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## Arkansas Methodist Orphanage Day *Sunday, Dec. 20, 1931*



DR. JAMES THOMAS  
Superintendent

The One Offering of the Year to Help  
Maintain the One Methodist Orphanage

» » » of the State » » »

*Both Preaching Services, Sunday Schools  
and Epworth Leagues of All Methodist  
Churches in Arkansas Should Contribute  
Their Offerings on December 20 to the  
Methodist Orphanage*



MRS. S. J. STEED  
Matron

The Christmas Offerings of a Normal Year Have Tided Us Through. This Year, When Conference Claims Are Shorter Than Ever, We Must Have a Larger Christmas Offering to Carry On

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The North Arkansas Conference and the Little Rock Conference both endorse the purpose of the Christmas Offering for the Orphanage, and urgently request our pastors to give all our people an opportunity to make a liberal contribution to this worthy cause. Rev. G. G. Davidson, Executive Secretary North Arkansas Conference Board of Christian Education, and Rev. Clem Baker, Executive Secretary Little Rock Conference Board of Christian Education, both heartily endorse this offering for the Orphanage.

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Send all Offerings Promptly to Dr. James Thomas, 404 Exchange Bk. Bldg., Little Rock

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 \* AND JESUS WENT ABOUT \*  
 \* GALILEE, TEACHING IN \*  
 \* THEIR SYNAGOGUES, AND \*  
 \* PREACHING THE GOSPEL \*  
 \* OF THE KINGDOM, AND \*  
 \* HEALING ALL MANNER OF \*  
 \* SICKNESS AND ALL MAN- \*  
 \* NER OF DISEASE AMONG \*  
 \* THE PEOPLE.—Matt. 4:25.  
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## PROCEEDINGS OF THE LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### First Day—Wednesday Morning Session

The seventy-eighth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference met in First Church, Little Rock, at 9 a. m., December 2, with Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs presiding. The Bishop conducted devotional services. The roll of the Conference was called and the roll was perfected by substituting alternate lay delegates for principals. C. J. Greene was elected secretary and Clem Baker, A. J. Christie and Claud R. Roy assistant secretaries, and R. E. Fawcett, R. A. Terry, F. R. Harrison and A. W. Hamilton assistant statistical secretaries, C. E. Whitten having been elected a year ago statistical secretary for the quadrennium.

The time of meeting and adjourning of the Conference sessions was made 9 a. m. and 12:30 p. m., respectively.

The main floor of the auditorium was made the bar of the Conference.

C. M. Reves, J. A. Henderson and J. H. Hollis, hosts of the Conference, and the following visitors were introduced: Mr. G. L. Morelock of the General Board of Lay Activities, Dr. C. C. Jarrell of the General Hospital Board, Dr. M. P. Wood of the Methodist Benevolent Association, and Dr. J. M. Williams, Rev. A. F. Skinner, Rev. J. W. Workman, Rev. H. K. Morehead, and C. O. Hall, all of the North Arkansas Conference.

The Presiding Elders made their report, nominating the annual Boards and committees and persons to fill vacancies on Quadrennial Boards, as follows:

**Annual Boards and Committees**  
 Arkansas Methodist Commissioners.—James Thomas, J. D. Hammons, C. M. Reves.

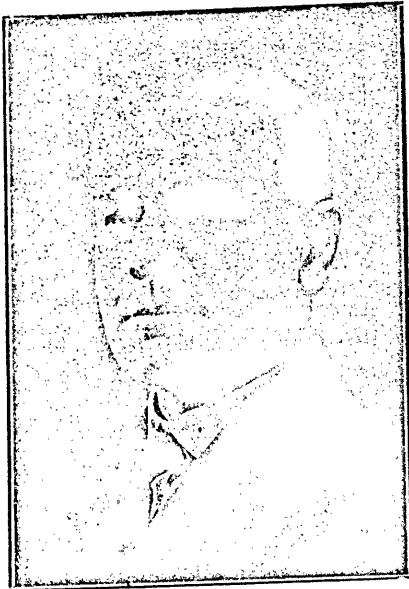
**Commission on District Boundaries.**—J. A. Henderson, J. L. Hoover, J. F. Simmons, J. C. Glenn.

**Committee on Resolutions.**—P. W. Quillian, J. L. Dedman, Leland Clegg, R. B. Wilkes.

**Conference Relations.**—G. E. Williams, J. L. Tucker, secretary; M. O. Barnett, O. L. Cole, C. N. Smith; C. B. Wyatt, W. C. Hilliard, chairman.

**District Conference Journals.**—R. L. Long, J. L. Leonard, C. M. Thompson, G. F. Hyde.

**Joint Commission on Rural Life.**—J. A. Henderson, chairman; W. C.



C. J. Greene, D. D., Sec. Little Rock Conference.

Watson, S. T. Baugh, James Thomas, H. C. Couch, C. E. Hayes, J. D. Hammons, C. N. Baker.

