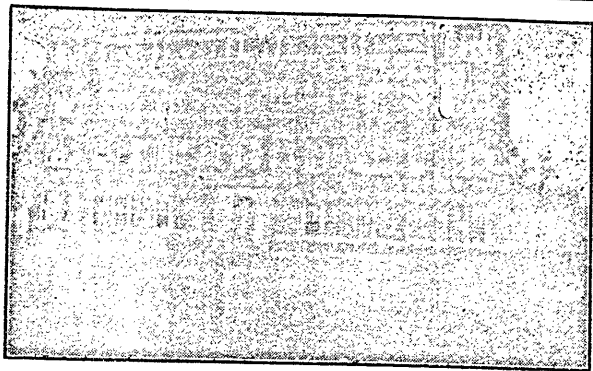
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ELZA-STEPHENS-REMMEI HALL ON MT. SEQUOYAH

After the Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah had been established, the leaders among the women of the Woman's Missionary Societies of the patronizing Conferences, decided to erect a hall on the Assembly grounds for the use of their representatives and as their contribution to the Assembly enterprise.

Under the leadership of Mrs. C. F. Elza and Mrs. F. F. Stephens, the

movement was begun and sufficient money raised to lay the foundation. After two years' delay the work proceeded, and now the fine four-story building, costing approximately \$40,000, is completed, except the finishing of the first floor. Mrs. C. F. Elza, Mrs. H. L. Remmel, Mrs. E. R. Steel, and Mrs. W. P. McDermott as presidents of the Board of Control have worked diligently to promote this worthy enterprise. On the death of Mrs. Elza, her husband, Mr. C. F. Elza, of Benton, Ark., pledged \$1,

000 to furnish a prayer room; and on the death of Mrs. Remmel, her husband, Colonel H. L. Remmel, of Little Rock, provided for a gift of \$5,000, which was paid out of his estate after his death. A great bronze memorial tablet is to be placed in the reception hall and on it the names of a group of leading women will be graven at the expense of their loving friends and relatives. In honor of three who had a prominent part in promoting the enterprise, the building is named the Elza-Stephens-Rommel Hall.

Under careful management the rooms in this building, equal to those of a first-class hotel, have been rented to guests and the proceeds have contributed materially to improvement and upkeep. Action has been taken by the Board of Control which will result in completing the reception hall and other rooms on the first floor before the next season opens. This hall gives to the Assembly the equivalent of a modern hotel, and renders a valuable and highly appreciated service. It is a beautiful and commodious building, and from the roof-garden on the fourth floor a magnificent view of the surrounding country may be had.

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WESTERN METHODIST ASSEMBLY TRUSTEES' REPORT

At the recent annual meeting of the Assembly Board the president was requested to make a report to the Conferences and have it published so that the patronizing Conferences might know in advance of



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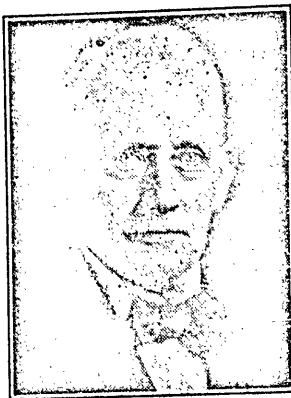
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their convening the exact condition of their Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.

Supt. S. M. Yancey, who was completing his fourth year, made a satisfactory detailed report and later was highly commended and re-elected. During his incumbency, many fine improvements have been made. Chief among them are the following: The fine Elza-Stephens-Rummel Hall, built by the W. M. Societies at a cost of \$40,000, has been almost completed and additional work done on the Epworth League Building. The Arquoyah Library has been erected by the Arkansas Club at a cost of some \$3,000. The cafeteria has been enlarged and ten camp cottages built and provisions made for hot water for the baths. Arrangements for handling the water supply more economically have been consummated. Natural gas has been piped to the grounds. Part of the farm is cultivated to supply the cafeteria with vegetables. Many trees, shrubs and vines have been planted, walks laid out and play-grounds improved. Then, at a cost to the Assembly of less than \$1,000, arrangements have been effected whereby a hard-surface road will be made by the Highway Department from the city street to and around the Assembly grounds. This will facilitate the selling of lots and greatly help the Assembly. For this much credit is due Judge Seamster and Supt. Yancey.

The attendance has gradually increased and this year has been the most satisfactory of all. Some 20,000 people have passed through the gates and several thousand have spent from one night to many weeks on the grounds. People are coming from afar and all are delighted with what they find.

The last General Conference recognized the Assembly as necessary for the summer spiritual, educational, and recreational activities of our Church west of the Mississippi River, and requested our Conferences to accept certain small apportionments, which they did to the amount of \$10,200, on which it is hoped that some \$6,000 will be realized this year. However, as a result of the collection of only a few hundred dollars on Mt. Sequoyah Day last year instead of the \$4,000 which had been expected from these free-will offerings, a deficit has been created, and at this time there is a floating debt of about \$10,000. A part of this resulted from the failure of the Laymen's Program two years ago to bring the expected attendance. In view of the pressing need for cash to meet this debt, the trustees present pledged themselves to raise or pay \$2,000 by Dec. 1, and on this was actually paid \$1,500.

Provision by resolution was made to apply 40% of the Conference collections on local debts and 60% on interest and principal of the \$24,000 mortgage debt, \$7,000 of which is due Dec. 1, but on which an extension can be had if needed. Thus, with the Conference collections from year to year, proceeds of sale of lots, and voluntary gifts which may be secured by Supt. Yancey it should be possible to reduce the debt and extinguish it in a few years.

The auditor's report, made by certified accountants, was carefully studied and a special committee appraised the value of the Assembly property. After due allowance for depreciation, it was found that the grounds, lands, and improvements were conservatively worth over \$200,000. When it is remembered that the Assembly started without a penny and had not received a dollar from assessments, this is a remarkable result in nine years. As the largest part of the debt has been incurred to make the initial necessary and permanent improvements, and as the sale of lots and the collections from the conferences may be expected ultimately to extinguish the debt, there is ample ground for gratulation over the situation.

As the value of practically all things has been greatly reduced in the last two years and in order to stimulate the sale of lots it was ordered that the price of lots be reduced to 60% and for cash even 50% to a purchaser who would build within a year. Then, in recognition of the support of the Conferences through the collections from apportionments assumed it was provided that each Conference should be credited with all that it pays on its apportionment, and this may apply on the price of a lot for any purchaser approved by the trustees of the Conference on condition that the person receiving the deed build a house equal in value to the value of the lot. This should enable many to build cottages on very favorable terms. Details will be given by Supt. Yancey on application. As materials and labor are now cheap, it will be a good time to build. With the hard-surface road that will connect the city streets and Assembly grounds, a home near the Assembly will be practically in the beautiful city of Fayetteville with all of its educational and other advantages.

As Supt. Yancey was a successful Conference evangelist before he became our superintendent, and as all that is paid him for services goes into the Assembly treasury, it is hoped that many pastors will find it convenient to use him in holding meetings this fall and winter. All the trustees are pledged to co-operate fully with him in giving him contacts with our people and in promoting the interests of the Assembly. He and the president will visit as many of the Conferences this fall as possible and Supt. Yancey is always ready to fill pulpits when desired.

The representatives of the various co-operating Boards are hearty in their commendation of the Assembly and are frank to say that, with the present requirements for summer activities, if the Western section of our Church did not have such an institution as the Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah, it would be necessary to establish one; consequently, as the Assembly is properly located, has valuable property with every modern convenience, and is increasing yearly in popularity and usefulness, there

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is every reason why it should be adequately supported by our people and our Conferences; and the trustees fully and confidently expect this support. In furtherance of the purpose of the Church to make this Assembly the Summer Capital of Methodism west of the Mississippi, on invitation of the Board, the New Mexico Conference, including New Mexico, Colorado, and part of Texas, last year voted to become a patronizing Conference, and is now represented on the Board. With 800,000 members in fourteen Conferences in seven States, including all the territory in our Church between the Continental Divide and the Mississippi River, the Assembly has a great constituency, and with adequate support may easily become an outstanding institution commanding the recognition and patronage of the best people of our country. In addition to the small amount necessary to liquidate the debt, the Assembly should have endowment and additional improvements that would aggregate a half million dollars. It does not seek a single dollar that should go to any other denominational institution or Board, but it may in a few years easily secure what is needed from friends who may become interested. Such friends are invited to correspond with the superintendent or any trustee.—A. C. Millar, President of the Board.

ENJOYED STAY ON MT. SEQUOYAH

Mrs. Hollis and I, together with J. H. Hollis and his wife, thoroughly enjoyed our stay on Mt. Sequoyah.

I think our Church has started an institution there which may be of great benefit to the Church and the people generally, if it is properly developed. You have there in the making a wonderful institution which

is calculated to attract many of our citizens, even outside of our own Church, who go for pleasure and rest each year. The location is ideal and the layout can not be excelled and the atmosphere is all any one might ask.

I shall look forward to the time when our Church people will visit Mt. Sequoyah and see at first hand the great possibilities of that Assembly ground. To visit one time means to my mind to become an enthusiastic supporter of the project.

Not only will it prove of value to the Church, but Arkansas will get untold benefit from this institution, if developed, and many thousands of visitors will be attracted to the State and especially to the Ozarks, provided we can make attractive Mt. Sequoyah.

I certainly hope the road from the city will be improved according to Bro. Yancey's suggestion.—Carl Hollis, Warren, Ark.

MY VISIT TO MT. SEQUOYAH

Mt. Sequoyah is on a mountain overlooking Fayetteville, Ark., and is one of the most beautiful places I ever saw. It is wonderful to stand on that mountain and look down upon the clouds below, at times completely shutting out the view of Fayetteville. Mt. Sequoyah is the Assembly grounds of the Methodists of Arkansas and they spend much of the summer months there taking study courses and listening to lectures and resting in that wonderful mountain air. There are several large buildings and numerous small cabins where the visitors sleep, and a fine cafeteria in the center of the plot, where the best of good things to eat can be obtained for a very small price. Eight days of this summer work is for the people of any religion or politics and beginning August 16 and continuing to August 23, it was a Temperance and Social period open to all. They had some very fine features on the program and speakers and teachers of different denominations had a part. I was on the program for a lecture on Lord's Day Observance and I considered it an opportunity to do good and to assist others in doing good. A Quaker, Dr. Thos. Q. Harrison, spoke on world conditions and world disarmament in a most wonderful way. I think he knows more about world conditions than any other man I know. Miss Jewell, a woman who seems to know more about prohibition and related subjects than any other person I know, conducted a class every day on that subject. I wish many of our Baptist people might have been there. Next year I hope many of them may be there, for it is a fine place to rest and recuperate and to learn of world conditions. There are some things on which all good people can agree and about which they should co-operate. Temperance, Divorce, World Conditions and Disarmament, Sunday Observance and such like are matters of that kind. I was entertained by the Assembly Organization and the courtesy shown me will not be forgotten. Meet me there next year and prove what I say to be true.—Ben M. Bogard, in Baptist and Commoner.



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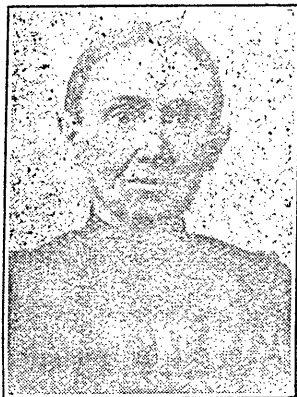
HISTORY OF LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

By Mrs. F. M. (Coralee Gannaway) Williams.

The missionary work of the women in the Little Rock Conference crystallized in 1873 when Mrs. H. D. McKinnon gathered a small group of women about her in Warren and pledged a certain amount of money for Missions in China with regular times for meeting, having devotions, discussion of plans for work, often receiving news from the field by letter from Mrs. J. W. Lambuth, then in China.

The General Conference at Atlanta in 1878 authorized the work for women, but long before that time our women were doing both home and foreign work, and who will gainsay that their spirit has not always been missionary?

In 1816 the women helped to find



Mrs. H. D. McKinnon, First Pres.,
L. R. Conf. W. M. S.



Mrs. F. M. Williams, Historian and
Former President L. R. Conf.
W. M. S.

a place for the preacher to preach the Gospel in Hot Springs, in 1831 the women of Little Rock were active, and as early as 1872 the women built and furnished a parsonage.

During the Annual Conference in Hot Springs, December 2, 1878, the Little Rock Conference Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was organized with this officary: President, Mrs. H. D. McKinnon; vice-presidents, Mesdames A. R. Winfield, C. F. Evans, A. Hunter, M. A. Price; recording secretary, Miss Mattie Hudson; corresponding secretary, Miss E. L. Van Vaulkenburg (Holmes); treasurer, Mrs. M. J. McAlmont.

Auxiliaries, 7; members, 42; amount of money, \$210.70.

Warren had been sending \$50.00 annually to China. Other Auxiliaries doing active work were Pine Bluff, Mineral Springs, Toledo, Malvern, Little Rock, Monticello, and Hot Springs. Soon many other Auxiliaries sprang up in the Conference and the leading spirits in those early days, beside those named above,



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were: Mesdames A. J. Marshall, E. A. VanVaulkenburg, Lou A. Hotchkiss, R. H. M. Mills, George Thornburgh, W. C. Ratcliff, S. H. Thompson, T. W. Hayes, Sue L. James, W. A. Kirk, Elmira Snodgrass, Ella McRae Thomas, A. E. Shippey, W. H. Pemberton and Carl Voss.

Mrs. McKinnon served only one year as Conference president, but was no less active in organizing Auxiliaries where she went as an itinerant preacher's wife. Mrs. Andrew Hunter succeeded her and was president five years, being followed by Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss, who for 23 years was the brilliant president of the Foreign Missionary Society, editing a little magazine, "Send Me," which was a great factor in spreading missionary news in this Conference. She was succeeded by Mrs. Ella McRae Thomas, who was also president of the Woman's Missionary Society for two years, when the Home and Foreign Societies were united.

In 1886, Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss was appointed secretary of the Little Rock Conference Church Extension (Woman's Department), which later evolved into the Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society, which position she held for five years, being followed by Miss Lizzie Stinson.

In 1894 the Little Rock Conference Woman's Parsonage and Home Mission Society was organized by Bishop E. R. Hendrix and Dr. C. C. Godden during the Annual Conference at Prescott. In 1896 Mrs. W. H. Pemberton was elected corresponding secretary, which office she admirably filled for 27 years, seeing the long name of the organization lose itself into the title of Woman's Missionary Society. Earning and deserving the title of "The Lady of the Golden Pen," Mrs. Pemberton devoted her Christian culture to the promotion of Missions among our women. For many years she edited the Woman's Page in the *Arkansas Methodist*, but feels that her most effective work was for "Laity Rights" of the women of our church when she was chairman of the work in our Episcopal District. Mrs. Pemberton lent wise counsel on the Woman's Board and Council and in every sphere of her many years of active service.

The first president of the Home Mission Society was Mrs. S. M. Marshall, followed by Mesdames W. C. Ratcliffe, C. T. Walker, F. M. Williams, C. F. Elza, J. M. Workman, E. R. Steel, and W. P. McDermott.

Besides the regular dues, many women have paid life and honorary life memberships, loan funds, and

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CONWAY METHODIST CHURCH AS IT IS TODAY

Rev. James W. Workman, Pastor.

The program of the church is under the direction of the Board of Christian Education and the Board of Stewards. The Board of Christian Education is organized with Mr. Nat R. Griswold, Chairman, Mr. B. A. Short, Sec., and Director of Training and other members are Mr. Howard C. Johnston, General Superintendent, Mrs. S. G. Smith, Pres. Woman's Missionary Society, Miss Ola Ford, Superintendent of Children's Division, Mr. John Hammons, Pres. Y. P. Department, and Mr. C. A. Holland, Superintendent of Adult Division, Mr. W. D. Jeter, Mrs. H. A. Brooks, and the pastor. The Divisions of the church work are being completed just

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as rapidly as the personnel can do the work with spiritual thoroughness. We find in the unified program a most prophet challenge and inspiring adventure. The Board of Stewards, with Mr. S. T. Smith, Chairman, Mr. Guy Farris, Vice-Chairman and Mr. G. Y. Short, Sec., is directed by an Executive Committee, composed of the following members in addition to those just named: Mr. G. L. Bahner, Mr. H. C. Johnston, and Mrs. S. G. Smith. Mrs. Guy A. Simmons, the Church Secretary, and Mr. Henry Price are of invaluable assistance in the entire program of the church under the supervision of these two boards.

Special features of the work of the church are found in the work of the Woman's Missionary Society, which has heroically led in our Kingdom Extension program, with one of the most generous, and sacrificial offerings to this cause throughout the entire connection. Miss Ethel Millar, as chairman of the Every-Member Canvass, and Mr. Ivan H. Grove General Kingdom Extension Chairman, have wrought nobly, to lead us in meeting this fine record. The Missionary Society through its twelve Circles, has sponsored the prayer meeting attendance beginning this fall, and the attendance under their supervision has averaged well over seventy for each Wednesday evening of their regime. Their children's work, under the supervision of Mrs. W. W. Weidemeyer, took first place in the Conference last year. The entire program of Missionary work through the Societies, Sunday School and Young People's groups, is fostering the missionary spirit, and candidates for special services.

The Sunday School is well organized and with more members than the church membership itself, is in a healthy growing condition. Within the bounds of our entire connection I do not know of a greater General Superintendent than Mr. Howard C. Johnston. He is a worthy follower of the sainted John R. Pepper, whose work is such an inspiration to him. The Divisions are set up and the unified financial program of the entire Sunday School and church finances makes our financial education of one piece in all parts, through one uniform budget. This is increasingly satisfactory, both in the spirit of the one church working unit that is emphasized, as well as in the increased financial offerings received. Our Sunday School is well worthy of be-



Rev. J. W. Workman, Pres., H.-B. College, 1928-9, Pastor Conway Church.

ing both in quality and in numbers the largest Methodist Sunday School in the State. Last year's total enrollment was over 1,600.

While we are over-crowded for physical space, we have the church auditorium for the Young People's Department, with over 200 enrolled. The worshipful atmosphere of this auditorium is of great aid in fostering the devotional attitude in worship. In fact the outstanding experience of the entire congregation during the past two years, has been an increased interest and growth in public worship. The congregations have increased steadily in attendance. The atmosphere of worship has increasingly deepened. The emphasis upon the family pew and the unity of the home in public worship has met with a healthy response. Mrs. C. E. McNutt, Organist, and Mr. Clem A. Towner, Director of the Choir, and his gifted wife, have added much through their talents, to the worshipfulness of the public worship services. With a membership of 1236 the worship services become increasingly the place for spiritual association, helping to fill the gap of less frequent pastoral calls regrettably necessary, through necessity of increasing numbers. The full ritual sacramental services every other month have had a unique place in the life of the congregation in promoting devotional worship.

The work with the Young People is admirably carried under the supervision of the Y. P. Council headed by Mr. Nat. R. Griswold, of Hendrix College, and Mr. Hammons, President of the Young People's Department. The students from our three colleges meet in worship and classes Sunday morning, and in their fellowship and social meetings, Sunday evening and week nights. Special social enterprises with the colored churches in the city, street preaching services, and special deputation trips, conference programs, etc., make the program well-rounded. Their co-operation in the unified budget is increasingly productive. The co-operation of the college presidents is unanimous for the religious life of the students in their respective churches, and the campus leadership of faculty

and student leaders is both faithful and resourceful in their association with the students. The services of the choirs and special conservatory numbers in the worship services are a much appreciated feature.

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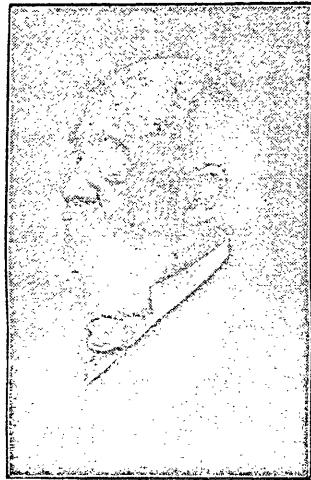
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of the local church furnish a leadership that is valuable in many respects. The leadership of the State Teachers' College faculty members and students, as well as the Central College students, adds much to the program of study and worship. Just this year, Superintendent W. D. Jeter, and Principal B. A. Short, of the Conway Public School, have invited the pastors of the city to teach Bible for credit in the High School and this is meeting with a hearty response from parents and children alike. This educational opportunity

for the Christian way is most strategic in these groups. Here the fields are white. The laborers are increasing with each year's work.