**Memoirs.**—J. L. Cannon, W. C. Watson, C. J. Greene.

**Board of Managers of Pastors' School.**—Paul W. Quillian, C. J. Greene, H. H. Griffin, Clem N. Baker, J. C. Glenn, J. D. Hammons, James Thomas, J. S. M. Cannon.

**Trustees of Little Rock Conference.**—J. A. Henderson, James Thomas, J. A. Sage, L. B. Leigh, E. R. Steel.

**Public Worship.**—J. A. Henderson, C. M. Reves, J. H. Hollis.

J. C. Glenn made the report of the committee appointed a year ago to look into group insurance.

The Board of Finance made its report No. 1, which was adopted.

J. C. Glenn presented a plan for the organization of a widows' and orphans' benefit association and the plan was adopted.

The question of the Judicial Council was voted upon, with the following result: For the Council, 121; against, 3. The names of A. J. Ewing, C. A. Fuller, J. H. Gold and A. C. Graham were called, preachers who have died during the year. The Conference stood in reverent memory and W. R. Harrison led in prayer.

The names of J. W. Mann, J. A. Henderson, J. L. Dedman, James Thomas, J. M. Hamilton and W. C. Watson, Presiding Elders, were called, their characters passed, and they made their reports. J. J. Stowe having been transferred, his character passed, and J. L. Hoover read his report.

Drs. J. W. Cline and T. A. Hearn of the China Mission Conference, and Drs. J. H. Reynolds and J. A. Anderson of the North Arkansas Conference were introduced.

Dr. C. C. Jarrell, representing the General Commission on Benevolences, addressed the Conference.

The Bishop announced the transfer to the Conference of C. M. Reves from the Oklahoma Conference, and R. H. Lewis from the Korean Conference, and the transfer from the Conference of W. C. Martin to the North Texas Conference, and Ivan Donaldson and Virgil Morris to the Louisiana Conference.

Questions 5, 8, 10, 11 and 12 were asked and the answer to each was, no one.

A motion carried that Report No. 1 of the Board of Education be made a special order for 10 o'clock, Thursday morning.

The Bishop announced that he would receive the class into full connection Friday morning at 10 o'clock.

The Commission on Rural Life made its report, which was adopted.

A motion adopted that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet at 7 p. m.

It was announced that S. T. Baugh, Extension Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, would be given the first fifteen minutes of the night session to present his work.

A motion carried that the Conference accept the invitation of Hendrix College to attend the dedication of the Science Building at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

M. P. Wood spoke on the Methodist Benevolent Association.

It was announced that J. L. Cannon would preach at 3 p. m.

The doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. G. Benson of the New York Conference.

### First Day—Wednesday Evening Session.

The Conference met at 7 p. m. The first fifteen minutes of the session was occupied with an illustrated lecture by S. T. Baugh, Extension Secretary of the Board of Christian Education. Bishop Dobbs then took the chair and conducted devotional services, Clem Baker leading in prayer.

The committee appointed to examine the minutes reported that the minutes of the morning session were correct.

Dr. James Thomas made his report as Superintendent of the Home for Orphans and the Orphanage Board made its report. Pending the adoption of the report, Mrs. Steed, matron for the Home, and a group of children in the Home were introduced. Dr. Thomas and Bishop Dobbs discussed the work of the Home. The report of the Board was adopted.

J. C. Glenn made his report as director of the Superannuate Endowment Fund and the report was adopted.

Dr. James Thomas read the report of the Conference Board of Trustees.

The Board of Finance made its report No. 2 and the Board of Missions

made its report No. 1, and the reports were adopted.

Question 22, Who are supernumerary? was asked, and the answer was, no one.

The doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. J. M. Workman.

### Second Day—Thursday Morning Session

The Conference met at 9 a. m. with Bishop Dobbs in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. J. D. Hammons.

The committee reported that the minutes were correct.

It was reported that S. K. Burnett's father had died suddenly at the Confederate Soldiers' Home and the Secretary was directed to extend the sympathy of the Conference to Brother Burnett and other members of the family.

Question 44, Where shall the next Conference be held? was asked, and First Church, Texarkana, was nominated and unanimously elected.

The Rural Church Commission made its Report No. 2 and it was adopted.

J. H. Glass, Commissioner of the Board of Finance, made his report, which was filed.

The following were introduced: Dr. John Van Lear, pastor of First Presbyterian Church; Rev. J. Q. Schisler of the General Board of Christian Education; Rev. W. B. Hubbell of the Oklahoma Conference, and Revs. Dana Dawson, J. W. Crichlow, H. M. Lewis and W. J. Leroy, all of the North Arkansas Conference.