The inspiration of having in our congregation Rev. A. F. Skinner, Rev. J. W. Campbell, Rev. W. T. Martin, and Rev. J. B. Stevenson, Dr. C. J. Greene, Rev. C. N. Guice, Rev. G. G. Davidson and Rev. Glenn Sanford, is a perennial source of spiritual power and joy.

The helpful counsel and co-operation of the presiding elder, Rev. J. Wilson Crichlow, and his happy family as neighbors to the church, are one of the lasting compensations of the fellowship with this church. His consecration to the Way of the Cross and the use of spiritual treasures in the work of the Kingdom, are always met with an enthusiastic response and surely, to have the privilege of the Annual Conference on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Arkansas Methodist, and the Centennial of Methodism in Arkansas is a fitting observance of a spiritual epoch in our Christian adventures together.

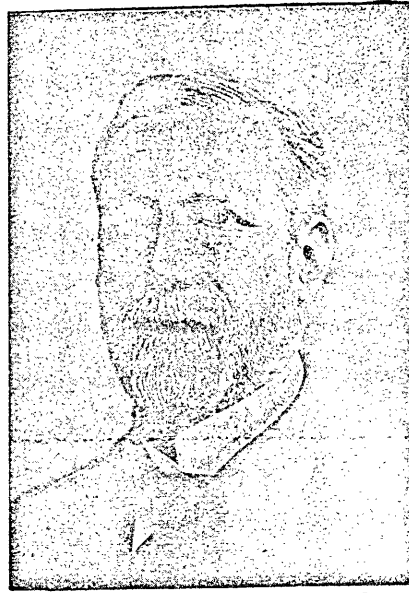


Bishop E. R. Hendrix.

THE TRINITY SYSTEM OF ARKANSAS

HENDRIX AND GALLOWAY COLLEGES

The Methodist Church in Arkansas, through its history, has been true to the spirit of Methodism in promoting Christian education. Prior to and for several years after the Civil War these efforts took form in founding and maintaining academies. These academies rendered important service to both church and state in stimulating higher education and in developing Christian leadership. In the ninth decade of last century economic and social conditions created a demand for colleges, and Methodist leaders imbued with a high degree of wisdom in projecting a college program emphasized the necessity of unifying and correlating educational institutions. Hendrix College, the central senior-co-educational college of the church, had its origin in a private college called Central Collegiate Institute, founded by Rev. I. L. Burrow, at Altus, Arkansas in 1876. In 1884 the Arkansas and the Little Rock Conferences joined in the purchase of Central Collegiate Institute and in 1886 the White River Conference joined in ownership and control. In taking this action the leaders committed themselves and the Church to the policy of concentrating on one college, chiefly for men and one distinctively for women. The Board of Trustees decided in 1889 to relocate the college in the interest of centrality and a larger support, and after hearing competitive bids



Bishop C. B. Galloway.

fixed Conway on an offer of \$55,000 as the location and named the college in honor of Bishop E. R. Hendrix, at that time presiding bishop for Arkansas.

In 1888 a Commission created by Conferences for that purpose decided to establish a woman's college, and in 1889 opened Galloway Female College, later named Galloway Woman's College, at Searcy, accepting a donation from the citizens of that town.

In 1890 Arkadelphia Methodist College, a co-educational institution, was established at Arkadelphia and endorsed by the Little Rock Annual Conference.

The three colleges thus established continued as separate senior colleges for almost forty years. Hendrix was largely a college for men, though women were admitted. It was administered successively by Rev. I. L. Burrow (1884-87); Dr. A. C. Millar (1887-1902, 1910-1913); Dr. Stonewall Anderson (1902-10); and Dr. J. H. Reynolds (1913 to the present). Galloway Woman's College was successively administered by Rev. S. H. Babcock (1889-'92); Dr. J. H. Dye (1892-'97); Dr. C. C. Godden (1897-1907); and Dr. J. M. Williams (1907-1931). Arkadelphia Methodist (later named Henderson College, and still later Henderson-Brown College), was successively administered by Dr. G. C. Jones (1890-97, 1899-1904); Rev. Cadesman Pope (1897-99); Dr. J. H. Hineman (1904-11); Dr. G. H. Crowell (1911-15); Dr. J. M. Workman (1915-27); Dr. C. L. Hornaday (1927-28); and Dr. J. W. Workman (1928-29).

Captain C. C. Henderson, of Arkadelphia, became the leading financial support of Henderson-Brown College and later Dr. Harvey C. Couch served as chairman of the Board and gave substantial financial support. The first great financial friend of Hendrix was Captain W. W. Martin of Conway. The friendship of the General Education Board of New York was won about 1908 and has continued on down to the present, that Board having contributed over half a million dollars toward the support of Hendrix.

All three colleges had financial difficulties. Fires at Henderson-Brown and at Galloway added to their troubles. While both colleges did excellent work and built up a loyal constituency, neither Henderson-Brown nor Galloway was able to meet the requirements of standardizing Associations. Through the aid chiefly of the General Education Board, loyally

matched by her friends in the state, Hendrix College was able to meet these standards and this fact was a material one in its growth and development.

The rising standards in the field of higher education, the development of standardizing bodies, and the growing financial demands upon colleges so

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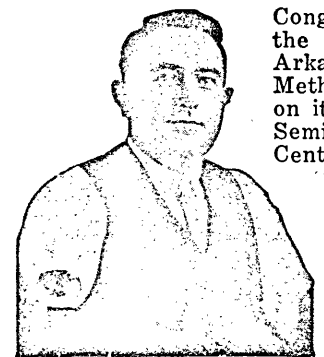
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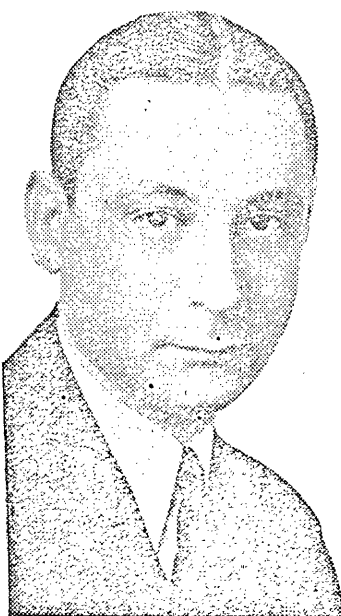
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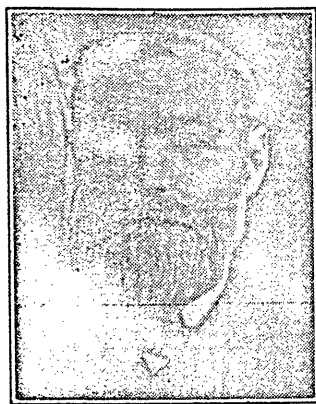
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multiplied the difficulties of maintaining three colleges that the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Church in the fall of 1926, under the leadership of Bishop Boaz, moved

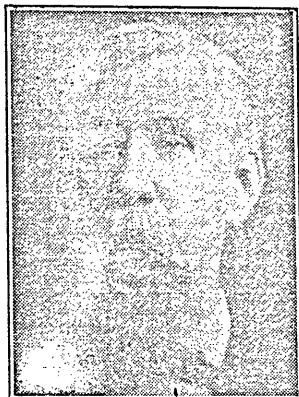


Rev. S. H. Babcock, Pres. Galloway College, 1889-92.

towards unification. Through the work of two successive Commissions, extending over two years, the church became thoroughly committed to consolidation as the only solution of the problem. This culminated first in the action of the Board of Trustees in March, 1929, in consolidating Hendrix and Henderson-Brown Colleges at Conway.

The campaign in 1930 for funds to standardize Galloway as a senior college and to provide Hendrix-Henderson with funds with which to meet an endowment contract with the General Education Board, and also a building contract with the same Board resulted in meeting the endowment contract of Hendrix and of securing subscriptions to meet the building contract, but failed to provide Galloway with the funds necessary to enable her to be standardized as a senior college. Accordingly in the fall of 1930, at the suggestion of the friends of Galloway, the Board of Trustees recommended to the Annual Conferences the consolidation of Hendrix-Henderson and Galloway Woman's College into one institution, to operate as a senior co-educational college at Conway, and as a junior college for women at Searcy, under one executive and one financial administration. The Conferences approved the recommendation and created a Board of Trustees to carry out their will. This Board early in 1931 elected Dr. J. H. Reynolds President, Dr. J. M. Williams, Vice-President, and G. L. Bahner, business manager of the Trinity System, that is, Galloway and Hendrix Colleges, the name of Hendrix-Henderson having been changed to Hendrix by said Board. Galloway was at once standardized by the North Central Association as a Junior college. In 1929 Hendrix-Henderson was placed on the approved list of the Association of American Universities, and in 1931 of the American Association of University Women.

It will be thus seen that the policy agreed upon in the '80's of last century, namely, that the Methodist Church in Arkansas should center on



Rev. J. H. Dye, Pres. Galloway College, 1892-97.

a united policy of two colleges, one with the emphasis on the education of men and the other devoted exclusively to the education of women, interrupted for a time, has been resumed in the last few years and now the Church has a united policy as indicated above. The outlook for the future of the two schools is bright.

AGENTS FOR OUR COLLEGES

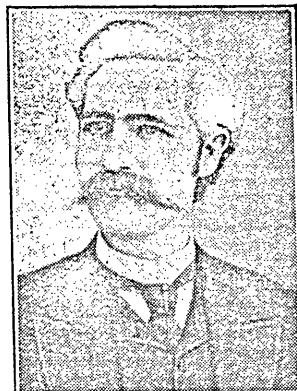
When the Conferences purchased Central Collegiate Institute (Hendrix College) from Rev. I. L. Burrow, Rev. V. V. Harlan was elected financial agent and in a day of small things was able to raise almost enough to pay the purchase price, \$12,500. When the College was moved to Conway, Rev. E. A. Tabor, who had led the movement in Conway to raise funds to secure location, became agent and raised considerable funds. He was succeeded by Rev. T. H. Ware and Rev. Geo. W. Hill, both of whom did faithful work under difficult circumstances. Finally Dr. F. S. H. Johnston became financial agent and during a period of hard years succeeded in maintaining credit and raising funds. Then Dr. James Thomas was elected commissioner and secured large gifts which were practically the first endowment funds for higher education in Arkansas.

Galloway College had as financial agents such preachers as Rev. E. M. Pipkin, Rev. F. A. Jeffett, Dr. W. C. Watson, Rev. R. C. Morehead, and Rev. H. H. Griffin, all of whom rendered faithful service, some of them under very difficult conditions.

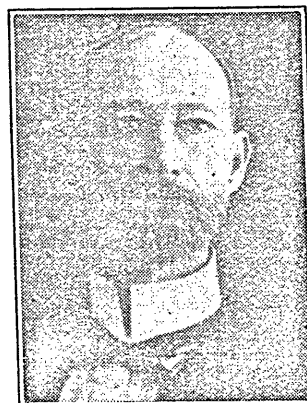
Henderson-Brown College had as financial agents such men as Rev. W. F. Evans, R. W. Huie, Jr., Rev. A. O. Evans and Rev. J. J. Galloway, all of whom worked hard and accomplished remarkable results against great odds.

Many others deserve credit for their co-operation, but those named above should be remembered because of the results obtained under trying conditions.

Dr. Stonewall Anderson and Dr. J. H. Reynolds as presidents are entitled to great credit for obtaining large gifts granted by the General Education Board of New York City. Not until Dr. Thomas and Dr. Anderson secured the first large gifts was there any endowment in the state worthy of mention. The col-



Rev. E. A. Tabor, Financial Agent, Hendrix College, 1891-3.



Rev. T. H. Ware, Financial Agent, Hendrix College, 1893-4.

leges were supported by tuition and fees, Conference assessments and small gifts, and the support was very meager. During the earlier years of these institutions salaries were not guaranteed, and often a professor would receive less than \$500 for a year's work.

INSTITUTIONS THAT SERVED THEIR DAY

During the past fifty years the following institutions were maintained by our Church for varying periods: Booneville District High School,

at Booneville; Fayetteville District High School, at Prairie Grove; Quitman College at Quitman; Harrison District High School at Yellville; Little Rock Conference Training School, at Fordyce; Hendrix Academy, at Gentry; Hendrix Academy, at Mena; and Sloan-Hendrix Academy, at Imboden. All rendered valuable service in the day of poor public high schools; but as the latter developed, the need for these secondary church schools diminished and all except the last ceased to function. Some fine men were at the head of these schools: Venable at Booneville, W. P. King at Prairie Grove, Tucker at

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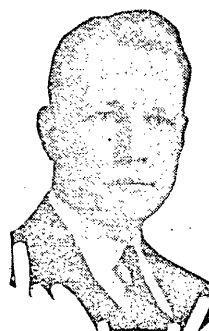
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Quitman, Eaton at Yellville and Imboden, Hughey and Whaley at Gentry, Glover at Imboden and Clary at Fordyce. These and others who cannot be enumerated served well and are honored by their students. The money invested in these institutions and the lives that were devoted to them were well spent in making strong manhood and womanhood under difficult conditions.

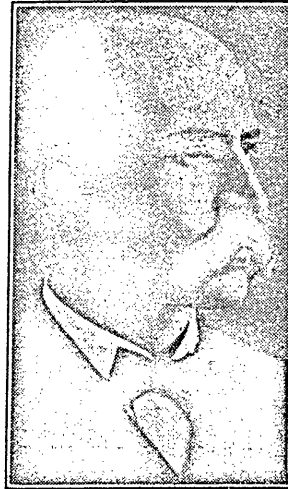
If space permitted, it would be interesting to go back beyond fifty years and recount the labors of such men as Rev. T. W. Hayes, Dr. J. H. Riffin, Prof. Garner, and others of

our Church who were laying foundations in private, but religious schools.

CAPTAIN W. W. MARTIN

A ten-acre field full of ordinary men are not worth as much as he. In early life he might be seen trudging along with an ox team hauling his father's farm products from the region of Quitman to Little Rock. He enters the Confederate Army, and emerges a Captain. He and D. O. Harton, also of Quitman, form a mercantile partnership, and do business for years at the village of Springfield, finally moving to Conway, at that time largely a frog pond and cursed with a set of bullying saloon keepers. It was not to remain so; Captain Martin was soon mayor of the town, an office he held for many years, putting on no airs and allowing no pettifoggery in his court, going always straight to the merits of the case, saying, "If you don't like it, appeal!" The appeals were seldom taken, though his chief law-book was Webster's Blueback Speller, from which he would cite the story of the Boy Robbing an Apple Tree and the story of Old Tray, the dog that got into bad company. A man always of action and of few words, dependable to the core.

When the opportunity came to bring Hendrix College to Conway, the first thing to be done was to clean out the town, physically and morally. It was speedily done,



Prof. W. H. Key, English Dept., Hendrix College, 1887-94.



Prof. G. H. Burr, Science Dept., Hendrix College, 15 years.

though in the process Captain Martin must walk toward a man who had a rifle leveled on him, looking into the muzzle of the gun and collaring the man. The next thing was to find the money necessary, and in this he was equally heroic. On the physical side he was the father and more than once the savior of Hendrix College, as A. C. Millar was on the spiritual side. He very largely put his fortune and his life into this institution and, for many years, after Captain McKennon left Arkansas, was president of its Board. Once when the College was in a close place and there was doubt whether we could save it, he said to this writer, "when I look at the men it has produced, I am amply repaid for all I have done for it, if it shall be wiped from the map."

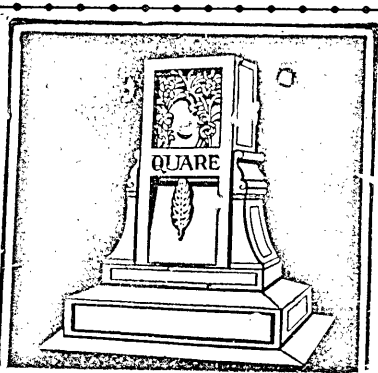
There came a time when his gifts to the College had weakened his credit till by all ordinary rules he was bankrupt. He sent for his creditors, laid before them a full statement of assets and liabilities, told them to take all he had, if they wanted it. They looked straight into his face and told him to go on with business. They knew a man when they saw him. He went on, and he pulled through. Such was W. W. Martin of Conway. His two outstanding achievements: To transform Conway into a sober, liberal Christian town and to lay a solid foundation for Hendrix College.—Jas. A. Anderson.

CAPTAIN A. S. McKENNON

Many years ago Dr. A. M. Tra- wick, then a prominent Methodist layman of Nashville, Tenn., told the author of this History that, along with himself and Rev. Jas. A. Walden, A. S. McKennon enlisted in the Confederate Army from Carroll County, Arkansas. When the war was over, Captain McKennon located in Clarksville as a merchant. Upon the advice of Rev. Dr. H. R. Withers, himself a brilliant lawyer, he entered the practice of law; was by his probity and high courage an ornament to the profession; was soon district attorney, in which office he was the admiration of all good citizens and the terror of evil doers, like his bosom friend, John S. Little, also a Methodist layman on the District west of him, he and Judge Little being among the earliest and deadliest foes of the whiskey dealers—a battle in which neither of them ever surrendered.

When the Church enterprised Hendrix College, Captain McKennon became President of its Board of Trustees. As secretary of that

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(Continued from Page 20.) Board, the writer had opportunity to know his value there. He held this position till President Cleveland appointed him on the Dawes Commission, the duty of which was to negotiate a treaty with the Indians allotting their lands and opening for settlement Indian Territory. Though Senator Dawes of Massachusetts was the technical head of this Commission, it was the courage, the kindness, the tact and the transparent honesty of Capt. McKennon that opened this territory, where the tribal governments had been as rotten as any ever seen in a civilized land, subjects he more than once discussed with this writer. It was his connection with these matters that finally moved him to South McAllister, Okla., where he spent in honor the

evening of his life. His name will long live in Arkansas, as well as in Oklahoma.—Jas. A. Anderson.



F. S. H. Johnston, D. D., Financial Agent, Hendrix College, many years.

THE ADULT DIVISION

Its Work and Responsibility

Methodism in its recent legislation laid the foundation for an aggressive Religious Educational Program. The leaders of our General Conference evidently proposed to get down to bed-rock by authorizing our pastors and our local churches adequately to meet the religious needs of their constituencies.

The law is specific. It expects the pastor, through his local church board of Christian Education, adequately to meet the needs of growing life for worship, fellowship, study, social service, evangelism, missions and recreation.

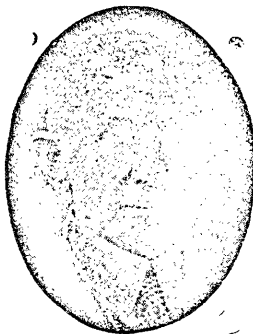
The law is progressive; it recognizes that life is a growing process. To meet the needs of growing life the pastor and local board are to recognize the chronological and the psychological differences of their various age groups. The law in this emphasizes a fundamental principle in education. Under the law, the pastor is an educator. He will adequately provide for the religious needs of the different age groups within his local church.

The law provides that "There shall be three divisions of the local church, as follows: The Children's Division (1 to 11 inclusive); the Young People's Division (12 to 23, inclusive); the Adult Division, (24 and over)." It also prescribes adequate guidance and supervision for each division.

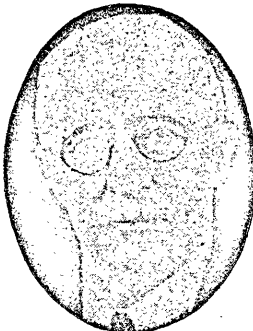
In this article, we deal with the Adult Division, its work and its responsibility.