Under Question 1, Who are admitted on trial? the names of John Bell Hefley of the Arkadelphia District, and Louis William Averitt of the Little Rock District, were presented.

Question 3, Who remain on trial? was asked, and the following were advanced to the class of the second year: Fred Locke Arnold, Earl Lewis, Lester Otho Lee, Virgil D. Morris, Charles A. Simpson, and Marshall Turrentine Steel.

Ivan O. Donaldson had failed the second year to finish the course of study. His Presiding Elder reported that his circumstances were unusually difficult and the Conference voted by a two-thirds majority to allow him to remain in the class of the first year.

Virgil D. Morris, Chas. A. Simpson and Marshall T. Steel were elected to local deacons' orders.

Under Question 3, Who remain on trial? the name of R. W. Menard was called, and he, being in school, was allowed to remain in the class of the second year. R. A. Terry, not having finished the course of study remains in the class of the second year. John L. Tucker had finished the course of study and he was elected to deacons' orders.

The following members of the class of the third year were called, and

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they were advanced to the class of the fourth year: W. Neill Hart, G. F. Hyde, Emmett L. McKay, Robert B. Moore and E. T. Miller. The Committee reported that John L. Tucker of the class of the second year had also finished the course of the third year and was advanced to the class of the fourth year.

The names of the following members of the class of the fourth year were called and they were elected to elder's orders: Willie L. Arnold, Robert S. Beasley, John G. Gieck, Van W. Harrell, Fred R. Harrison, Marion W. Miller, James D. Montgomery and Harold D. Sadler.

E. B. Adcock, W. R. Burks, Claude R. Roy, and Lawrence E. Wilson not having finished the course of study, remain in the class of the fourth year.

The Board of Lay Activities made its report, and, pending adoption, Mr. G. L. Morelock of the General Board of Lay Activities addressed the Conference.

The Board of Christian Education made its Report No. 1, and, pending adoption, the following spoke: Dr. J. H. Reynolds, Dr. J. M. Williams, Clem Baker, J. Q. Schisler, James Thomas, A. C. Millar and Rev. W. B. Hubbell.

The following were introduced: Dr. Elmer T. Clark of the General Board of Missions, and Revs. G. G. Davidson, C. W. Lester, H. L. Wade, Warren Johnston, A. W. Wasson, J. J. Galloway, F. A. Lark, W. W. Albright, and Edward Forrest, all of the North Arkansas Conference.

It was announced that J. D. Baker would preach at 3 p. m.

The doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned with the benediction by Dr. E. T. Clark.

#### Second Day—Evening Session

The Conference convened at 7 p. m. During the first fifteen minutes Rev. S. T. Baugh gave an illustrated lecture on his work as Extension Secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

At the request of Bishop Dobbs, James Thomas presided throughout the session except for a few minutes when the Bishop took the chair and asked to be excused to meet other engagements. Dr. Thomas conducted devotional services, W. R. Boyd leading in prayer.

The Committee reported that the minutes of the previous session were correct.

Under Question 21, Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? the names of the preachers of Arkadelphia, Camden, and Little Rock Districts were called, their characters passed and they made their reports.

J. D. Rogers, B. F. Scott, and J. M. Cannon were referred for the superannuate relation.

The Bible Board made its report and it was adopted.

Rev. S. M. Yancey of the North Arkansas Conference and Gov. Harvey Parnell were introduced.

The Conference adjourned with the doxology and the benediction pronounced by Rev. W. T. Wilkinson.

#### Third Day—Morning Session

Conference met at 9 a. m. with Bishop Dobbs in the chair. Devotional services were conducted by E. C. Rule, Dr. J. W. Cline leading in prayer.

The Committee reported that the minutes of the previous session were correct.

Rev. F. M. Tolleson and Mrs. Tolleson of the North Arkansas Conference were introduced.

Dr. A. W. Wasson of Southern Methodist University addressed the Conference on the University. Rev. S. M. Yancey spoke of the work of the Western Methodist Assembly. A. C. Millar spoke with reference to the plan of financing the History of Arkansas Methodism written by Dr. J. A. Anderson. Rev. H. M. Lewis, student pastor at the University of Arkansas, spoke on the work being done at the Wesley Foundation at the University.

Answering Question 43, Who is elected Conference Lay Leader, it was announced that G. W. Pardee had been elected.

The Bishop announced that J. J. Stowe had been transferred to the Tennessee Conference and that Wilds S. DuBose of the Tennessee Conference had been received by transfer and Ted McNeil of the North Arkansas Conference in the class of the first year, had also been received by transfer.

The Commission on Benevolences made its report and it was adopted.

A resolution passed requesting the Bishop to appoint a committee to collaborate with a similar committee of the North Arkansas Conference in studying the feasibility of merging the two Conferences.