In the first place, the church has legally provided itself with a program. This program is the law of the church. The adult members who are twenty-four years of age and over, are expected to be legal-minded enough to be law-abiding. They are expected to study the program of the church and to organize and promote the total program under the legal provisions of the church. No local church can afford to tolerate a careless or indifferent legal attitude on the part of its leaders. The recognition of this fact must be faced by the local pastor and the Adult Division of his church.

In the second place, the pastor is an adult. He cannot shift his work or his responsibility to the shoulders of the presiding elder or to the shoulders



J. M. Workman, LL. D., Pres., Henderson-Brown College, 1914-26.



Capt. C. C. Henderson, Trustee and Liberal Supporter of Henderson-Brown College.

Certainly not. There is no way to shift this responsibility. It belongs to the pastor and to the Adult Division of the local church which must take the initiative in promoting so great a program.

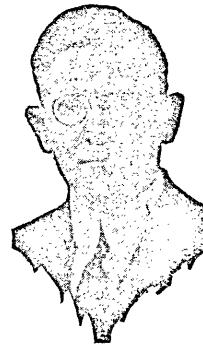
For the program to succeed, there must be an effective adult organization. There must be an adult director and there must be a great spirit of co-operation which must permeate the whole church.—C. K. Wilkerson, Conference Adult Director.

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ders of his Local Board. He is the "preacher in charge." He has a legal responsibility and a heavy moral obligation thrust upon him, which he has been carrying for more than two years. Under the new legislation, the pastor is responsible for the re-organization of his local church and for the promotion of the new religious education movement within his church. In my judgment, no pastor can now justify, legally or morally, a failure on his part to meet the provisions of the new law. Each church should, by this time, be ready to go forward, under the pastor's aggressive leadership.

In the next place, the Adult Division must give to the local pastor its active co-operation. Co-operation is a vital part of the new program. No pastor can succeed in re-organizing and promoting adequately, a local religious educational program, without the co-operation of the adults of the church.

Co-operation should begin with the Adult Division of the Church. This division should volunteer to study the law and the new program with the pastor. The adults should then organize the Local Board of Christian Education and assume the responsibility of co-operating and promoting the total program as outlined by the local board.

This calls for a real adult leader. An adult who can direct the work among the adult organizations of the local church; an adult director who can get co-operation, who can secure other leaders within the division to share the work with him. He should be a leader who knows well the principles of division of labor and who can inspire others to work within his organization.

Take the program: (1) Worship, (2) Study, (3) Missions, (4) Evangelism, (5) Social Service, (6) Fellowship, and (7) Recreation. How can the Adult Division co-operate in the promotion of an adequate program in each of these activities? How can it, by example and by its enthusiasm, co-operate with the pastor, as the educational leader, in promoting these activities among the Children's and the Young People's organizations? Can the adults afford to fail the pastor in his efforts to adequately provide religious training in these divisions of the local church?



H. C. Couch, LL.D., Pres, Board,
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REV. I. L. BURROW—AN APPRECIATION

When we consider our educational achievements in Arkansas Methodism we are often reminded of that distinguished educator and pioneer, Rev. I. L. Burrow, the founder of Central Collegiate Institute, which became Hendrix College. He was a born teacher, a great thinker, a gifted speaker. He had a very impressive style as a speaker. Once you heard him you could never forget his manner of speech. In my early ministry it was my privilege to hear Brother Burrow preach. To this day I think of some of those sermons as masterpieces of pulpit eloquence. It was the eloquence of facts, the convictions of an earnest soul.

But his very presence was an inspiration in social life, and as a presiding elder he was wise in counsel—more like a father than a mere official.

His work in the schoolroom was his crowning work. How many struggling boys and girls found in him a friend in their time of need, and an inspiration for a life time! This was especially true of young preachers. Brother Burrow was so sanguine in disposition that he imparted his confidence to others, and young preachers without money or credit under this great teacher would make their way through college.

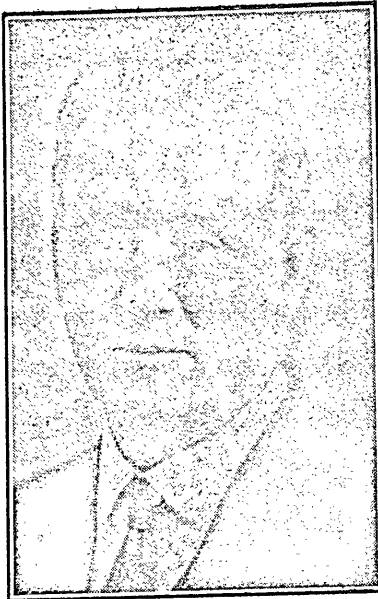
Truly, he served his generation according to the will of God.

In the evening time of his life, the new country of Oklahoma was thrown open to settlement. Rev. I. L. Burrow was appointed superintendent of Oklahoma. It was my privilege to be associated with him in this pioneer work.

His preachers were fond of calling him "Big Chief" and he called us his "Braves." Here in this new country his pioneer spirit found ample room and he was very happy in his work, laying foundations for great things for the years to come.

No minister of any church appreciated more fully the future and wonderful possibilities of Oklahoma in that early day than did Rev. I. L. Burrow, our "Big Chief."

His zeal almost consumed him as he drove over those prairies preaching in dug-outs and little town-halls and wherever he could find a hearing. His work abides. God be praised.

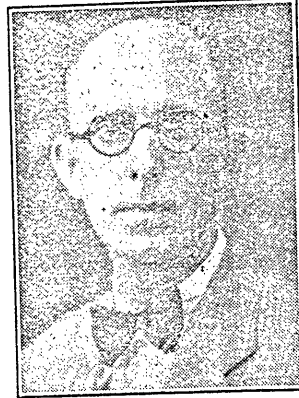


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ed for the labors of this wise, heroic man of God.—J. B. Stevenson.

CONWAY METHODIST CHURCH WELCOMES NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE, NOV. 4-8, 1931.

We heartily welcome the members of the Ninety-Sixth Annual Session of the North Arkansas Conference to Conway, to enjoy three excellencies



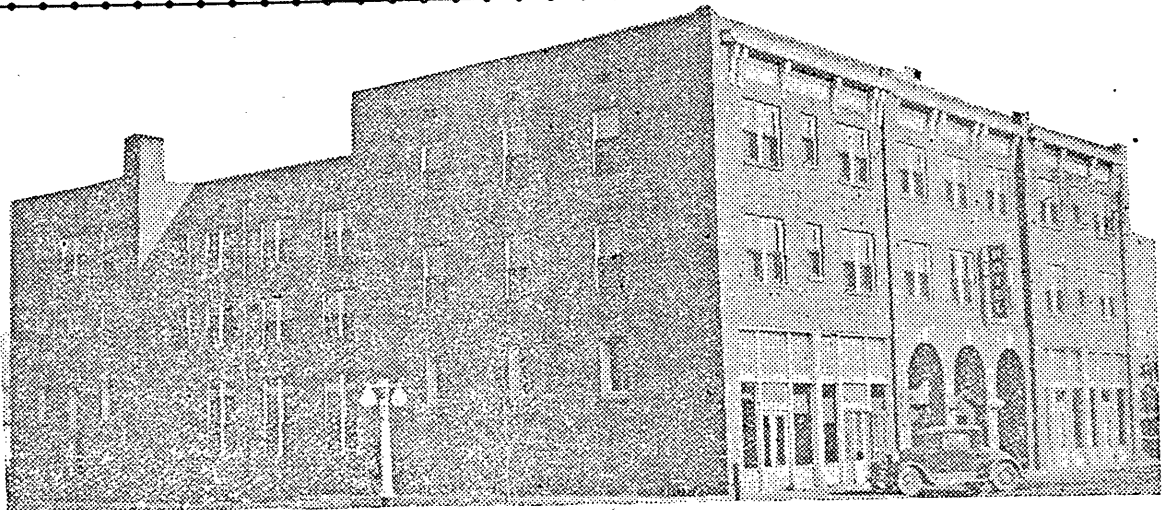
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of Methodist Hospitality as exemplified in this historic "City of Colleges." These excellencies are Eating, Education, Evangelism! The Body will be well cared for in the hospitable homes of our church members and friends in Conway. The entire city is host, and all the food facilities of the municipality and the largest harvest on record await your waiting and fasting palates. Eating will be a fundamental excellency to first welcome you. The Mind will be cared for as exemplified by the central educational institution of our church here. In one of the most propitious openings in the history of our church Hendrix and Galloway Colleges welcome you in the spirit of their finest religious genius. The

Evangelistic welcome will be by four great spiritual prophets of our church, with the opening sermon by one of our world statesmen preachers, who has been invited to preach the opening sermon Tuesday evening and the Evangelistic preacher for the session, Rev. W. Angie Smith of Shreveport, who will preach Wednesday night, Thursday morning and night and Friday morning, and who will conduct the devotional services of the sessions in the morning. The week-day dramatic climax of the Conference will be in the historical pageant presented Friday evening by Hendrix and Galloway Colleges. On Saturday evening a mass meeting will be held under the auspices of the Local Committee on Disarmament, with a nationally prominent speaker, and the spiritual confirmation of all our fellowship will be consummated in the services on Sunday under the inspiring leadership of our beloved Bishop Dobbs. We welcome you in Christian hospitality, and our welcome will be our way of congratulating the half century birthday of our Arkansas Methodist, and the centennial of Methodism in Arkansas.

Faithfully yours,

H. C. Johnston, Supt. S. S.
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intervals, and the Rev. Chas. F. Hiveley also assisted. For the first few years the church had no regular pastor, but was served by the two above named preachers and by ministerial students from Hendrix College.

Later the name was changed to Washington Avenue Methodist Church. Rev. P. R. Eaglebarger served as first pastor of the church under the new name. The church met in a small frame building on the lot where the new building stands. Bro. Eaglebarger, assisted by local trustees, started the movement that resulted in building the brick structure at 24th and Washington Ave.

For many years Mr. D. F. Scott was superintendent of the Sunday School, holding that position until just before his death.

Rev. E. Dyer succeeded Rev. P.

R. Eaglebarger, serving the church as part of a Circuit which included Jacksonville and Concord Churches. He was followed by Rev. Chas. F. Hiveley, who was pastor of this church and the church at Levy for a year.

Rev. B. F. Eddington, a ministerial student of Hendrix College, succeeded Bro. Hiveley, continuing as pastor till the fall of 1928, when Geo. A. Freeman, a local preacher, was made pastor. He is now serving his third year as pastor at this place.

J. Frank Warden, lay leader, is also superintendent of the Sunday School. Miss Esther Robinson serves as church secretary and treasurer, and was superintendent of the Sunday School also in 1930.

This year, with the help of J. J. Miller, comfortable pews have been built.—Geo. A. Freeman, P. C.

wage, provide something for their comfort in their declining years?

It is hoped that every preacher and presiding elder will see to it that every church is given an opportunity to readjust its quota on this cause, and urged to make a payment this year. To do less may be regarded as failing these old comrades of the Cross who have been unfailing in building a church for us and our generation.—H. Lynn Wade, Conf. Director of Supt. Endowment.

PREACHING FIFTY YEARS

On September 21, 1881, in the old college building at Booneville, Ark., I was granted license to preach, by the Quarterly Conference, which was the custom in those days.

The presiding elder was Rev. V. V. Harlan, and the secretary was my great old teacher, Prof. M. P. Vena.—(Continued on Page 26.)

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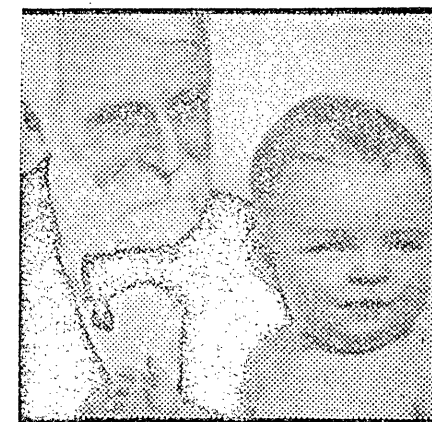
Of this sum, our own the North Arkansas Conference has raised \$99,813 for the General Fund and \$56,137 for our own Conference Fund, a total of \$156,050; and this is not bad.

The General Conference authorized a continuance of the campaign looking toward the raising of the \$10,000,000 finally.

Of course, many things have hindered and it is difficult to hold the attention of the Church on the object for so long, and to keep up the continued enthusiasm for the cause, yet, who will cease to work and pray for it?

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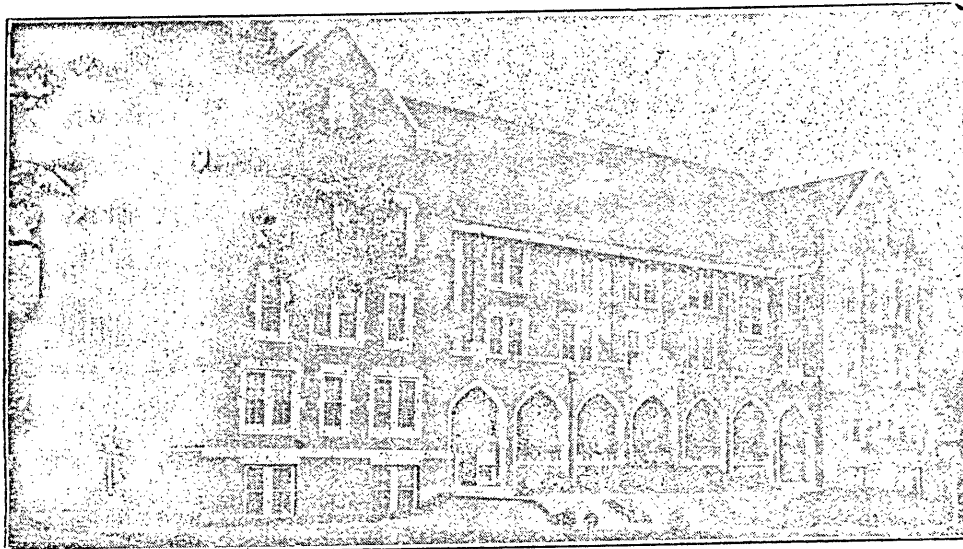
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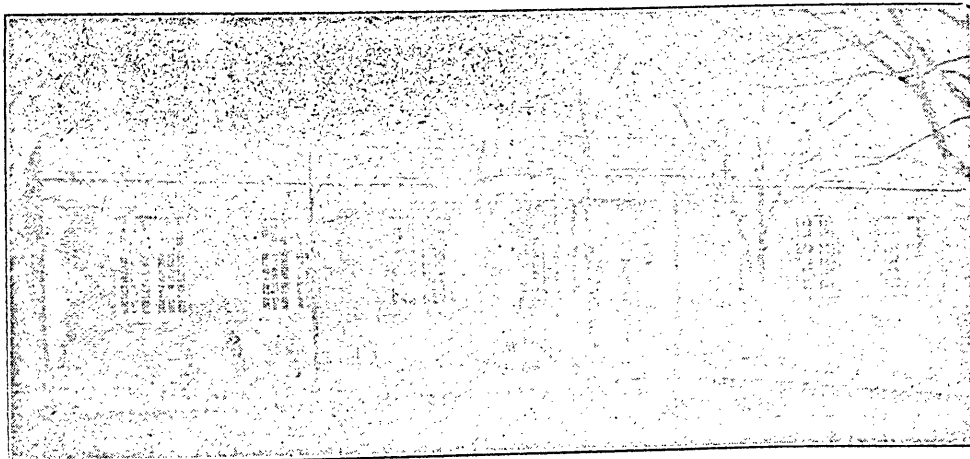
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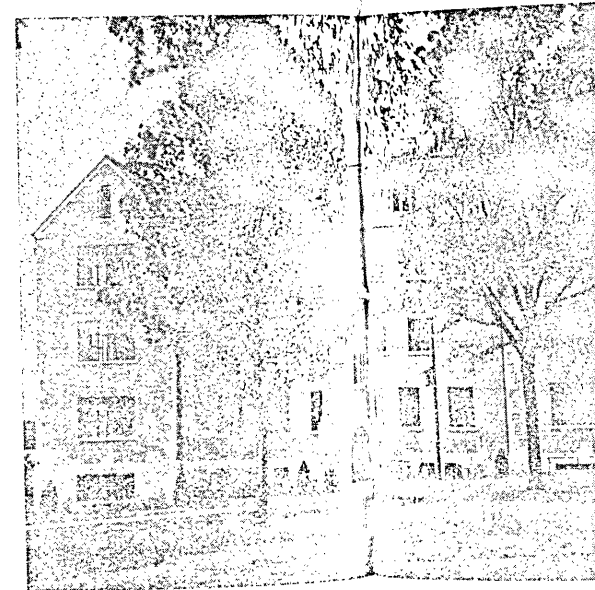
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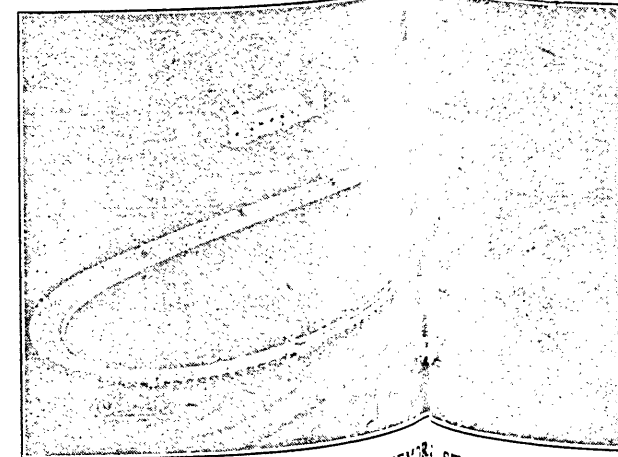
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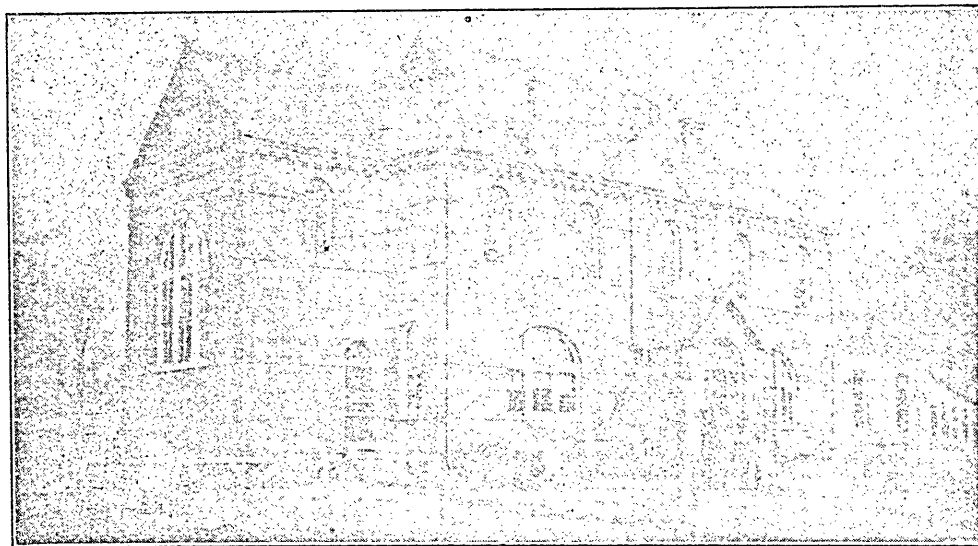
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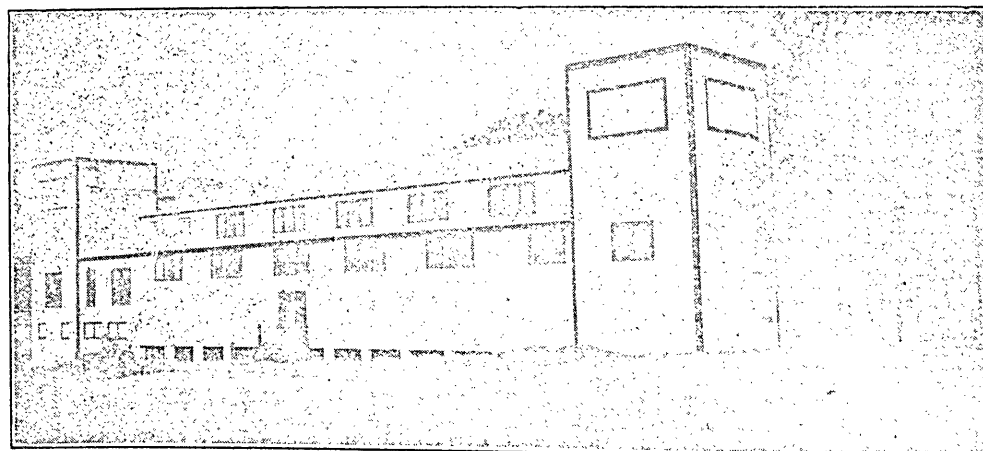
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AXLEY GYMNASIUM

(Continued from Page 23.)

ble, one of the finest teachers we ever had in our state.