Dr. E. R. Steel, a superannuate member of the Conference, who has for sometime been seriously afflicted, was presented and was greeted by the Conference with cordiality and affection.

The Board of Temperance and Social Service made its report which was discussed by A. C. Millar and adopted.

Question 6, Who are admitted into full connection? was asked. John L. Tucker had previously been recognized as eligible. Virgil D. Morris and Marshall T. Steel were announced at a previous session as having finished the course of the first year and advanced to the class of the second year. The Conference was informed that they had also passed the course of the second year and were eligible to admission into full connection. These three were called to the chancel, the Bishop propounded to them the disciplinary questions which were answered in the affirmative and after the Bishop had addressed them on the conditions of success in the ministry they were by vote of the Conference admitted into full connection.

Under Question 23, Who are superannuated, the names of the superannuates were called, those present made their reports, and they were referred for the same relation.

C. E. Hayes made his report as treasurer of the Conference.

Dr. Elmer T. Clark addressed the Conference on the work of the General Board of Missions, and Mrs. W. P. McDermott, president of the Conference Woman's Missionary Society, spoke of the work of that organization.

Report No. 2 of the Board of Education was presented and it was adopted.

The Committee on Public Worship announced the Sunday appointments.

Rev. R. B. Wilkes, having seen an article which was published in the Arkansas Gazette 65 years ago concerning Dr. Andrew Hunter on the occasion of his election to the United States Senate, the Conference directed that this article be published in the minutes for its historical and sentimental value:

#### Sixty-Five Years Ago.

(Arkansas Gazette, December 3, 1866.)

"Hon. Andrew Hunter, who has been elected United States Senator, for the term of six years from the 4th of March next, is well known in every portion of the state, as he has been for the last quarter of a century, as a minister of what is now known as the Methodist Episcopal Church. Feeling the great necessity of sending the very best man to represent them in the Legislature, the vote of the Senatorial District, composed of Dallas and Calhoun Counties, prevailed upon him to represent them in the Upper House of the General Assembly, and he was accordingly elected to office at the last general election. In the organization of the Senate he was chosen as presiding officer. When his name was first put in nomination for that position, at his earnest solicitation it was withdrawn, but afterwards he was again placed in nomination. His great natural abilities, and dignity of character, are universally conceded, and in manner he is the very impersonation of the suavior in modo, and altogether a man who could represent our state in the Senate of the United States in a highly creditable manner. Mr. Hunter has not yet accepted the position to which he has been elected. That he will consent to do so is the universal wish of our people. At this particular junction of our affairs he could, in the position for which he has been chosen, accomplish great good for our state."

The Committee on Public Worship announced that Rev. J. Q. Schisler would preach at 3 p. m., and that Dr. J. W. Cline would speak Saturday evening if a session of the Conference should not be held at that hour.

The Conference sang "Stand Up for Jesus" and was adjourned with the benediction by Rev. F. E. Dodson of the North Arkansas Conference.

#### Third Day, Evening Session

The Conference met at 7 p. m. with Dr. James Thomas presiding at the request of Bishop Dobbs. Fifteen minutes were occupied with an illustrated lecture by S. T. Baugh on his work with rural churches. In the devotional services W. C. Hilliard led in prayer.

The committee reported that the minutes of the morning session were correct.

J. D. Rogers and B. F. Scott, who had been referred for the superannuate relation, spoke briefly. E. D. Hanna was referred to the Committee for the Superannuate Relation.

The statistical secretary made his report, answering questions 24-42.

A. C. Millar was called to the chair while Pine Bluff District was being called.

Under question 21, Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? the names of the preachers in Pine Bluff, Prescott, and Texarkana Districts were called, their character passed, and they made their reports.

The following Boards and Committees made their reports and the reports were adopted: Hospital Board, Board of Church Extension, Board of Missions Report Number 2, Board of Finance, Report No. 3, Commission on Budget, Board of Temperance and Social Service Report No. 2, Committee on District Conference Journals, Committee on Conference Relations, and Board of Christian Literature.

A resolution was adopted express-

ing the sympathy of the Conference with Dr. and Mrs. R. N. Brown of Ruston, Louisiana, who have been seriously hurt in an automobile accident.

Question 19, What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders, was called. Radcliffe William Groves, six years a local deacon and duly recommended by the Arkadelphia District Conference, was elected an elder.

A motion carried that when we adjourn we adjourn to meet for a short business session at 2 p. m., Sunday, to be followed by the memorial session.

The doxology was sung and the Conference adjourned at 9:55 with the benediction by J. D. Dunn.

There was no session Saturday because the Conference adjourned to go to Conway, to witness the dedication of the new Science Hall. At night at the anniversary of the Board of Temperance and Social Service, Mr. W. J. Losinger, Dr. J. W. Cline, and Rev. A. C. Millar spoke.