Around Booneville and Magazine I did my first preaching. In 1882 I was a supply on the Booneville Circuit. In November, 1883, I joined the Arkansas Conference at Clarks-ville. Four years I was on Circuits, thirty-seven years on stations, and eight years years a presiding elder. All of my ministry I have given to Arkansas, except two and a half years spent in Oklahoma.

Just after the opening of that new country for settlement, a telegram from Bishop Hendrix said to me, "I need you in Oklahoma. Can I use you?" I consented. and the next message about two hours later, said, "You are appointed to Oklahoma City. Come at once." I conducted a revival meeting in Oklahoma City soon after the settlement of that town, then having about eight thousand inhabitants. The first convert was a man by the name of Troup, and his family. These were the earliest conversions in Oklahoma so far as I know.

Guthrie was the capitol at that time, a town of about ten thousand, I suppose, with people from everywhere, so the bishop concluded that he would send me to Guthrie and leave the presiding elder, Rev. I. L. Burrow, to have charge of Oklahoma City until he could secure a man, which he soon did.

I served at Guthrie two and one-half years. My father having died, leaving a large family, I built the church in Guthrie, served as chaplain of the first Senate, and chaplain of the first Grand Lodge of Masons in Oklahoma. I established the church in Guthrie, returned to Arkansas to look after the orphan

children of my father. That fall at the Conference I was sent to Fort Smith, then to Conway and then to Batesville. I served as pastor at Batesville and Conway twice, the only churches that I ever served as pastor a second time.

I can say after these long years of service that I never yet asked a bishop for an appointment nor an Official Board for a salary. Usually I have said, "Go and fix the salary. I shall not be at the first Board meeting."

This little sketch would be incomplete did I not mention the brave, noble woman who for nearly 47 years has walked by my side, my counsellor and guide. Only once, as I remember, has she wept when we faced what seemed the hardest appointment we ever had, and yet the one that proved in the end to be one of the very best of all our pastorates. Four children have come in to bless and gladden our lives. One little boy died in babyhood. Two boys and one girl are grown and married. They all finished (one every two years), with the A. B. degree from Hendrix College, and on their own part took extra graduate work. Much credit for a full college course is due to their self-sacrificing mother, who never would consent to anything less. Yes, it meant struggles and self-denial, but what of that?

This is my fiftieth anniversary, and mine has been a happy ministry. As we approach evening time there is light. Thousands of the best men and women of this state I count as my friends—warm personal friends. Hundreds have looked into my face with a smile of gratitude when they have found the "Pearl of Great Price" and on their faces "shone a light never seen on land or sea."

This has been my joy and crown. If I had a hundred lives to live I would gladly give them all to a service like this.—J. B. Stevenson.

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Folsom has reorganized itself to meet the present depression. We have cut our salary list from \$18,000 to \$11,000. We have reduced our staff of workers by 40 per cent. We have laid aside our aggressive program and are trying to hold what we have. We have never had a finer student body. We have a splendid faculty. We have had a great crop year and have an abundance of feed and food stuff put away for the year. That all looks fine and is fine.

Our trouble, to be perfectly frank and honest, is just this; we have practically no money at all. And we cannot live without money.

We are conscious that we have many friends. This is our greatest asset and we appreciate our friends most of all. This is what we are asking. Do for us all you can. If you can help us as much as you have been helping us we will be grateful if you will. If you cannot do as much as usual do all you can. If you have been waiting for some one who is worth more than you are to help us,

then forget about that and do what you yourself can. No matter how small your gift may be, this is the time we need it.

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THE WORK OF THE ARKANSAS ANTI-SALOON LEAGUE

By W. J. Losinger, State Supt.

The tendency to reach conclusions without regard to the facts, is one of the most dangerous characteristics of the American people. I know of no better illustration of this, than the common assertion, that we are going nothing now to educate the people concerning the evils of alcohol. As a matter of fact we are doing more today than we ever have done in the history of this country.

I challenge anyone to read what is given under the heading "Alcohol," in Physiology I and II taught in every school in Arkansas today; then show me a text book used any time in the past that compares with it. They teach the evil effects of alcohol on the heart, the liver, the kidneys, the lungs, the nervous system and the brain. They show how much more rapidly people die of certain diseases if they drink, than if they are total abstainers. They show how the individual can stand

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We delivered 434 addresses in the public schools, colleges, and churches last year, all of which were educational. We held oratorical contests in nine colleges, requiring the orations to be in favor of prohibition and delivered publicly before the student body. We not only gave the whole body of students the benefit of the study of those who took part in the contest, but by giving a prize to the winner, we actually paid him for making the study.

We furnish material for essays, theses, debates, and sermons. The American Issue, temporarily suspended, was sent free to the ministers in order that they might help in disseminating the very latest information on this subject. We also sent the American Issue free to every Y. M. C. A., Y. W. C. A., and every public library in the State of Arkansas. We even furnish material if someone wishes to specialize in some phase of prohibition.

Sunday School quarterlies, denominational papers, and many daily papers join in the general educational work. Nationally read magazines carry articles, print debates, and invite discussion of this cause. Magazines devoted entirely to this cause are published by temperance organizations. Nearly every week I receive a brief outline of some new book just published which is in favor of prohibition. If any one, young or old, is ignorant of the facts regarding this great cause, today, it is solely because they wilfully close their eyes and ears to them. How can anyone say, in view of these facts, that we are neglecting the educational side of our work?

The one great need of our work today is additional funds. When they are available, we will multiply the temperance literature distributed in Arkansas. We will start the American Issue again when there is a possibility of meeting the expenses. More speakers will be put in the field as soon as our income will enable us to employ them.

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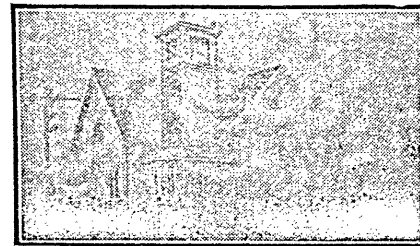
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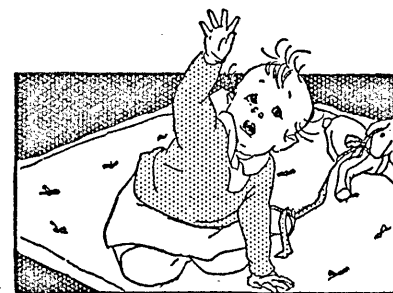
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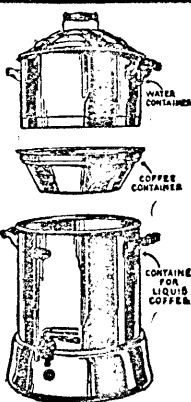
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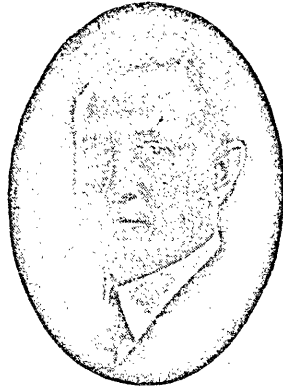
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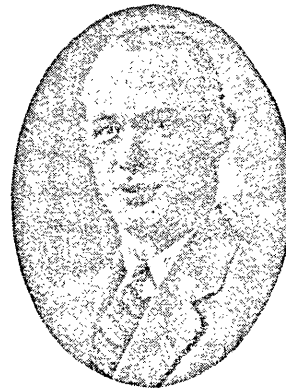
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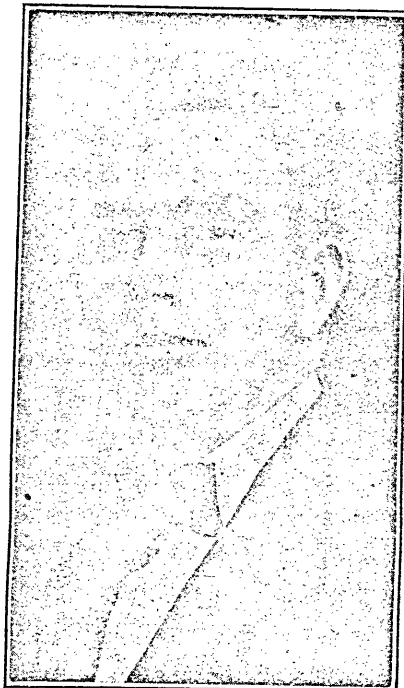
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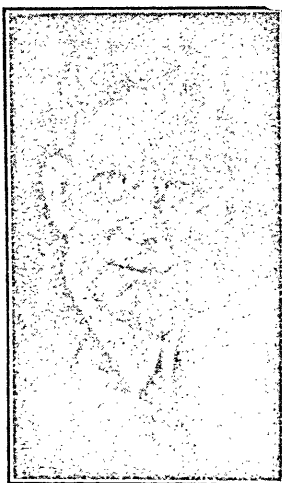
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Mount Sequoyah, August 16-23, 1931, Dr. E. L. Crawford, secretary and treasurer of the Board, in charge.

The program had been thoughtfully planned, and was well executed. The principal subjects under discussion were: "Prohibition," "World Peace," "The Evils of Divorce," and "The Sabbath."

Prohibition was ably discussed by Drs. Elam F. Dempsey of Atlanta, Atticus Webb of Dallas, Marvin T. Haw of Nevada, Mo., and Bishop W. N. Ainsworth.

The W. C. T. U. was represented by Mesdames J. P. Almand and Miss Lurline Moody of Little Rock, and

Mrs. Elizabeth House of Oklahoma. A study class was conducted each day by Miss Winona Jewell of Chicago.

"World Peace" was discussed in a very interesting way by Dr. Thomas Q. Harrison of Washington, D. C.

Dr. A. C. Millar of Little Rock, Ark., discussed "The Divorce Evil" with special reference to the situation in Arkansas at the present time.

The week's work reached highwater mark in the dramatic trial, "Who Killed Earl Wright," directed by Dr. Atticus Webb, with home talent used in the trial. The address of Dr. Webb was masterful. He charged that the man who made the liquor, the man who sold it, and the man who bought it were equally guilty with the man who did the killing.

The address of Mrs. Elizabeth

House on "The Fallacy of Canadian Government Control" was most convincing. She had first-hand information and presented it in such a way that all who heard her were convinced that liquor was a curse and placed a blot on any government that became a partner in such business.

Dr. Harrison's address on "World

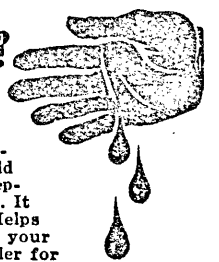
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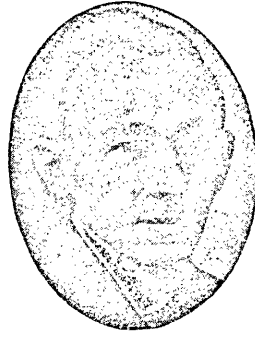
Nels Barnett, Jr.,
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Peace" was an outstanding one. He showed conclusively that war is an evil and should be outlawed in all Christian civilizations. Sentiment against war is growing and the Christian conscience will demand a settlement of world difficulties in some other way.

Some of the findings of the Conference were as follows:

First, the 18th Amendment constitutes the greatest piece of social legislation ever undertaken by any people, and it has and will result in the saving of many lives in our homes.

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Adam Trieschman, Trustees and Liberal Supporter Hendrix College.

better than any law that has been passed attempting to control the liquor traffic, and will be better enforced as time goes on.

We need to resume the active education of our youth along the line of the evil effects of alcohol.

We are unalterably opposed to ever allowing prohibition to become a party issue, and should either party nominate a wet candidate we, both ministers and laymen, must in all good conscience oppose the election of that candidate.

No amount of attempted intimidation, nor threats on the part of the militant wets will move us from the position taken by our General Conference and the recent emphasis of our Board of Temperance and Social Service.

Second, we have heard with pleasure the other great questions, such as "World Peace," "The Evils of Divorce," and "The Sabbath," discussed, and commit ourselves to the support of these great social reforms.

At the close of each morning session, Dr. Elam F. Dempsey brought a message on "The Social Meaning and Implications of the Lord's Prayer."

TEN DAYS AT MT. SEQUOYAH

My family and I have just returned from Mt. Sequoyah, where we spent ten most delightful days (August 15-24). I know of no more desirable resort, where a vacation can be spent with more of genuine pleasure and profit, and at more reasonable cost, than at our own Western Methodist Assembly on Mt. Sequoyah. Our Church is exceedingly fortunate in the location of the property secured for this Assembly, and those who have been responsible for its development have built wisely. Superintendent Yancey and his family are very popular with all who visit there, and are careful that nothing is left undone in providing for the comfort and pleasure of the Assembly guests.

Our General Board of Temperance and Social Service, in co-operation with the Anti-Saloon League and the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, had provided a rich and varied program for the Conference that was in session during the period of our sojourn there, and we were privileged to share the many attractive features of that program dealing with all of the aspects of our modern social order, including prohibition, peace, race relations, and our complicated industrial problems. My entire family was delighted with our visit to Mt. Sequoyah, and we shall enjoy the prospect of another such opportunity.

Our people in Arkansas and surrounding States can find no more wholesome, refreshing and stimulat-

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—Francis A. Buddin, Texarkana.



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It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this paper—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial prostration and panic, and thousands of our poorest fellow citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment, and without the prospect of it.

In France, the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs, as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent, upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coming with the vast and deadly Indian insurrection, and with its disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference (which, happily, no man pretends to feel) in the issue of events.

Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are, fortunately, as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously to despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity.

Good friends—let our conduct prove that the call comes to men who have large hearts, however narrowed their homes may be: who have open hands, however empty their purses. In time of peril we have nothing but manhood, strong in its faith in God, to rely upon; and whoever shows himself truly a God-fearing man now, by helping wherever and however he can, will be as blessed and beloved as a great light in darkness.

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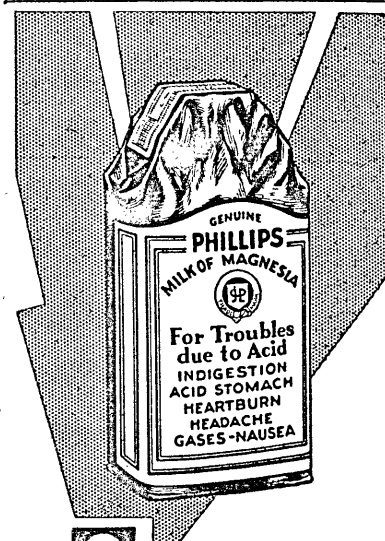
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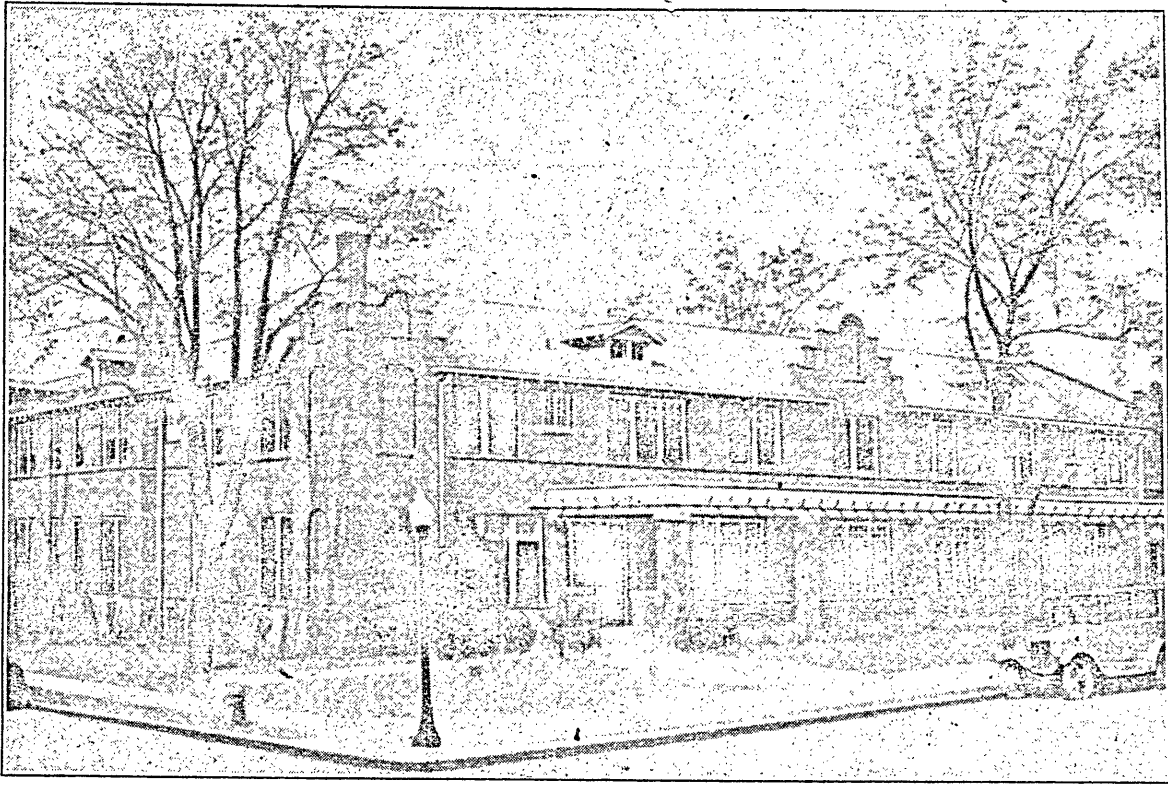
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Searcy, the county seat of White County, is situated in the geographical center of the county. Its origin has been given in connection with the organization of the county. It was established in 1836, and a Mr. Howerton opened the first hotel in a double log house south of what is now Spring Park. Moses Blew opened the first store, and was soon joined in the mercantile business by John W. Bond. At the beginning of the Civil War the place contained about six business places facing the public square. Its business was almost wholly destroyed during the war period, but revived soon thereafter. It is now a modern city of approximately 4,500 happy and contented people, with numerous modern retail and wholesale mercantile establishments, restaurants, two theatres, cotton gins, stave mill, cotton compress and warehouse, ice plants, ice-cream factory, creamery, fertilizer plant, and splendid schools and churches, and is the home of Galloway Woman's College.