#### Sunday Morning, Dec. 6.

At 9:00 a. m., the Conference Love Feast was held, with Dr. James Thomas in charge. With many appropriate hymns and the leader's helpful suggestions and comments, it was a delightful religious occasion. Many gave brief testimonies.

At 11:00, with Dr. C. M. Reves announcing the hymns and leading in the recitation of the Creed, after prayer by Dr. James Thomas, Bishop Dobbs took as his text Matt. 4:23 and preached, to a great congregation, a thought-provoking and inspiring sermon on "The Church in the Modern World."

At the close of the sermon, the Bishop, assisted by Dr. Thomas and Rev. J. L. Dedman, ordained three preachers as deacons.

#### Sunday Afternoon Session

At 2:00 p. m., with Dr. J. L. Cannon presiding, the Conference met in memorial session. After singing and prayer by Rev. A. C. Millar, memoirs of the following, who had died during the year, were read: Revs. A. C. Graham, A. J. Ewing, C. A. Fuller, P. C. Fletcher, and Mrs. Kenneth Spore, Mrs. A. B. Winfield, Mrs. R. G. Rowland, and Mrs. L. M. Powell, wives of preachers.

At the close of the memorial session, Bishop Dobbs took the chair. The Committee on Journal reported. Dr. Thomas acknowledged the gift of a beautiful cedar chest from Rev. B. F. Musser. Resolutions of thanks were read by Rev. R. B. Wilkes. The report of the Committee on Evangelism was read, and Bishop Dobbs announced as Commissioners to study with a like Commission of the North Arkansas Conference the question of merging the two Conferences: James Thomas, Mrs. H. King Wade, J. D. Hammons, J. A. Henderson, W. C. Watson, J. L. Hoover, Carl Hollis, W. W. Taylor, Mrs. Geo. F. Kress, and J. L. Dedman. Representing Hendrix College, Dr. C. J. Greene, vice-president, expressed appreciation of the attendance of the Conference on the dedication of the Science Hall at Conway on Saturday. Bishop Dobbs, assisted by the presiding elders, and J. C. Glenn and A. C. Millar, ordained eight traveling elders and one local elder, and after a few comments read the appointments and the Conference adjourned.

(On account of limited space in this issue of the paper, the fuller comment on the Conference proceedings will be deferred to a later issue.—Ed.)



# CONDENSED MINUTES OF THE 78TH SESSION OF THE LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE Held at First Church, Little Rock, Beginning Dec. 2, 1931, Ending Dec. 6, 1931. Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs, President; Charles J. Greene, Secretary.

Question 1. Who are admitted on trial?  
Answer: John Bell Hefley, Lewis William Averitt.

Question 2. Who else is in the class of the first year? No one.

Question 3. Who remain on trial? Fred Lock Arnold, Earl Lewis, Lester Otho Lee, Charles Arthur Simpson, R. A. Terry, R. W. Menard.

Question 4. Who else is in the class of the second year? R. W. Menard, R. A. Terry.

Question 5. Who are discontinued? No one.

## II. Conference Membership.

Question 6. Who are admitted into full connection? Virgil D. Morris, Marshall T. Steel, John L. Tucker.

Question 7. Who else is in the class of the third year? No one.

Question 8. Who are readmitted? No one.

Question 9. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? C. M. Reeves, R. H. Lewis, Wilds S. DuBose, Ted McNeil.

Question 10. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? No one.

Question 11. Who are located this year? No one.

Question 12. Who have withdrawn or been expelled? Withdrawn, No one. Expelled, no one.

Question 13. Who are transferred to other Conferences? W. C. Martin, Ivan Donaldson, Virgil Morris, J. J. Stowe.

Question 14. What preachers have died during the year? A. C. Graham, A. J. Ewing, C. A. Fuller, J. H. Gold.

## III. Orders.

Question 15. Who are the deacons of one year? Wesley Neill Hart, G. F. Hyde, Emmett Lee McKay, E. T. Miller, Robert B. Moore.

Question 16. Who else is in the class of the fourth year? E. B. Adcock, Willard R. Burks, Claude R. Roy, Lawrence Earl Wilson, John L. Tucker.

Question 17. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected deacons? Traveling preachers, Virgil D. Morris, Marshall T. Steel, and John L. Tucker. Local preachers, none.

Question 18. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained deacons? Traveling preachers, Virgil D. Morris, Marshall T. Steel, and John L. Tucker. Local preachers, none.

Question 19. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders? Traveling preachers, Willie L. Arnold, Robert S. Beasley, John G. Gieck, Van W. Harrell, Fred R. Harrison, Marion W. Miller, James D. Montgomery, Harold D. Sadler. Local preachers, R. W. Groves.

Question 20. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained elders? Traveling preachers, Same as above. Local preachers, R. W. Groves.

## IV. Conference Relations.

Question 21. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Their names were called one by one and their character passed.