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An abundance of good pure water is supplied by the White County Water Company's plant, the construction of which anticipated the future growth of the city. This same system serves the towns of Bald Knob and Judsonia. Also the Missouri Pacific Railway at Bald Knob. The water is taken from Little Red River. Electric Cur-

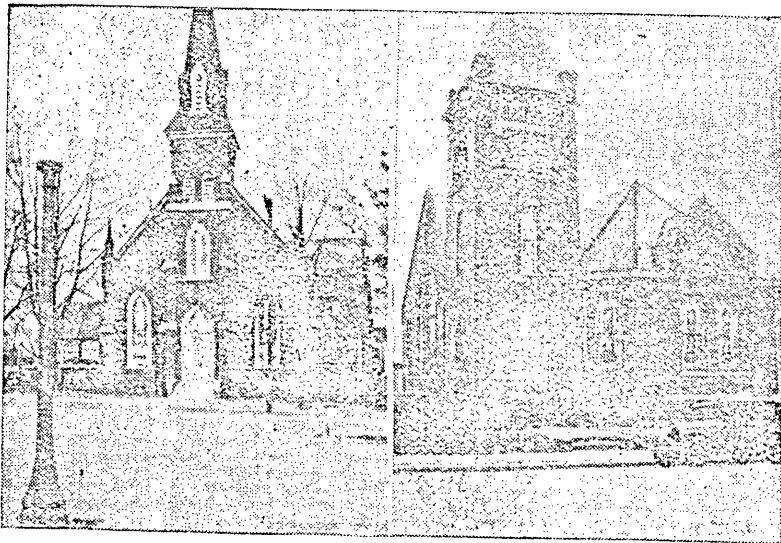


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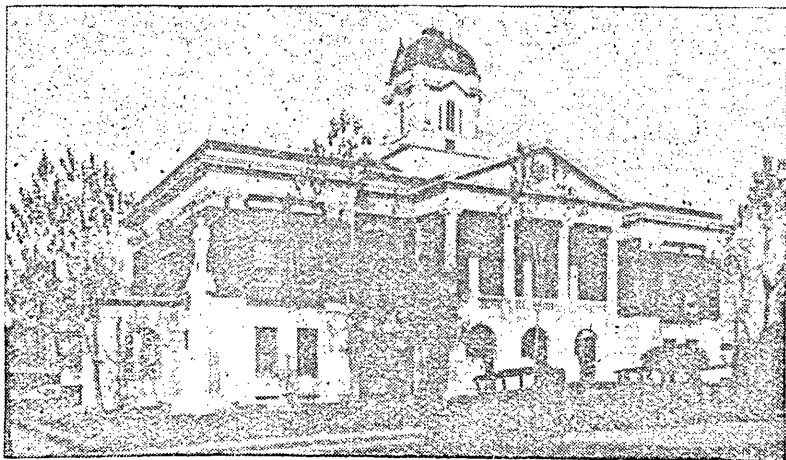
The building was overhauled and enlarged into a modern hospital with 23 beds. A modern heating plant furnishes the heat, and a modern operating room is maintained. X-Ray and laboratory services are operated in connection. An average of 12 patients are treated daily, and approximately 750 operations are performed yearly. Mrs. Ellen G. Wakenight, registered nurse, is its able superintendent, with a staff of eight nurses.

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Searcy is well equipped for the advancement of education and the spiritual welfare of the community. Its public school system ranks well with others throughout the state. The advantages of a higher education for woman are afforded in the Galloway College, which is fully represented elsewhere in this publication.



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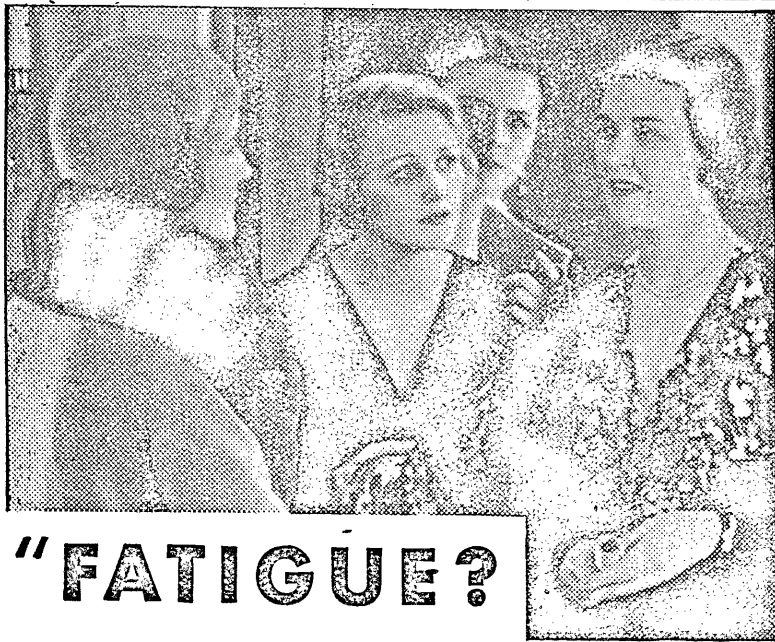


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EDITORIAL EXPLANATION.

When we were planning for this Anniversary Number, we expected to have 64 pages and the covers; but after two sixteen-page sections had been printed we discovered, to our dismay, that the time was too short to do all the work necessary for the last sixteen pages; and, as it was intended that the paper should reach the pastors before they left for the North Arkansas Conference, we were forced to omit sixteen pages. As the form of the make-up required the printing of first and last pages in the same sections, the pages were numbered with that in view; hence there is a skip in the numbering of the pages following this page. This reduction in pages necessitated the omission of some matter and pictures that we had expected to use. If this condition had been anticipated some of the matter in the first section would have been omitted and some that is now crowded out would have taken its place. However, it will still be possible to use some of the omitted matter in later issues. In undertaking to produce such a number as this many difficulties are encountered. It was almost impossible to get certain pictures and sketches and some came too late for use. But we heartily appreciate the co-operation of many friend and especially of advertisers who have made this extra number possible. We trust that this explanation will help our readers to understand some omissions and certain apparent redundancies.

READERS FOR FIFTY YEARS.

The following persons have been reading the **Arkansas Methodist** for fifty years: Mrs. J. S. Draper, Texarkana; W. R. Rice, Tuckerman; Rev. S. S. Key, Dardanelle (nearly 91 years old); A. L. Malone, Jonesboro; Dr. A. G. Henderson, Imboden; Rev. W. F. Evans, Marianna; Mrs. M. T. Hogan, Comanche, Texas.

Interesting letters accompanied some of the names above, and we regret that lack of space bars them from publication.

CONWAY'S WELCOME.

On Nov. 4 our North Arkansas Conference will convene in the Ninety-sixth session. We welcome the delegates in the old-time home hospitality that is peculiarly characteristic of the Methodist fellowship in the South. We are entertaining all delegates in the homes of our people, and providing three meals each day in the homes. We give this notice so that all delegates caring to bring their automobiles to meet their personal convenience may know that this will help facilitate their personal schedules while in Conway. We will have plenty of cars available for the usual transportation of guests to and from the regular sessions and services.—James W. Workman, Pastor; Mrs. S. G. Smith, Chairman, Entertainment Committee; S. T. Smith, Chairman of the Board.

NOTICE TO NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE PREACHERS.

The best way of all to bring money to Conference is by Post Office Money Orders. It costs a small fee, but there is absolutely no danger of loss.

The worst way of all is to bring a number of individual local checks. We should remember that each of these checks must be listed as to drawer, drawee, name of bank, name of town, date, endorser, etc. This takes time and slows down the work, and renders no useful service whatever. Please cash such checks before leaving home, and bring the lump sum in some safe way.

The Conference Treasurer handles only the Benevolences, so do not include any other funds in the drafts, checks, and money orders intended for the Benevolences.

The Treasurer's Office will be open Tuesday morning, November 3, thus giving the brethren opportunity to settle early. — Geo. McGlumphy, Treas.

COMMITTEE OF FIRST YEAR.

The Committee and Class of the First Year, North Arkansas Conference will meet in room designated in First Methodist Church, Conway, Tuesday afternoon, at four o'clock. —W. V. Womack.

BOARD OF MISSIONS, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

The Board of Missions is called to meet in Methodist Church, Conway, November 3, at 2:30 p. m. Let every member be present if possible.—William Sherman, Chairman.

DEATH OF MRS. A. B. WINFIELD.

Mrs. A. B. Winfield, widow of Rev. A. B. Winfield, died October 17, at the ripe age of 95 years. Her husband was one of the pioneers among our itinerant preachers in the state.—R. E. L. Bearden, Pastor.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT, FOURTH QUARTERLY CONFERENCES AND ADJOURNED SESSIONS.

Gillett Ct. at Gillett, 11 a. m., Sun., Nov. 1.
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Grady-Gould at Grady, 11 a. m., Sun., Nov. 15.
Lakeside Church, 8 p. m., Sun., Nov. 15.
Sherrill-Tucker at Sherrill, 7 p. m., Sun., Nov. 15.
Roe Ct. at Roe, 11 a. m., Wed., Nov. 18.
Humphrey-Sunshine at Humphrey, 7 p. m., Wed., Nov. 18.
Star City at Star City, 11 a. m., Sun., Nov. 22.
Rowell Circuit at Wesley's Chapel, 8 p. m., Sun., Nov. 22.
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the Conference maintains two scholarships of more than \$5,000 each, the Home named for our first deaconess, Mae McKenzie, and the Foreign named for Mrs. Lou A. Hotchkiss.

We contributed \$10,288.36 to the Belle Bennett Memorial at Scarritt College, and \$15,826.74 to the Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah, honoring the names Elza, Rimmel and Stephens, two of our most brilliant leaders and Council president, all of whom have entered into the Church Triumphant.

Rev. J. F. Taylor has an accumulated fund for a Home Mission worker of \$4,921.61, named Lydia Taylor, and \$7,929.60 for Foreign work which he has named the Ella Thomas Scholarship.

We maintain a rural work in the Camden District in the oil field with Miss Willie May Porter our trained worker.

The Auxiliary Jubilee was celebrated at Warren in 1928, at which time an interesting program was presented honoring our pioneers. The financial report was \$68,833.25 as against \$210.20 fifty years ago. In 1928, we joined the Woman's Missionary Council in the general Jubilee and celebrated our Conference Jubilee at Pine Bluff. "The Story of the Years," a pageant written by Mrs. F. M. Williams, was given by First Church Auxiliary, showing by song and story and effective lighting the progress of the work of our women in Missions.

"Builders of a Kingdom," a book of 280 pages, with pictures of many pioneers, written by Mrs. F. M. Williams, is a permanent record of the work of our women, and a sketch by the same historian will be found in Dr. J. A. Anderson's "History of Arkansas Methodism."

All departments of the work have been carried on by the women, the

Adult, Young People, and Children's Departments, with Mission Study, Social Service, Supplies and Publicity, using every means to interest and enlist every woman in Missions, and we dare hope the new plan will be so simple and the need so urgent that every woman in Southern Methodism will give prayer, service and a contribution to missions. The greatest work we have done, no doubt, is the consecration of life for service. Virginia Garner, Elmer Morgan, Virginia Howell, Gilberta Harriess, Bessie Bunn, Florence Whiteside, Lillian Wahl, Eda Cade, Rosalee Riffin, Glenn Moore, Lucy Wade, Hortense Murray and Norene Robkin are names which grace our honor roll of service. Yet they could not have gone had our faithful women not been true to their obligations of prayer and money for the extension of Christ's Kingdom in the earth.

The Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society invites others to join them in this worthwhile work of the Church.

Present Officers.

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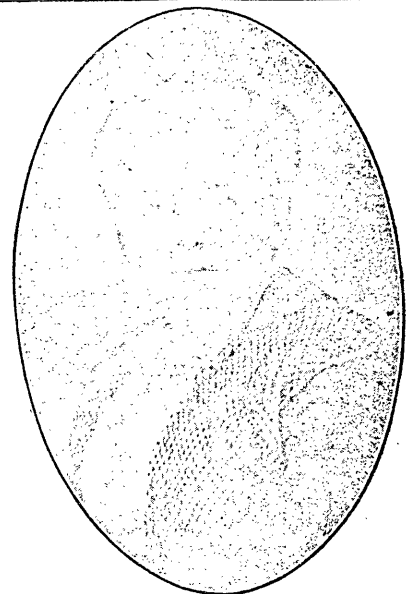
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To be seventy years young is something far more cheerful and hopeful than to be forty years old.—Oliver Wendell Holmes.

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HISTORY OF WOMAN'S MISSIONARY WORK IN NORTH ARKANSAS

By Mrs. Henry Hanesworth.

The story of the organization, growth and development of missionary work in North Arkansas from a handful of women to a large number of interested workers, and from a small offering from the few to many thousands of dollars, reads like romance.

Previous to the year 1914 the work was divided into two small Conferences; the Arkansas Conference in the West and the White River Conference in the Eastern section.

Foreign Missions—Arkansas Conference

In 1877, Mrs. Juliana Hays, the first President of the Board of Foreign Missions, organized an Auxiliary at Russellville.

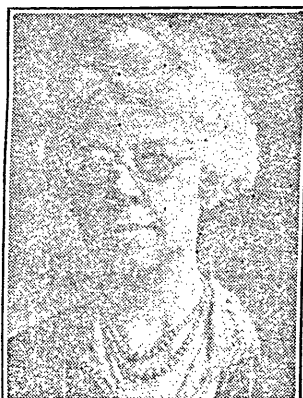
The first report sent to the Board was in 1879.

Later, Fort Smith and Clarksville Societies were organized by Revs. V. V. Harlan and Jerome Haralson.

A Conference Society could be formed by the election of three delegates from each of the Auxiliaries within the bounds of the Annual Conference.

At the 44th annual session of the Arkansas Conference, held in Fort Smith, November 10-14, delegates from these three Auxiliaries met in the home of Mrs. Frank Parke and became the nucleus of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Conference organized by these same brethren, Mrs. Jerome Haralson being the first President. Dardanelle was the seat of the first annual meeting, October 21, 1881, during the session of the Annual Conference. Collections for the year were \$179.80.

This meeting was made memorable by an address of Bishop Pierce, in which he said: "When the Church organized this Society, it organized the greatest movement of the times, and I trust the day is not far distant when every preacher can re-



Mrs. W. P. Jones, Treas. N. Ark. Conf. W. M. S.

port a Missionary Society in his charge."

Mrs. Jerome Haralson had the honor of being the first delegate elected to the meeting of the Woman's Board of Missions at Nashville, Tenn., in 1882.

The first scholarship (Myrtle Parke), located in China, was supported by Mrs. Frank Parke in memory of her little daughter.

Mrs. O. H. Tucker, who became president in 1884, was active in the work for twenty years.

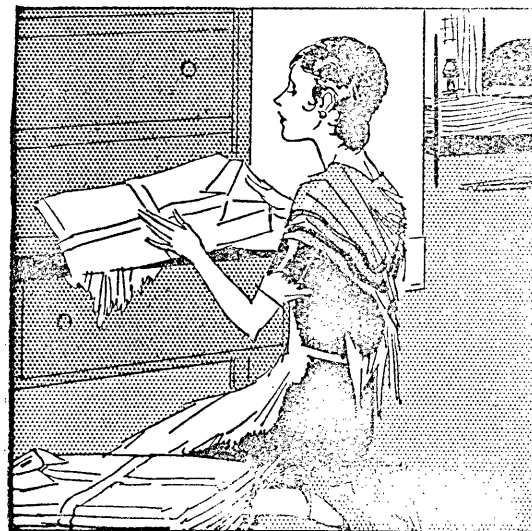
In 1889, the Conference celebrated the eleventh anniversary of organized woman's work, with twenty Auxiliaries.

At this time proceedings of the Conference were published with the minutes of the Annual Conference. Mr. J. J. Baggott of Prairie Grove, who had been a liberal supporter, was made a life member, and Mrs. V. V. Harlan became the first Conference Editor for the columns of the *Arkansas Methodist*.

At the meeting in Eureka Springs in 1896, the first official minutes were published. At that time there were forty Adult Auxiliaries and twenty Juvenile Societies (as they were then called). A pledge of \$500 was made and three scholars-

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ships and three Bible women were being supported.

Mrs. V. V. Harlan was the first official organizer. Her duty was to travel throughout the Conference and encourage and organize societies.

At the meeting held in Conway in 1902, the colored women were invited to represent their work on the Conference floor.

Mission Study was taken up in 1903. "Via Christi," the first book prepared by the Woman's Board, was their initial study.

In 1906, at Harrison, the subject of tithing was much discussed and eighteen women took the pledge.

Mrs. J. B. Cobb of the Woman's Board visited the Conference in 1908, and through her efforts plans were laid for the organization of Young People's work. During the year, six Societies reported.

Home Missions—Arkansas Conference.

The Woman's Home Mission Society was organized at Conway, November, 1901, by Rev. J. B. Stevenson, who presented a resolution to the Annual Conference asking for authority for the work.

Mrs. O. E. Jamison became the first president. The first annual meeting was held at Morrilton in 1902, with ten delegates present. Collections for the year were \$21.15.

When the Conference met in Lamar in 1903, there were nine delegates, and all but two were elected to official positions. Three of the five Districts were furnished secretaries.

The Sunday before Christmas was designated as Home Mission Day and all pastors were requested to preach on Woman's Work.

Very little has been recorded of the work of the intervening years, but Auxiliaries were organized, meetings held, and there was a steady increase in finances and interest.

In 1909 an annual meeting was held in Conway. The reports showed that there were 46 Adult Auxiliaries with 1,050 members, 300 children, 110 tithers, and \$1,052.00 sent to the Conference Treasurer.

This was the last separate meeting.

Joint Sessions

In 1910 the Home and Foreign Conferences met in a joint session in Fort Smith. Business meetings were held successively, inspirational and social meetings together. Separate officers were elected and separate pledges taken.

The second joint session was held in Bentonville in 1911. At this time there was an unanimous vote for an organic union.

Foreign Missions—White River Conference

The first record of work in this Conference was at El Paso, White County, when an Auxiliary was organized by Mrs. Fannie Suddarth, with ten members, August 23, 1882.

At the Annual Conference in Newport in December, 1883, Mrs. Juliana Hayes, president of the Woman's Board, aroused an interest in the preachers and laity and a Conference Society was formed with Mrs. Fannie Suddarth, president.

The first annual meeting was held at Batesville in connection with the Annual Conference, December, 1884, with two officers, three delegates and a large attendance of visitors. The membership now numbered 55 and the offering for the first year was \$77.00.

When the Conference met at Hel-

ena, only one officer was present, Mrs. Suddarth having moved from the Conference.

Mrs. J. A. Anderson was elected president.

On account of the removal from the Conference of Mrs. Anderson and Miss Rimmel, the corresponding secretary, the young Society barely survived until the Annual Conference in Searcy in 1887, when the work was reorganized and Mrs. Mary A. Neill was elected president.

After the meeting of the Woman's Board in Little Rock in May, 1889, which many women attended, the work grew and prospered.

The first meeting held apart from the Annual Conference was at Jonesboro and was in regulation form with an annual sermon, reports, etc.

The first Conference Minutes were published in 1892. In June, 1894, Miss Esther Case of Batesville, was accepted by the Board and sent as a missionary to Mexico.

By 1897 the annual collections reached \$1,000.00.

In 1899, Mrs. S. H. Babcock became president and during her term of office the office of the District secretary was magnified, the work grew, many members were gained, and collections reached \$2,600.00.

The last separate meeting was held in 1910. Total collections up to the union were \$37,000.00.

Home Missions—White River Conference

The White River Conference met in Paragould, December, 1896. At that time, Bishop Key appointed Mrs. A. G. Dixon president and Mrs. S. H. Babcock corresponding secretary for Home Mission work.

The pastors were urged to convert "Aids" into Home Mission Societies.

At the next Annual Conference, in Newport, in 1897, only the two officers were in attendance, so a meeting could not be held.

While three years after there were only three societies, in 1907 there were fourteen. So the work grew slowly, but surely. In 1908, Mrs. Babcock reported fifteen livable parsonages.

Union of Home and Foreign White River Conferences

This union was perfected at Batesville in 1911, when both bodies met in joint session.

Though this organization only lasted three years, the membership grew to 1,200 and the offering for the year was \$6,000.00.

In 1914 was held the last joint meeting.

North Arkansas Conference

After the Arkansas and White River Conferences united as the North Arkansas Conference, the first meeting was held in Argenta (now North Little Rock), February, 1915, and they became one in interest, thought and purpose.

The annual meeting in Jonesboro, in 1916, was one of joy and thanksgiving for its first anniversary. Because of the campaign during the year, there was substantial growth along all lines.

In 1919, a resolution was adopted to establish an endowed scholarship in memory of Mrs. Mary A. Neill, who had served long and faithfully.

Mrs. I. N. Barnett was made chairman and the amount to be raised was \$3,500.00.