Question 22. Who are supernumerary? No one.

Question 23. Who are superannuated? J. B. Williams, S. W. Rainey, J. W. Berry, E. F. Wilson, S. A. Hill, E. M. Pipkin, R. E.

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(There's A Cross To Bear.)
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## V. Statistics.

Question 24. What is the number of Districts, of pastoral charges, and of societies in this Conference? Districts, 7; pastoral charges, 140; societies, 422.

Question 25. What is the number of members, how many have been received this year on profession of faith, how many have been licensed to preach, and what is the number of local preachers? Members, 60,919; received on profession of faith, 2,429; licensed, 9; local preachers, 61.

Question 26. How many adults and how many infants have been baptized during the year? Adults, 1,571; infants, 470.

Question 27. What is the number of Epworth Leagues and of Epworth League members? Epworth Leagues, 242; Epworth League members, 6,937.

Question 28. What is the number of Sunday Schools, of Sunday School officers and teachers, and of Sunday School scholars enrolled during the year? Sunday Schools, 846; officers and teachers, 4,005; scholars enrolled, 34,247.

Question 29. What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same? Societies, 143; members, 4,135.

Question 30. What is the number of Wesley Brotherhoods, and of Wesley Brotherhood members? Brotherhoods, 5; members, 187.

Question 31. What is the number of members enrolled in the Fellowship of Stewardship? None.

Question 32. What are the educational statistics? Interest in Hendrix and Galloway Colleges.

Question 33. What are the Orphanage statistics? Orphanages, 1; officers and teachers, 4; children in Orphanages, 31; money expended, \$11,992.41; value of property, \$100,000; indebtedness, None.

Question 34. What are the hospital statistics? None.

## VI. Finances.

Question 35. What has been contributed for the following causes? American Bible Society, \$701.34; Church Extension, \$2,454.55; Christian Education, \$4,909.31; Federal Council, \$140.21; General Conference expense, \$631.23; Hospitals, \$701.34; Lay Activities, \$841.55; Missions, \$9,818.70; Negro Work, \$1,122.25; Temperance and Social Service, \$350.53; Theological Schools, \$1,122.25; Assemblies, \$561.13; by the Woman's Missionary Society, \$68,129; from the Golden Cross Enrollment, \$156.

Question 36. What has been contributed for the support of the ministry? Bishops, \$2,805.35; presiding elders, \$28,410; preachers in charge, \$195,196.10; Conference Claimants, \$8,610.50; Superannuate Endowment Fund, \$1,253.

Question 37. What is the grand total contributed for all purposes from all sources in this Conference this year? \$630,447.00.

## VII. Church Property.

Question 38. What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Houses of worship, 385; value, \$3,450,180; indebtedness, \$495,889.

Question 39. What is the number of parsonages, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? District parsonages, 6; value, \$33,500; indebtedness, \$250; parsonages belonging to pastoral charges, 140; value, \$461,500; indebtedness \$48,094.

Question 40. What amount of insurance is carried on Church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums? Insurance carried, \$2,162,725.00; premiums paid, \$16,887.00.

Question 41. How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year, what is the amount of damage, and what has been collected thereon? Churches damaged, 2; parsonages damaged, none; amount of damage, \$825; collected, \$25.

Question 42. What is the number of superannuate homes, and what is their value? Homes, 8; value, \$19,100.

## VIII. Miscellaneous.

Question 43. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? G. W. Pardee.

Question 44. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? First Church, Texarkana, Ark.

Question 45. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

## ARCADELPHIA DISTRICT.

A. C. Millar, Presiding Elder.  
Arkadelphia ..... R. E. L. Bearden  
Benton ..... O. L. Walker  
Carthage-Tulip ..... W. T. Hopkins  
Dalark Circuit ..... C. M. Thompson  
Friendship Circuit ..... H. A. F. Ault  
Holly Springs Circuit ..... J. N. Simpson, Supply  
Hot Springs:  
First Church ..... J. D. Hammons  
Garland Avenue ..... J. H. Cummins  
Oaklawn ..... O. C. Birdwell  
Pullman Heights ..... S. K. Burnett  
Tigert Memorial ..... Alfred Doss, Supply  
Hot Springs Circuit ..... W. J. Whiteside  
Leola Circuit ..... L. C. Gatlin  
Malvern ..... Fred R. Harrison  
Pearcy Circuit ..... D. L. Wilcox, Supply  
Princeton Circuit ..... R. W. Groves, Supply  
Sparkman-Sardis ..... C. D. Cade  
Traskwood Circuit ..... R. S. Beasley  
Superintendent of Goodwill Industries  
in Hot Springs ..... T. D. Spruce  
Conference Missionary ..... J. F. Taylor  
Professor in Emory University ..... R. C. Rhodes