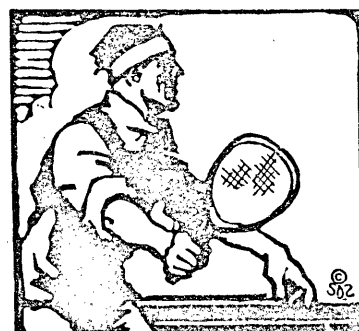
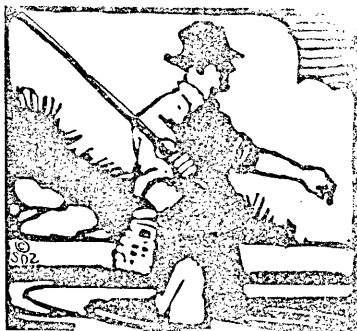
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Up to December, 1930, there were 6,000 members, 5,600 in Mission and Bible Study classes, five Bible women, five Scholarships, two Foreign Missionaries and one rural worker supported. Amount raised since organization of Woman's work, something more than one million dollars for all purposes.

While the Conference pledged \$7,500.00 for the "Belle Bennett Memorial," through the efforts of Mrs. I. N. Barnett, chairman, in co-operation with the District secretaries, \$8,162.00 was raised in four years.

The Summer Camp at Petit Jean proved a wonderful success under the leadership of Miss Mary Fuller. The young people established a Scholarship in Scarritt, which has been used by our several missionaries.

The Conference has had a large part in the erection of the beautiful Woman's Building at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville.

This brief history of the several branches of Woman's Work in North Arkansas proves beyond doubt that the Lord was truly leading, guiding and blessing her heroic work.

The present officers are: Mrs. E. F. Ellis, Fayetteville, president; Mrs. A. L. Trent, Fayetteville, vice-president; Mrs. B. E. Snetser, Newport, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Henry Hanesworth, Augusta, recording secretary; and Mrs. W. P. Jones, Batesville, treasurer.



Rev. G. G. Davidson, Secretary N. Ark. Conf. Board of Christian Education.



Rev. Glenn Sanford, Extension Sec. N. Ark. Board of Christian Education.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT IN THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

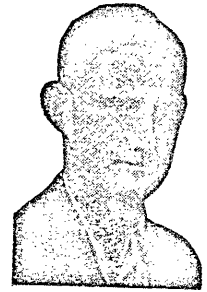
By G. G. Davidson, Executive Sec.

The history of the development of the Sunday School work (or the work of Christian Education in the local church) in the North Arkansas Conference for the last twenty-five years furnishes a very interesting study. A survey of this work as revealed through the reports made to the Annual Conferences, gives a rather clear view of the conception the Church leaders had of this work and of the efforts put forth in meeting these needs in this field. In the report of the Sunday School Board to the White River Conference in 1895 they recommended that Rev. G. A. Dannelly, a superannuate of the Conference, be appointed Sunday School Agent. In 1899 the Board reported its total income at \$203. In 1900 they reported that less than one-half of the members attended Sunday School. In 1901 the Board recommended that the Conference cooperate with the other Conferences of the State in holding Teachers Institutes. In 1905 the Conference again voted to cooperate in holding Teachers Institutes, but assumed no financial responsibility for the same. In 1906 they rescinded an act looking to cooperating in financing a Field Secretary. In 1912 the Board had an income of \$323.00. After meeting its expenses of operation they had a balance of \$78.00 which they voted to apply to a Chair of Religious Pedagogy in Vanderbilt University. In 1913 the Board spent \$67.00 on their own work in the Conference; sent \$75.00 to the work in Mexico; and paid \$200.00 to en-

dow the Vanderbilt Chair of Pedagogy.

In 1899 the Sunday School Board of the Arkansas Conference recommended that there be held in each District a Sunday School mass meeting in connection with the District Conference. In 1900 this Board reported an income of \$140.80. They recommended that \$50.00 be given to the Conference Board of Education for our Colleges and that the remainder be used in helping needy Sunday Schools. In 1902 the income of the Board was \$165.00. In March of this year Dr. and Mrs. H.

M. Hamill held a three days' institute in Van Buren, the first of its kind ever held in Arkansas and perhaps the first in the entire church. The Board recommended to the Annual Conference the organizing of Bible Study Circles. In 1904 the Board spent \$150.00 on its own work in the Conference and recommended that the Christmas offering be taken for the Methodist Orphanage. The Board also recommended that the Conference cooperate with the other Conferences of the State in putting a Field Agent in the work in Arkansas. In 1905 Dr. Geo. McGlumphy



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was appointed Field Secretary of Sunday School Work in the Arkansas Conference. In 1908 the Board recommended the holding of Sunday School Institutes in connection with District Conferences for the purpose of training Sunday School teachers.

After the White River and Arkansas Conferences were united the Conference meeting in 1914 appointed Rev. W. A. Lindsey as Field Secretary for the North Arkansas Conference and the third Sundays in January, April, July and October were designated as special days on which to raise the salary of the Field Secretary. Rev. W. A. Lindsey was re-appointed to this work in 1915. In 1916 the Sunday School Day offering was \$812.00 and the Board found itself \$700.00 in debt. In 1917 the Sunday School Board endorsed the Summer School at Hendrix College and pledged itself to the support of that work. In 1918 Rev. J. Q. Schisler was appointed Field Secretary. At this time the Board endorsed a plan for raising \$50,000 to endow a Bible Chair in Hendrix College. In 1919 Rev. J. Q. Schisler was re-appointed as Sunday School Field Secretary. The Sunday School Day offering this year was \$985.00. In 1920 the Board authorized the holding of three Standard Training Schools. In September of this year Rev. J. Q. Schisler was called to a position in the General Board at Nashville and Rev. H. E. Wheeler was elected to succeed him as Conference Superintendent. An assessment of \$10,000 was levied for the support of Sunday School work and Rev. H. E. Wheeler was appointed as Superintendent at the Conference session in 1920. In 1921 the report showed 758 Standard credits issued that year. The Board set a goal of eleven Standard Schools for the succeeding year. In 1923 the total training credits were 1,423. Rev. H. E. Wheeler resigned the of-

fice of Superintendent on March 1, 1925, after four years of very effective work which was outstanding in fixing the policies and developing the organization of the Sunday School work in the North Arkansas Conference. Rev. G. G. Davidson who had been serving as chairman of the Board during Rev. H. E. Wheeler's administration as Sunday School Superintendent, was elected to succeed him. In August, 1926, Rev. A. W. Martin was appointed to the work of Rural Extension in the Conference and served through the two succeeding Conference years. He proved so efficient in the field of service that he was called to a place under the General Board at Nashville. At the Conference of 1928 Rev. G. F. Sanford was appointed Conference Superintendent of Rural Work and has given to the Conference a leadership in this field equal to any in the church. Much of the success of our Conference work has been due to the development of the Conference leadership amongst the pastors and laymen. We now have 30 approved Standard teachers and 53 approved Cokesbury teachers. We will hold this year 19 standard training schools and will issue about 2,000 standard credits. We will hold eighty Cokesbury Schools and issue about 700 Cokesbury credits. The total program under the new legislation is in high favor throughout the entire Conference. Our Conference Board of Christian Education is of one mind relative to the work of education from the smallest rural church to our colleges and university. The local Boards of Christian Education are being set up with care and are beginning to function efficiently in many of our churches. The financial support given to this work in the North Arkansas Conference is not adequate to meet the needs of our expanding program, yet it is equal to that given to the other interests of the Church and shows the fine attitude of our entire leadership to the educational work of the Church in the North Arkansas Conference.

RURAL CHURCH PROGRESS IN THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

By Stanley T. Baugh, Extension Secretary.

Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs appointed a Rural Church Commission at the 1930 session of the Little Rock Conference. This Commission is composed of Dr. James Thomas, Chairman; Rev. J. A. Henderson, Rev. J. Frank Simmons, Rev. Clem Baker, H. C. Couch, C. E. Hayes, and the writer.

Soon after the adjournment of the session of the Annual Conference



Rev. S. T. Baugh, Extension Secretary L. R. Conference Board of Christian Education.

this Commission met in Little Rock and formulated plans for reviving and strengthening our country Churches.

We undertook to discover certain facts about every small town and country church in the Conference. We wanted to know how many churches had been abandoned in our Conference, and why they were abandoned and what had become of the membership of these Churches. We wanted to know if it seemed pos-

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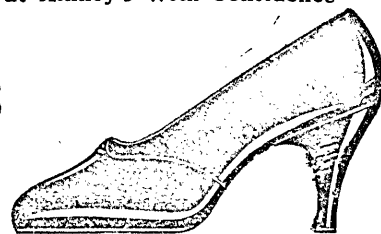
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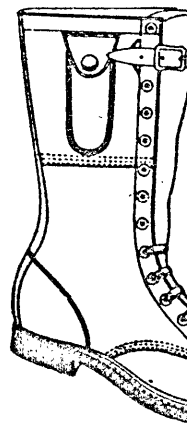


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needs of that Church. While there, a picture of the church was to be secured to be used in making a map of the Circuit. I was selected to do the field work in this undertaking and to compile the information and put it in usable form.

We began work in the Pine Bluff District, giving December and January to a preliminary survey of the District. February and March were given to the Arkadelphia District in a like survey, while we were following up the work in the Pine Bluff District. April and May were used making a like survey of the Prescott District, while we were following up the work in the Arkadelphia District. At this writing we are following up the work in the Prescott District and preparing to enter the Texarkana District. This process will continue until we have completed the survey of the entire Conference and followed up this survey with constructive suggestions and efforts.

First of all, the presiding elder prepared the way for the survey by informing all the Circuit pastors of the purpose in view and asking for a hearty co-operation upon their part.

Pastors were notified when to expect the extension secretary. When he arrived at the parsonage, the pastor got into the car driven by the extension secretary, and they visited each Church on the Circuit. They visited one or more officials of each Church from whom the information was secured. In winter months, when country roads were wet and muddy, this was no easy task, but it was done regardless of the amount of work necessary, and it was done on schedule time.

Upon return to the office the information secured was compiled in a readable form, and enough copies were made to supply the presiding elder, the pastor, the district director of young people's work, the district secretary of woman's work, and two office copies. Then a map of the circuit was drawn to scale from a State map, showing the roads, the streams and lakes, the highways and country roads, and the churches properly located on this map. A picture of each church was pasted to the map.

Following is a summary of the survey of the Arkadelphia district:

There are 12 Circuits in this District, not counting the stations. Within the bounds of these 12 Circuits there are 56 active and 26 abandoned churches.

The 56 active churches report a Church membership of 2,693. They report 43 Sunday Schools, with an enrollment of 2,541.

Two Circuits in the mountain territory of this District report more people enrolled in Sunday Schools than they have Church members.

The 56 active churches report 20 Epworth Leagues, with a membership of 375. The 36 Churches having no organized Epworth League report 580 young people attending their church.

Of the 56 active churches, 38 need repairing and 47 need repainting.

In order to conserve the results of these findings, we undertook to follow up this work in the following ways:

The presiding elder called together his District Rural Church Commission, and the above facts, together with the maps, and certain suggestions for future work, were presented to this group. This Commission

directed the extension secretary to visit the Quarterly Conference of each Circuit and read a report of the findings to the Quarterly Conference and have on display the map of their Circuit.

The report read to the Quarterly Conference suggested certain lines of activity which a charge might undertake. Some of the things suggested were: Repair and repaint the church building, recover the building if necessary, clean and beautify the church grounds. In some instances we recommended moving the church back a hundred or two feet from the highway. In a few cases we recommended that two or more churches be consolidated and a new building erected. In other places we have recommended the change of circuit boundaries.

Following the meeting of the District Rural Church Commission, the presiding elder called together all the preachers of the District. In this meeting we faced up to these facts together. The station preachers were asked to encourage and assist the Circuit men in this great undertaking.

We suggested that each Circuit hold one or more institutes, where we could lay before larger groups of our people the findings and suggestions and discover other needs of the local church and community.

Then we undertook to send a large group of Circuit preachers to the Arkansas Pastors' School in June, 1931. We were successful in this venture. We had a large class taught by Dr. Ora Miner, of Southern Methodist University. We were so well pleased with his work that we have requested the Board of Managers of the school to secure him for next year.

We undertook to help our Circuit preachers plan their revival meetings. As a result of this effort we have one Circuit in the Pine Bluff District with eight revival meetings scheduled to begin Sunday night, July 19, with eight preachers assisting, all meetings to run simultaneously for about two weeks. The presiding elder, the pastor, the Conference executive secretary, and the writer spent three days this week helping to organize these meetings. We held three services daily with the leaders of each Church, and indications lead us to believe that we will have great meetings all over this large Circuit.

We are suggesting to every Circuit definite plans for increasing the Sunday School enrollment and attendance.

Pastors were urged to look after our scattered membership around abandoned churches where there is no possibility of reopening the church.

Where there seems to be a need for consolidating two or more Churches, we have urged that before such action is taken we consider carefully the following: (1) Center of population; (2) location and con-

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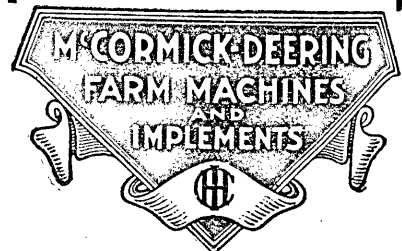
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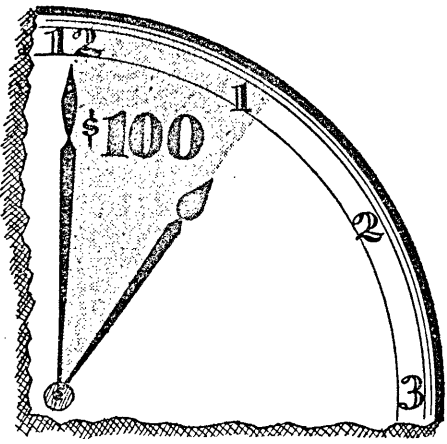
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dition of roads; (3) ability of our people to support a new Church; (4) public school center; (5) Circuit boundaries.

As we proceed in this follow-up work we expect to discover other needs which we will attempt to meet.

We have had a most favorable reaction to this whole procedure. Our people on the Circuits have responded in a wonderful way to these suggestions. Several churches have been repaired and repainted. Other congregations are getting ready to repair and repaint their church. Grounds have been beautified and made attractive. Several consolidation projects have been started and are moving in a satisfactory manner.

One of the greatest benefits coming from this movement is that our country people have been greatly encouraged. They are holding up their heads and facing the future with faith and confidence. The fact that our bishop, presiding elders, Conference Boards, and others are behind them and supporting them in their work in the open country has been wonderfully encouraging to our country people.

As a result of this movement several abandoned churches have been reopened, and several Sunday Schools have been organized where formerly we had not been able to conduct a Sunday School for many years.

In addition to the above, Dr. James Thomas, presiding elder of the Pine Bluff District, has arranged to open up two, and maybe three, new Circuits in his District. Dr. W. C. Watson, presiding elder of the Texarkana District, has already opened up two new Circuits.

We expect to continue along the lines laid out until the children and young people in the open country have as fine opportunity for religious life and development as those of the town and city churches.—Christian Advocate.

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of our broadest and most missionary-minded leaders, helped in this organization. He said that the Church in Arkansas was pioneering in this class of mission work and he believed the entire Church would sooner or later adopt the program. On the Board with Dr. Goddard were C. E. Hayes, L. C. Holman, Dr. E. R. Steel and Rev. G. G. Davidson, then pastor of First Church, Blytheville. Mr. Holman was elected President of the Board. After we had gone forward in our work for a year or two, Dr. Goddard wrote: "Arkansas is peculiarly fortunate in having a man born for the job. Rev. D. H. Colquette, who is known as the man with a heart for the unfortunate." Many have written and spoken with approval of this Christ-like mission. The need is great and there are not a more appreciative people anywhere than the shut-ins in the various institutions in the State of Arkansas. Best of all—we have the approval of the Holy Spirit.

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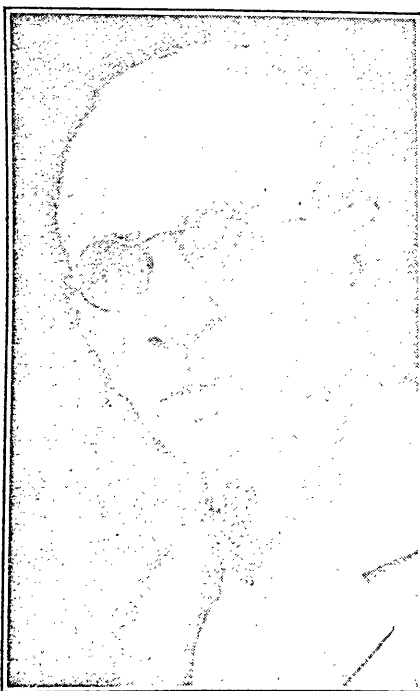
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reaching thousands of readers every week, it has had a vast influence for good. As a Conference Organ, it has always had prominent rank. It has kept the Church and its ministers informed concerning the on-going of the Kingdom throughout the world and concerning the plans and aims of the Church within the State. Its files tell the life-story of many a deceased itinerant and of many a hand-maiden of the Lord. Future historians will search these files and will find that they give a faithful account of almost every movement within the State that has been for its betterment. The Christian Advocate sends hearty greetings and earnest good wishes to the **Arkansas Methodist**, and would express great satisfaction in the ability and devotion of its editor, Dr. A. C. Millar. When the names of the just are shown, Doctor Millar's name will be brilliant in its purity. Long may the **Arkansas Methodist** and its editor live and may the subscribers to the paper multiply with the years. The more people there are who read it the greater will be the power exerted for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God."

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Dr. Ernest C. Wareing, Editor Lander College, writes: "Greetings to the **Arkansas Methodist** on her semi-centennial. May it be a golden wedding! The years seem to sit as lightly on her as they do on her able editor. What would we do without the Church paper in the work of Christian Education, to say nothing of other large fields of its useful-

ness? Let us not rest until it is in every home, and with the new plans of the new Board of Christian Education to co-ordinate the educational agencies of the Church, the Church paper is herald, canvassing agent and instructor in ever widening circles of Christian Education. We must pay for the Church paper. Present conditions seem to demand a liberal assessment for it, or we must pay for the lack of it. It is a vital necessity of our Church life and success."

INDISPENSABLE TO THE WELFARE OF THE CHURCH.

Dr. Edward P. Dennett, editor of The California Christian Advocate, writes: "I send my most cordial greetings to the **Arkansas Methodist** and its editor on the completion of the paper's first half-century. I first began to read it when I became a member, for the Methodist Episcopal Church, of the Commission on Unification; and I have seen it every week since, always with pleasure and appreciation of Dr. Millar's able and penetrating editorials. I have an increasing conviction that the religious press is indispensable to the welfare of the Church in the United States. Such papers as the **Arkansas Methodist** help to make the church members acquainted with each other, create a sense of unity and make vivid to them the worldwide program of the Christian Church. The Church press bring to its readers the news of the Church as the secular press does not, and through its editorial columns and contributed articles gives the readers a Christian view of world events and world movements. A prominent official told

me recently that, in going to a church where he finds an instant appreciation of his message and a liberal response to it, he knows that that church has a large list of subscribers to the church paper; but where the people do not seem to understand what he means and their response is very niggardly, he knows they do not read the Church paper. Reading a Church paper increases one's loyalty to the Church and to Christ and makes Christianity and the whole program for the upbuilding of the Kingdom of Christ more interesting."

OUR STAND ON MORAL ISSUES

Hon. C. M. Hirst, Commissioner of Education for Arkansas, writes: "It is with great pleasure that I send these words of greeting to you as editor of the **Arkansas Methodist** upon its fiftieth anniversary. I congratulate you and the **Arkansas Methodist** upon your stand on the moral issues confronting the people of our state, and I feel that you and your paper have made a wonderful contribution in helping to create a wholesome and moral sentiment in the state. I am confident that the pastors and members of your great denomination fully appreciate the work of your paper in promoting the interests of Methodism in this state. I assure you that I wish for you and your paper many more years of useful service."

GREAT NEED FOR THE RELIGIOUS PRESS

Dr. Earnest C. Wareing, Editor of the Western Christian Advocate, Cincinnati, writes: "Permit me to be one of the company of your editorial colleagues who join you in

congratulations upon the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the **Arkansas Methodist**. There is great need today for the religious press; perhaps more so than ever in the history of the Christian Church. Laymen everywhere should be informed of the fact and called upon to give enthusiastic support to not only church journalism, but religious journalism as well. Do everything you can to promote the interests of religious journalism in the celebration of your Anniversary, then we will all rise to acclaim you when the observance passes into history."

AN ASSISTANT PASTOR

Dr. Dan B. Brummitt, Editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, writes: "The **Arkansas Methodist** is to me an old friend. I have known it through more than half of its half-century, and was proud to be counted among the friends of that noble predecessor of yours, Dr. J. E. Godbey. I knew many of the pastors of your Church during my days in Arkansas, and many of them were noble and devoted men. It is no discredit to them to say that no one of them, nor many of them put together, could be so important to the life of the Church as the **Arkansas Methodist** is calculated to be. The Church paper can go when the pastor cannot, and it can stay longer with less embarrassment and more effect. It reaches people as no other agency can reach them, and I am profoundly of the belief that, if I had to choose, as a pastor, between an assistant pastor at \$2,000 a year and 200 copies of the **Arkansas Methodist** circulating among my people, the advantage would be all with the

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SERVES THE CAUSE OF TRUTH AND RIGHTEOUSNESS

Dr. E. H. Rawlings, Editor of the *Missionary Voice*, writes: "I have had no question as to the place and value of the Conference paper, but if I had, it would be quite dispelled by my thought of what the **Arkansas Methodist** has done for the great cause of truth and righteousness in this land in the fifty years of its noble service. Whenever anything is done in that Commonwealth, dear Doctor, and in this nation, that pertains to human welfare and progress, for these many years, I have looked to see the editor of the **Methodist** laying to in the thick of the fight with rapier or broadsword—and he knows how to use either—and I know that the Lord's enemies will be given no quarter. The *Missionary Voice* sends heartiest congratulations to the **Arkansas Methodist**, and prays that the bow of its intrepid editor may abide long in strength."

FIND SANE CHRISTIAN OUT-LOOK

Dr. W. P. King, Book Editor, writes: "It is not possible to estimate the immeasurable influence for good on both Church and State of the **Arkansas Methodist** for the past fifty years. The present editor has been always in the forefront on all matters of moral reform and social betterment. I cannot refrain from congratulating Arkansas Methodists on their Conference Organ. At a time when many of the secular periodicals are unreliable in their interpretation of the events of the day, it is highly important that Methodist people should take their Church paper, where they will find a sane Christian perspective and outlook."

AN ACHIEVEMENT

Dr. W. E. J. Gratz, Editor of The *Epworth Herald*, Chicago, writes: "It is an achievement for a Methodist paper or any high grade religious periodical to complete fifty years of service. We congratulate the **Arkansas Methodist** upon its splendid history. The wise pastor thinks of his Church paper as an assistant who is ready to visit every home every week, with information, inspiration and good counsel. May your constituent pastors increase in wisdom and your subscription list multiply."

RENDERS IMMENSE SERVICE

Dr. C. A. Bowen, Secretary of The Editorial Department of our General Board of Christian Education, writes: "As one of the younger members of the Southern Methodist Press Association, I find peculiar pleasure in extending a word of greeting to the **Arkansas Methodist** upon the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of this publication. The immense service rendered by this paper does not need to be pointed out. It is self-evident to all who are acquainted with the development of Methodism in that great state. I look upon the Church paper as performing much the same function for Church officials and members as a

trade journal performs for its organization. The success of the Church depends in large measure upon the understanding and vision of its local leadership and members. Such vision and understanding is very difficult, if not impossible, to secure apart from the vital service rendered by the Church paper. The **Arkansas Methodist** should have a much wider circulation throughout the Conferences to which it ministers. You have my best wishes for the future success of this paper."

HOLDS UP THE STANDARD OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Dr. J. M. Rowland, Editor of the *Richmond Christian Advocate*, writes: "I congratulate you and the **Arkansas Methodist** on its anniversary. For many years this paper has struggled against the odds that beset the publication of Church papers and in spite of these difficulties has gone out over the land holding up the standard of righteousness and advancing the program of the Church. You are the dean and veteran of the editorial force in the Church, having served at your post longer than any other man now in the service. I wish for you and for the paper the best blessings and the largest degree of success. I wish with all my heart that as a birthday gift to the **Arkansas Methodist** your people would rally to your aid and put you on your feet so you can do your work of upholding righteousness without having to waste so much of your energy keeping the wolf from the door while you do it."

A YEAR'S SUBSCRIPTION A GOOD INVESTMENT

Dr. M. E. Lazenby, Editor of The *Alabama Christian Advocate*, writes: "It is a pleasure to congratulate you on being editor of a paper which, for fifty years, has served the Methodist Church in Arkansas. No man can compute the value of the work that the **Arkansas Methodist** has done during this half-century. I can think of no better time for the Methodists of Arkansas to rally to the support of their paper and to start its second half-century off with the largest circulation it has ever had. I hope your people will do this. There is scarcely a better investment that they can make of \$2.00 than to put it in a year's subscription to their Church paper. I congratulate you and the Methodists of Arkansas."

PASTOR AND PEOPLE PROFIT

Dr. Ben M. Bogard, recently Editor of The Baptist and Commoner, writes: "Fifty years is a long time and yet when it is finished it is as a tale that is told. I congratulate the **Arkansas Methodist** for having lived fifty years. I was personally acquainted with Thornburgh and Godbey, who labored so long to maintain the paper. Their works follow. I have watched closely every day the work you have done as editor and appreciate the burden you have borne for the public good in the paper. Editors and business managers are not supposed to know how to run a paper. The man who never had any experience in that sort of work knows exactly how the work should be done. Pastors profit by the circulation of the paper, for it gives them intelligent listeners and the people profit by reading the paper because it keeps them informed concerning the work all over the

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CIRCULATION RESTS WITH PASTORS AND PRESIDING ELDERS

Dr. A. W. Plyler, Editor of The North Carolina Christian Advocate, writes: "I hereby extend to you and Arkansas Methodism my warmest expression of good will and heartiest congratulations upon the fiftieth anniversary of the *Arkansas Methodist*, which has to its credit fifty years of valuable service in the good State of Arkansas. This Conference Organ is one of the most appreciated exchanges, and one of the very best papers in Southern Methodism. It is gratifying to know that your paper is appreciated by the people whom it serves so well from year to year. The circulation of a Church paper rests almost wholly with the pastors and presiding elders of the territory it serves. When these leaders recognize that the Church paper has a right to the same recognition as the other interests of the Church, and are careful to place it along with Missions, Education and Church Extension, the paper will not only succeed, but become a mighty agency in promoting all these other interests. Whenever the church neglects its conference organ every other interest is on the 'drag.' Just look over the Church and see how true this observation proves itself to be. We rejoice that Arkansas Methodism has stood back of its paper and that it is one of the growing sections of our Church. Here is wishing its editor and the *Methodist* a happy and prosperous journey through the years that are ahead."

ONE OF THE FIRST DUTIES OF A PASTOR

Rev. W. A. Swift, Editor of The Methodist Herald, writes: "I congratulate you on the fiftieth anniversary of the *Arkansas Methodist*. I wish also to congratulate the people of Arkansas on having one of the best editors of the Southern Methodist Church. Pastors and their people, as a rule, have not learned the value of the Church paper. It is worth more than an assistant pastor, and yet one-fourth of the amount of such a salary would put the Church paper into every home of a Charge. I had fine success as a pastor, much of which was due to having the Church paper in the homes of my people. When I was at Asbury Church, in your city, Rev. D. J. Weems, agent for the *Arkansas Methodist*, gave me credit for having more copies of this paper in my Charge than any Charge in the bounds of the territory of your paper. One of the first duties of a pastor is to get the Conference Organ into the homes of his people. The way I did it in Little Rock, I spent two consecutive days at one time going from house to house to secure subscriptions. I made it my business to see that the thing was done. Conferences would receive large returns for stopping long enough to work out some plan by which the Methodists now not receiving the Church paper, could get it. Baptists are working on this plan and they are making good by so doing. The only way to increase the circulation, in a substantial way, is through the pastors. They can put

it over or block the way. We had as well look the matter square in the face. The pastor is the solution of the problem."

SHOULD SERVE WITH ZEAL AND DEVOTION

Dr. Elam F. Dempsey, Editor of The Wesleyan Christian Advocate, writes: "The Wesleyan Christian Advocate is delighted to join with others in extending congratulations to the *Arkansas Methodist* upon its completion of fifty years of golden service. As religion is the highest interest of man, so to serve him in his religion is to do him the highest service. For half a century this highest service has been rendered to thousands of readers by the *Arkansas Methodist*. Further, as a man's religion is his most precious possession, even so to serve him in his religion is the most valuable help which one may give to him. Therefore, the *Arkansas Methodist* is among the most valuable helpers of both pastor and people. Both pastor and people should, accordingly, value the *Arkansas Methodist* most highly. Valuing it thus highly, they should serve it with corresponding zeal and devotion. Their zeal and devotion to this splendid Conference Organ will assure it, we believe, of fifty years more of highest service; yea, many times fifty years."

FACTOR IN FORMING IDEALS

Dr. J. H. Fuller, Editor of The Arkansas Christian, writes: "I notice with much pleasure the approaching occasion of the anniversary of the *Arkansas Methodist*. Please accept most hearty congratulations on having guided the *Arkansas Methodist* during a number of years and on the fact of your now being in such capacity when it attains the half-century mark. There is no factor in the social system of today more potent in forming ideals of people than that of a first-class religious journal. I want to commend heartily the mechanical work and the out-going of the spirit expressed through the *Arkansas Methodist*."

IT HAS PROMOTED EVERY GOOD CAUSE

Dr. E. V. Cole, Editor of The Texas Christian Advocate, writes: "I am told that the *Arkansas Methodist* is about to celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. For fifty years this splendid paper has served the Church and helped to build a Christian civilization in Arkansas. It has promoted every good cause and opposed every bad one. It carries each week into the homes of its subscribers a clean, wholesome, inspiring message. It ought to go into every Methodist home in Arkansas. Congratulations on its golden anniversary."

OKLAHOMA CONGRATULATES ARKANSAS

Dr. Wallace M. Crutchfield, Editor of the Oklahoma Methodist, writes: "The Oklahoma Methodist extends greetings and congratulations to the *Arkansas Methodist* and its distinguished editor, Dr. A. C. Millar, at this time when that periodical is rounding out fifty years of memorable service. Through an eventful half-century the *Arkansas Methodist* has stood with the constructive forces of a great commonwealth in its labors for righteousness and justice in all matters of social, industrial and spiritual life. Congratula-

tions to our Methodism in Arkansas upon the leadership of their Church paper and the group of distinguished editors who have served with such skill and vision. May the trumpet blast of this great paper call to righteous battle for fifty years yet to come. We extend our congratulations to Dr. A. C. Millar, long-time editor, and may his bow remain to him in strength for many years to come."

DESERVES EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL FROM PEOPLE OF SOUTH AND THE NATION

Dr. J. L. Decell, Editor the the New Orleans Christian Advocate, writes: "The editor and manager of the New Orleans Christian Advocate congratulate you and the **Arkansas Methodist** upon the fiftieth anniversary of the paper's service to the Church and Kingdom. A Christian journal that has stood for the highest spiritual ideals, promoted civic and domestic happiness and led in crusades for righteousness, as has the **Arkansas Methodist**, deserves the felicitations and expressions of good will from the people of the South and the nation at large. May this Golden Jubilee occasion be but the beginning of many other golden years of service for you and the Advocate."

WIELDS VAST INFLUENCE

Dr. Nolan B. Harmon, Editor of The Baltimore Southern Methodist, writes: "Greetings from the Methodists in old Maryland to the **Arkansas Methodist** on its fiftieth anniversary. Any Church paper that can live that long deserves an emphatic blowing of the editorial trumpet. As

a native Mississippian, permit the editor of the **Baltimore Southern Methodist** to add his personal good wishes for the Arkansas Methodists, those boyhood neighbors of his 'across the river.' We wish both the editor and the paper a continuation of their successful career. Your publication wields vast influence and that for good. May God bless you in the years that are yet to come."

GUIDE, PHILOSOPHER AND FRIEND

Mr. Robert E. Wait, Editor of The Arkansas Banker, writes: "The **Arkansas Banker** extends cordial greetings to the **Arkansas Methodist** on its fiftieth birthday. As the State Organ of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, through half a century the **Arkansas Methodist** has faithfully chronicled the news, program and doctrines of a great religious body, and its able editorial utterances have been a strong factor in the physical, commercial and moral development of Arkansas. Politically, it has always championed the best and cleanest in State, county and city government, and it has been guide, philosopher and friend to those striving for better things. As a Church paper, the **Arkansas Methodist** is, and must have been through the years, an inspiration to pastors and Church members, and it should be wholeheartedly supported by all who call themselves Methodists. The usefulness of the paper through the first fifty years is but an earnest of its value to all concerned during the years to come. Its record deserves our heartiest commendation and congratulations as it celebrates its fiftieth anniversary."

HAS RENDERED GOLDEN SERVICE

Dr. W. G. Cram, General Secretary of our General Board of Missions, writes: "Accept my heartiest congratulations on this occasion of your fiftieth anniversary. The **Arkansas Methodist** during this formative and advancing period of our Church has rendered golden service. You and the editors who have preceded you have been outstanding in this conspicuous contribution. Most valuable to all the interests of the Church has been this silent voice which has proclaimed loyalty to the Church's plans and given constant exhortation that the Gospel be preached without fear or favor in all lands. Not only has the Church press wielded an influence of spiritual power and lent to the up-building of the Church, but it has frequently molded public opinion by wise and prophetic pronouncements concerning economic, political and social conditions. The activities of our Church and the affairs of our nation would be unknown to multitudes of our constituents if the Church press were suddenly to cease its weekly visitations. I wish for the **Arkansas Methodist** added years of success and usefulness and for you as editor many years of strength in which to use your vigorous pen."

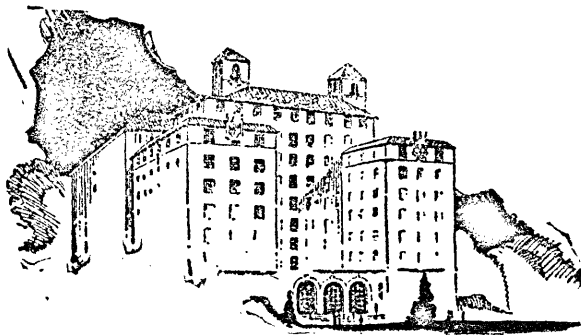
A CHAMPION OF ALL MODERN REFORMS

Dr. O. E. Goddard, Secretary of Foreign Department, General Work, General Board of Missions, writes: "Congratulations to the half-century-old **Arkansas Methodist**. This paper is rightly a champion of all modern reforms and a staunch advocate of the whole program of the Church.

The Board of Missions is under everlasting obligations to the **Arkansas Methodist** for the fine support it has given the program of the church in foreign fields. Please accept my sincere personal and official thanks for the services rendered. Often one editorial of this paper is worth the entire subscription price of the year. Reading, as I do, nearly all the Church papers, I do not find any of them superior to the **Arkansas Methodist**."

IT FILLS A DISTINCT PLACE

Dr. J. W. Perry, Secretary of Home Department, General Board of Missions, writes: "My hearty congratulations are extended to the **Arkansas Methodist** on coming to its golden anniversary, with the sincere wish that it may continue its useful service and for many years to come. The Church paper fills a distinct place in the life of one who is interested in religious matters. It is the only source of accurate information in regard to Church matters in general and denominational matters in particular. It furnishes a medium of publicity which is not equalled anywhere else, and it is a relief after looking over the sensational headlines which you usually see in the press, to turn to the quiet pages of religious newspapers and read about the better things of life. It seems that one would get terribly despondent who did not once in a while satisfy his mind with the things contained in such papers as the **Arkansas Methodist**. Your paper has made a very valuable contribution not only to the work of the Church in Arkansas, but to the whole Church by its intelligent discussions of timely topics and faithful discussion of those



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moral issues which have come to the attention of our people, not only in the Church, but also in the State and Nation. The Conference Organs are very helpful to the work of our Board and keep constantly before our people accurate information in regard to our work, its problems and its successes. We have a distinct impression that those people who read the items of news about the work of our Board, contained in the *Arkansas Methodist* and like papers, are not hostile in their attitude toward the Board, but are ready with

their contributions when called for. I wish you continued success in your great ministry to the public welfare."

VALUED BY THE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mrs. J. W. Downs, Secretary of the Home Department, Woman's Work, of our General Board of Missions, writes: "Having learned that the *Arkansas Methodist* is to celebrate its fiftieth year of service, I extend my greetings and congratulations on this happy occasion. To have served faithfully and efficient-

ly, half a century, is a record of which any institution might be proud. I am sure the constituency of the *Arkansas Methodist* will want to show their appreciation for the service this paper has rendered, by sending in a long list of paid subscriptions, which will enable the paper to render larger service in the future. The *Arkansas Methodist* makes a contribution to Methodism and to the moral and religious life of the State. The Board of Missions of our Church values this paper as an ally on which to depend in giving the Gospel of Christ to the world. The Methodists of Arkansas are to be congratulated on having for the editor of this Church paper, a man who steers straight for the goal of clean politics, law observance, right thinking and righteous living. Long may the editor and the paper continue in the good work."

THE MISSIONARY CAUSE HAS NEVER BEEN DISAPPOINTED

Mrs. B. W. Lipscomb, Secretary of Education and Promotion, Woman's Work, General Board of Missions, writes: "As a Methodist and as a secretary of the Board of Missions, I desire to offer my congratulations to the *Arkansas Methodist* on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary, and to express my appreciation of the splendid service the paper has rendered the Church by its aggressive stand on all righteous issues. The missionary cause, in particular, has always counted heavily upon the support of the *Arkansas Methodist* and has never been disappointed. In all forward-looking enterprises the *Arkansas Methodist* has wholeheartedly supported the efforts of the Board. The Church paper is an indispensable agent for the promotion of all good causes and under the direction of an able and courageous editor like yourself is a great power. You have my sincerest wishes for future success."

ESSENTIAL TO THE PROGRESS OF CHURCH WORK

Dr. T. D. Ellis, Secretary of the General Board of Church Extension, writes: "I congratulate the *Arkansas Methodist* on attaining its fiftieth birthday. No one can estimate the value of the service rendered by this great paper in the two-thousand-six-hundred issues which have gone out to the people during the fifty years of its life. The Church press is essential to the progress of Church work. The Connectional Boards would be seriously

crippled, if they did not actually die, without the aid of the Conference and General Church papers. You have given generous co-operation in all the work of the Board of Church Extension."

A TOWER OF STRENGTH

Dr. Wm. F. Quillian, General Secretary of the General Board of Christian Education, writes: "For fifty years the *Arkansas Methodist* has been a tower of strength to the cause of civic righteousness in that great state. It has promoted every interest of the Church and the Kingdom and has fought courageously and fearlessly for the principles that make for the sanctity of the home and the safety of the Nation. It is rendering splendid service to the General Board of Christian Education in its far-reaching and strategic work. I congratulate the *Arkansas Methodist* and its noble and gifted editor, Dr. A. C. Millar."

MOULDING CLEAR-CUT CHRISTIAN OPINION

Dr. W. M. Alexander, Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges, General Board of Christian Education, writes: "Most heartily do I join your many friends in extending personal greetings to you and to the *Arkansas Methodist*, as this influential Church periodical reaches its fiftieth year of service. Under your leadership the paper has been ably edited and has contributed its full share to the moulding of clear-cut, Christian opinion, and to the championing of those causes which organized Christianity is under bond to promote. May you and your paper continue to exercise the same worthy influence in the years that are to come!"

SUBSCRIPTION LIST OUGHT TO BE DOUBLED

Rev. J. Q. Schisler, Secretary Department of the Local Church, General Board of Christian Education, writes: "I am glad to extend a word of greeting to the *Arkansas Methodist* on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary. The value of this weekly religious messenger to our Methodist people in Arkansas during these years has been incalculable. It has stood for righteousness and against evil. While always emphasizing the primacy of the spiritual life, it has also been true to the implications of the social gospel which is so much needed today. It has espoused every worthy interest of the Church and at the same time has pre-

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sented the several causes and interests of the Church in an even balance so that our people might be led into an understanding of and a participation in the total program of our Church life. The work represented by the Department of the Local Church of the General and Conference Boards of Christian Education has been greatly strengthened by the weekly presentation of news in this field in the columns of the **Methodist**. The subscription list of the paper ought to be doubled, at least. I say that not from the angle of solving its financial problem, important as it is, but because it would to that extent increase the value of the paper to the program of Christian Education in Arkansas."

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Dr. Luther E. Todd, Secretary of the General Board of Finance, writes: "My attention has been called to the fact that the **Arkansas Methodist** is fifty years old this year. You have given the Church a splendid paper. It always contains articles on various topics of the day that are well worth reading and also summarizes the local news of your constituency in a manner to make it eagerly sought from week to week. You have been and continue to be a great editor of the Church and Southern Methodism is much indebted to you for what you are doing in your great field. Our Board of Finance has had a real friend in the **Arkansas Methodist**. Its pages have been constantly open for news items printed free concerning our work which have been of much assistance in reaching the goal the Board is striving for. Furthermore, as an advertising medium, your paper has been first-class and we have found that our messages of this character when placed in your paper as advertisements do not fail to accomplish creditable results. With full appreciation of what your paper has accomplished during the past fifty years, I sincerely trust that it now will begin another fifty years which will be even more successful."

DEVELOPED UNIFIED SENTIMENT

Dr. G. L. Morelock, Secretary of General Board of Lay Activities, writes: "We wish to felicitate the **Arkansas Methodist** upon its attainment of a half century's usefulness as a splendid representative of Methodism in the State of Arkansas. Eternity alone will reveal the influence which this splendid paper has had

during the last fifty years in molding public opinion, developing a unified sentiment in the Methodist Church in the State of Arkansas for its educational enterprises, its mission work, and every single feature of the Church's program, both as a local institution and in its worldwide program of evangelism. We wish also to congratulate Dr. A. C. Millar, editor of the **Arkansas Methodist**, and 'Senior Editor' of the Conference organs of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Through many vicissitudes and difficulties innumerable, and some times seemingly insurmountable, he has continued to edit the **Arkansas Methodist** and give to his constituency a periodical that in every respect is second to none in the field in which it serves."

ONE SERVICE FOR ONE CONGREGATION

This article by Dr. P. W. Quillian, Pastor of Winfield Church, won first prize in a national contest sponsored by Church Business, a publication of the Duplex Envelope Company of Richmond, Va.

Twenty months ago the average number of Sunday School pupils under the age of twenty-four who remained to church was 50. During the last five months the number has never been less than 175, with an average for this period of 195.

How? By changing from two services and two congregations (one a Sunday School, the other a church congregation), to one service with two parts, for one congregation.

After a year's careful study, planning and training, in which teachers, officers, parents and children were gradually prepared for the change, our One-Service Program was launched twenty months ago. The teaching half of the service begins now at ten o'clock instead of nine-thirty. The congregational-worship half of the service begins now at eleven and closes at twelve.

The Nursery Department operates as a religious kindergarten during the first period and as a regular church nursery during the second period.

The Beginners, Primary and Junior Departments carry on their work continuously from ten to twelve. Their program is arranged so that the full two-hour period is used for fellowship, study, worship, directed play and expressional activities. In order that from earliest years the children may learn to love the congregational worship room and service we begin the training in the Begin-

ners' Department. At Easter and at Christmas time these little ones come into the worship room, gather about the chancel, sing their songs, bring their Easter lilies or their "white gifts," and leave them by the Communion table. The pastor is always present and receives their offerings and shares in their brief worship service.

The Primary Department comes once every three months to join in the congregational worship service. Contrary to the expectation of many, these six-to-eight-years-olds are quiet, reverent and helpful in their attitude throughout the service. The Psalm and the hymns for this service have been learned by them during preceding weeks. The sermon is not made into children's sermon for that day, but the theme chosen is within their range of interest.

The Junior Department comes to the congregational worship service once each month. Recently a protest was vigorously made by this department when the date of their going into the church service was about to be postponed. This is hopeful. They now want to go.

The hymns used are ones they have been taught. The unison prayer is occasionally one that they themselves have written. The sermon theme is within their range of interest, and sometimes is suggested by them.

The Intermediate, Senior, Young People's and Adult Departments meet from ten to ten fifty-five, then adjourn—not dismiss—to the worship room for the second half of the service, the worship service. The Intermediates and Senior have brief assembly periods of 10 minutes for department business and announcements, and for training in materials

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of worship. They worship, however, with the whole congregation at eleven, and with their own age group at the evening self-expressional, or League service.

The Young People and Adults have only a prayer in their classes before beginning the morning class session. They worship at the church service and the Young People worship as a group at the League service also. Why then should their class or department session open with a twenty-minute worship program? They meet for class and department business and fellowship at other times, thus maintaining group consciousness.

Despite twenty months of effort, many of our congregation still think and talk "two services." They "go to Sunday School" and occasionally

"stay for church," or vice versa. The habits of years are not easily changed.

But real progress has been made. Parents and children can now come together, remain two hours and go home together. If the teaching service is valuable for any, it is valuable for all. If the congregational worship service is valuable for any, it is valuable for all. Where formerly 25 per cent of our Sunday School attended both services, now 75 per cent attend the full two hours. There is no longer the sad sight of one congregation leaving and another congregation arriving at eleven o'clock.

We are making real progress toward one congregation and one service.

RESPONSIBILITY OF RELIGIOUS LEADERS.

Upon pastors of churches, leaders of young people's organizations, Sunday School teachers and instructors in public schools, colleges and universities rests, in a peculiar sense, the fate of national prohibition in the 1932 campaign, says a statement by Dr. Ernest H. Cherrington, general secretary of the World League Against Alcoholism.

This responsibility, the statement goes on to say, is for so presenting to the voters, especially the new voters, the truth about beverage alcohol, about prohibition and about the attacks of the wets on prohibition, as well as the truth about so-called substitutes for prohibition. The statement continues:

"There is a power in free government which is above legislatures, courts and executives—a power whose will legislatures translate into law, whose seasoned judgment courts interpret and decree, whose mandates

executives proclaim and enforce. That power is public opinion.

"The 1932 election will be a referendum on the prohibition question, a revealer of the attitude of public opinion. Prohibition is an outstanding political issue, as it is one of the most important moral, social and economic questions before the American public.

"It is of vital importance that the people should know the position of every presidential candidate in regard to the national policy of prohibition. No other officer of government has one-hundredth part of the responsibility for prohibition enforcement as that which rests upon him. He names the cabinet officers in whose departments the enforcing agencies exist. He is responsible for numerous appointments of officials who have to do with enforcement. He appoints the members of federal courts who try cases and pass upon constitutionality of laws. Appropriation bills depend upon his signature. His very attitude and record on prohibition are of great influence on public opinion on this issue.

"It also is important that the voters shall know the attitude and record of candidates for both houses of Congress, for the passage or repeal of laws dealing with beverage alcohol are in the hands of Congress, and the wets are waging a heavily-financed, well-organized campaign to capture control of the House and Senate.

"The period between now and November 8, 1932, should be devoted very largely, on the part of the temperance forces, to an educational and informative effort, whereby it may be possible that every voter who goes to the polls next year shall have definite and truthful information on every phase of the temperance and prohibition question.

"There will be nearly twenty millions eligible to vote in the presidential election of 1932 who were in their teens when national prohibition was adopted. There are a million young men and women in the colleges and universities today who were from eight to twelve years old when national prohibition came. There are five million boys and girls in the high schools who were from four to seven years old when the Eighteenth Amendment was ratified. There are twenty-one million children in the grade schools and fifteen million more under high school age, most of whom were unborn when national prohibition was incorporated into the American charter of government. These are they who in a special sense must be reached by the truth, for they are the men and women of tomorrow, who, at the ballot box, in legislative halls, in administrative positions, in the courts and in social, moral, commercial and political leadership will determine the policy of this nation as to prohibition and beverage alcohol.

"The task of the proper education and information of these young folks and children devolves upon the men and women who are teachers in the Sunday Schools, instructors in religious educational institutions, the faculties of colleges and universities, teachers in public, private and parochial schools, and upon pastors of churches not only in the pulpit, but, more especially, as leaders of public thought on moral and social questions.

"It is exceedingly doubtful if the United States now would have national constitutional prohibition if

secular and religious teachers in the past two generations had not been temperance advocates, and if the Christian ministry had not lifted up its voice against the evils of intemperance.

"The call to this religious and educational service is just as clear, just as imperative and just as binding as ever it was in the entire history of this nation's efforts to outlaw the beverage alcohol traffic."

A THRIFTY FARMER'S BOUNTIFUL HARVEST

"I will have at least 600 bushels of corn, 400 bushels of sweet potatoes, 200 bushels of Irish potatoes, and a fine lot of whippoorwill peas, and plenty of feed for my livestock, and only five acres of cotton to worry about. In addition, I have a yearling beef to can and nine pigs that will supply us with plenty of smoked meat this winter.

"On top of this, my wife has canned 300 quarts of berries of three kinds, a like amount of peaches and vegetables, etc."

The above statement was made this week to The Conway News by a farmer who also said, "Last year I didn't require aid from the Red Cross, and I certainly won't need any this winter. Of course, last year my wife canned but little fruit and vegetables because of the drouth, and my crops were just as short; but my wife's 'carry-over' canned food from the year before kept us supplied all winter."

—Conway News.

WHEN NOT TO CUT

Bishop Thomas F. Gailor of Tennessee, the first Episcopalian prelate to hold the office of presiding bishop, came up again to the cathedral of St. John the Divine to preach two weeks ago. He pleaded for a fresh and continued loyalty to the church, her services and ideals, in spite of economic conditions today.

"Don't begin to economize by diminishing your gifts to Almighty God and his work," the bishop advised, "but economize on your own little indulgences and desires."

"Our fathers fought and suffered and sacrificed that this institution might be handed down to us," the bishop declared. "We are the trustees for carrying on their ideals. Whether we do so or not depends upon the strength and sincerity of our Christian faith. Whatever man loves his theory, or his business, or his party more than he loves the church, then that man is faithless to his trust."—The Central.

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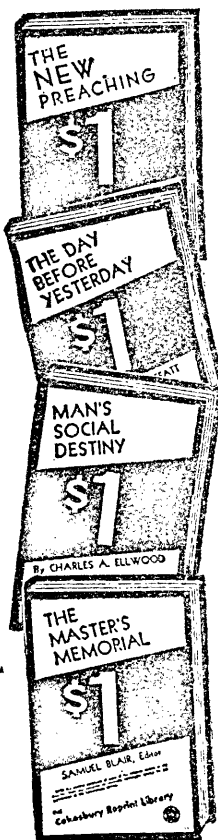
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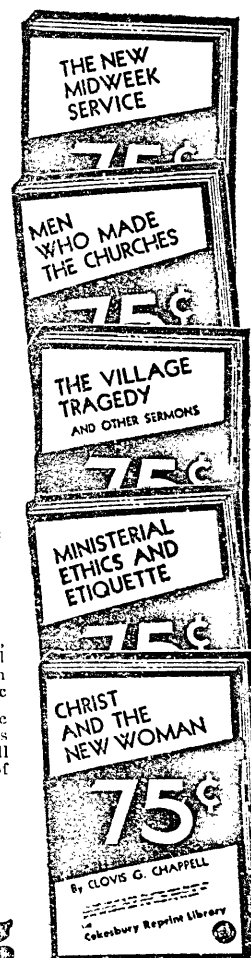
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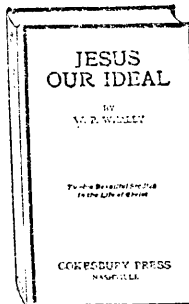
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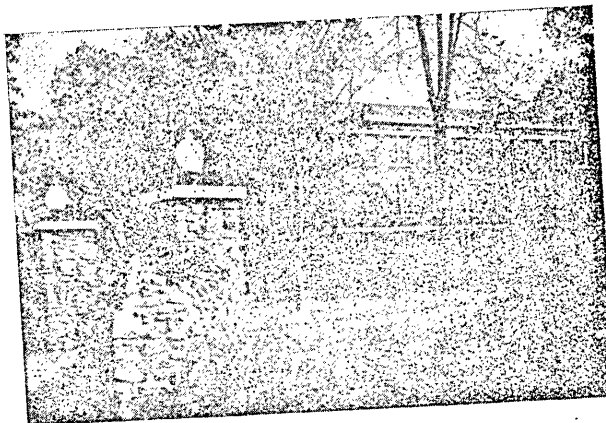


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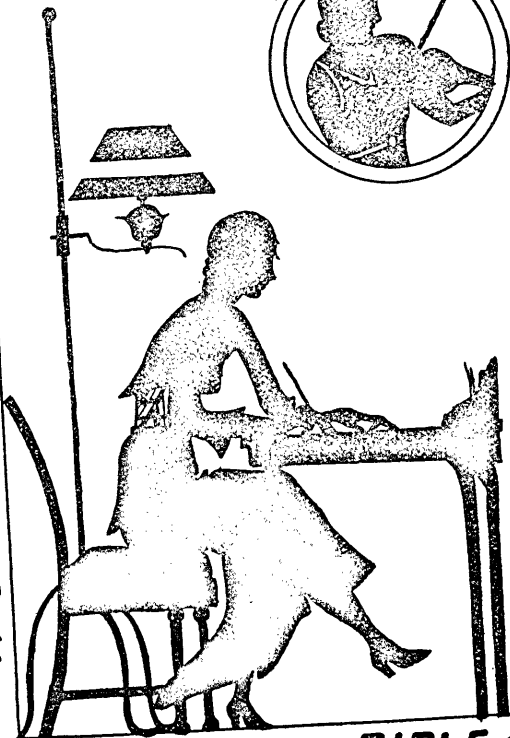
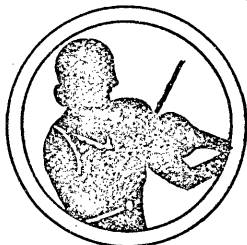
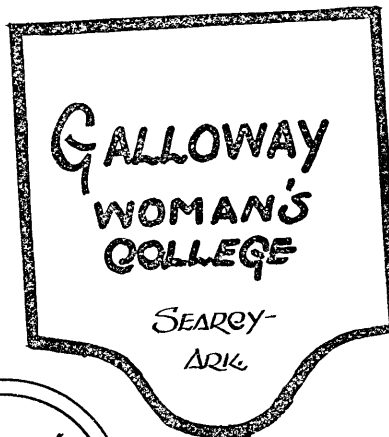
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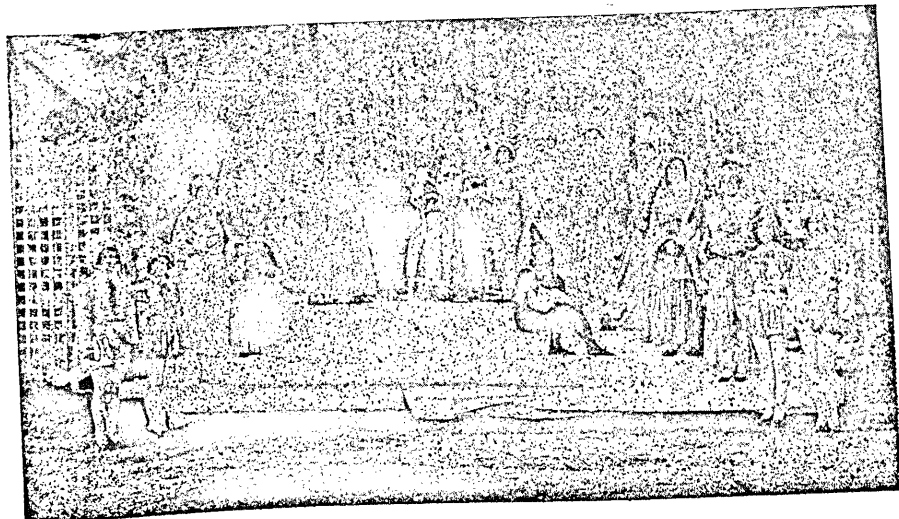
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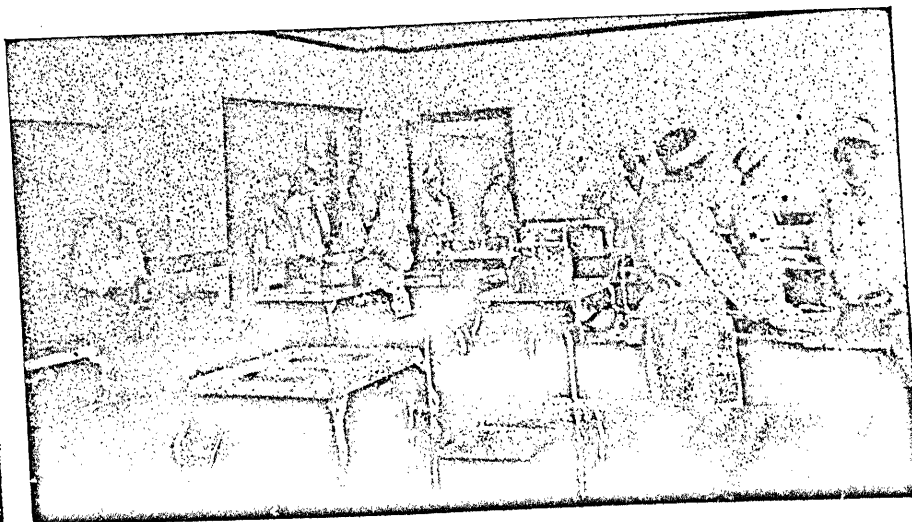
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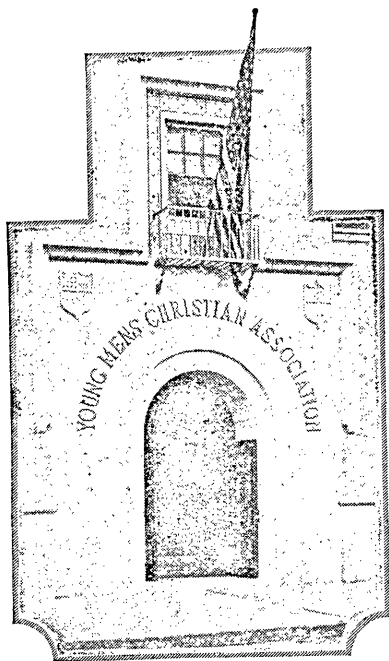
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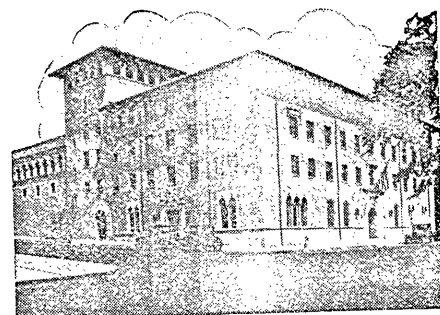
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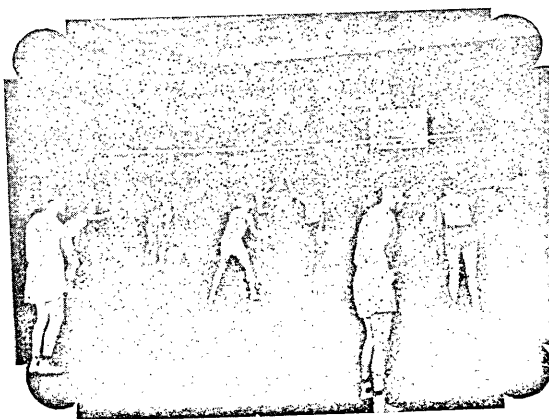
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