## CAMDEN DISTRICT.

J. L. Dedman, Presiding Elder.  
Bearden ..... W. T. Wilkinson  
Buckner Circuit ..... C. N. Smith

Buena Vista Circuit ..... P. N. Clements  
Camden ..... H. H. Griffin  
Chidester Circuit ..... H. R. Nabors  
El Dorado:  
First Church ..... J. L. Hoover  
Vantrease Memorial ..... E. D. Galloway  
El Dorado Circuit ..... G. L. Cagle  
Emerson Circuit ..... O. C. Robinson  
Fordyce ..... R. H. Cannon  
Hampton ..... R. C. Walsh  
Huttig ..... M. O. Barnett  
Junction City-Fredonia ..... W. R. Burks  
Kingsland Circuit ..... J. C. Johnson  
Louann-Norphlet ..... Otto Teague  
Magnolia ..... O. E. Holmes  
Smackover ..... A. J. Christie  
Stephens ..... J. T. Rodgers  
Strong Circuit ..... A. E. Jacobs  
Taylor Circuit ..... George E. Reutz  
Thornton Circuit ..... L. E. Wilson  
Waldo ..... T. M. Armstrong  
Professor, Hendrix College ..... C. J. Greene

## LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

J. A. Henderson, Presiding Elder.  
Austin Circuit ..... J. G. Gieck  
Bauxite-Sardis ..... M. T. Steel  
Bryant Circuit ..... C. B. Wyatt  
Carlisle Station ..... W. R. Boyd  
Carlisle Circuit ..... James Simpson, Supply  
Des Arc-New Bethel ..... K. L. Spore  
Douglassville-Geyer Springs ..... To be supplied  
England ..... H. D. Sadler  
Hazen-DeVall's Bluff ..... J. L. Tucker  
Hickory Plains Circuit ..... C. A. Simpson  
Kee-Tomblerin ..... L. O. Lee

Little Rock:  
Asbury ..... J. F. Simmons  
Capitol View ..... C. D. Meux  
First Church ..... C. M. Reeves  
Forest Park ..... J. B. Hefley  
Henderson ..... F. P. Doak  
Highland ..... R. E. Fawcett  
Pulaski Heights ..... Leland Clegg  
28th Street ..... E. T. Miller  
Winfield-Hunter ..... P. W. Quillian  
Lonoke ..... R. B. Moore  
Mabelvale-Primrose ..... W. W. Nelson  
Mauumelle Circuit ..... To be supplied  
Agent, American Bible Society and Superintendent of Institutional Work ..... D. H. Colquette

Asst. Superintendent of Anti-Saloon League in Arkansas ..... J. H. Glass  
Conference Secretary of Christian Education ..... C. N. Baker  
Editor Arkansas Methodist ..... A. C. Millar  
Conference Extension Secretary ..... S. T. Baugh  
Student in Duke University Charles Giessen

## MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

J. M. Hamilton, Presiding Elder.  
Arkansas City-Watson ..... W. C. Lewis  
Crossett ..... J. E. Cooper  
Dermott ..... W. Neill Hart  
Dumas ..... M. K. Irvin  
Eudora ..... C. R. Roy  
Fountain Hill Circuit ..... C. B. Davis  
Hamburg ..... R. E. Simpson  
Hermitage Circuit ..... W. T. Bone  
Lake Village ..... J. A. Coleman  
McGehee ..... O. L. Cole  
Monticello ..... Rex B. Wilkes  
Montrose-Snyder ..... M. K. Rogers  
New Edinburgh Circuit ..... To be supplied  
Portland-Parkdale ..... J. W. Thomas  
Tiller-Winchester ..... J. T. Thompson  
Warren ..... J. W. Mann  
Wilmar Circuit ..... J. C. Williams  
Wilmot ..... D. T. Roe

## PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

James Thomas, Presiding Elder.  
Altheimer-Wabbaseka ..... W. C. Hilliard  
DeWitt ..... A. W. Waddill  
Gillett Circuit ..... M. W. Miller  
Grady-Gould ..... B. F. Musser  
Humphrey-Sunshine ..... G. W. Robertson

Pine Bluff:  
Carr Memorial-White Hall ..... W. R. Jordan  
First Church ..... J. C. Glenn  
Hawley Memorial ..... Arthur Terry  
Lakeside ..... E. C. Rule  
Pine Bluff Circuit ..... L. T. Rogers  
Rison ..... A. W. Hamilton  
Roe Circuit ..... L. R. Sparks  
Rowell Circuit ..... J. B. Hoover, Supply  
St. Charles Circuit ..... Louis Averitt  
Sheridan-New Hope ..... W. L. Arnold  
Sheridan Circuit ..... Van Harrell  
Sherrill-Tucker ..... F. F. Harrell  
Star City Circuit ..... Ted McNeil  
Stuttgart ..... W. S. DuBose  
Swan Lake Circuit ..... Roy D. Williams, Supply  
Conference Missionary ..... James Thomas  
Secretary ..... J. C. Glenn  
Endowment ..... J. C. Glenn  
Student University of Chicago ..... R. L. Long

## PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

L. E. N. Hundley, Presiding Elder.  
Amity Circuit ..... J. W. Nethercutt  
Bingen Circuit ..... H. L. Simpson  
Blevins Circuit ..... G. F. Hyde  
Center Point Circuit ..... E. L. McKay  
Emmett Circuit ..... M. E. Scott  
Glenwood-Rosboro ..... J. M. Workman  
Gurdon ..... M. Thornburn Workman  
Hope ..... J. L. Cannon  
Mineral Springs ..... E. B. Adcock  
Mt. Ida-Oden Circuit ..... G. W. Warren  
Murfreesboro-Delight ..... George E. Williams  
Nashville ..... B. F. Roebuck  
Okolona Circuit ..... S. B. Mann  
Prescott ..... F. G. Roebuck  
Prescott Circuit ..... F. L. Arnold  
Springhill Circuit ..... W. F. Campbell  
Washington-Ozan ..... J. L. Leonard

## TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

W. C. Watson, Presiding Elder.  
Ashdown Station ..... R. A. Teeter  
Cherry Hill Circuit ..... A. J. Bearden, Supply  
DeQueen Station ..... J. D. Baker  
DeQueen Circuit ..... To be supplied  
Dierks and Green's Chapel ..... A. C. Rogers  
Doddridge Circuit ..... J. A. Ginnings, Supply  
Foreman ..... H. H. McGuyre  
Fouke Circuit ..... C. R. Andrews  
Hatfield Circuit ..... F. C. Cannon  
Horatio Circuit ..... W. W. Christie  
Lewisville-Bradley ..... C. E. Whitten  
Lockesburg Circuit ..... Earl Lewis  
Mena ..... B. F. Fitzhugh  
Richmond Circuit ..... J. B. Pickering  
Stamps ..... T. M. Lee

Texarkana:  
College Hill ..... F. N. Brewer  
Fairview ..... J. D. Montgomery  
First Church ..... Francis A. Buddin  
Texarkana Circuit ..... J. A. Hall, Supply  
Umpire Circuit ..... W. H. Chambers, Supply  
Winthrop Circuit ..... M. T. Rose  
Transferred In: C. M. Reeves from the Oklahoma Conference, W. S. DuBose from the Memphis Conference, Ted McNeil from the North Arkansas Conference, R. H. Lewis from the Korea Conference.  
Transferred Out: W. C. Martin to the North Texas Conference, J. J. Stowe to the Tennessee Conference, Ivan Donaldson to the Louisiana Conference, Virgil Morris to the Louisiana Conference.

## TREASURER'S REPORT No. 2.

Disbursements.	
Amount of Disbursements.....	\$58,563.94
This is 60 minus % of assessments.	
Annual Conference gets.....	5114% \$29,949.60
1. Church Extensions.....	0493 1,476.52
2. Christian Education.....	2701 8,089.39
3. Conference Missions.....	1815 5,435.85
4. Arkansas Methodist.....	1068 3,183.70
5. Conference Claimants.....	2875 8,610.50
6. Conference Expense.....	0211 631.90
7. Orphanage.....	0572 1,713.10
8. Lay Activities.....	0270 808.64
Total.....	\$29,949.60
General Conference Claims get.....	4886% of \$58,563.94, or \$28,614.34.
1. Missions.....	34314 9,818.70
2. Negro Work.....	03922 1,122.25
3. Church Extension.....	08578 2,454.55
4. Christian Education.....	17157 4,909.36
5. Theological Schools.....	03922 1,122.25
6. Superannuates.....	08578 2,454.55
7. Bishop's Fund.....	09804 2,805.35
8. American Bible Soc.....	02451 701.34
9. General Conference Expense.....	02206 631.23
10. Federal Council.....	00490 140.21
11. Temperance and Social Service.....	01225 350.53
12. Lay Activities.....	02941 841.55
13. Hospitals.....	02451 701.34
14. Mt. Sequoyah.....	01961 561.13
Total.....	\$28,614.34
Paid General Hospital Board, Golden Cross.....	\$157.25
.....C. E. Hayes, Treasurer.	

## REPORT OF COMMISSION ON BUDGET.

We, your Committee on Budget, submit the following report:

1. The amount of the assessment made by the General Conference apportioned to this Conference is \$48,099.00.

2. The amount of the assessment made by the Annual Conference for all interests for which assessments are made is \$50,345.00.

3. The General Conference assessment added to the Annual Conference assessment gives a combined total assessment of \$98,444.00, which is apportioned to the several Districts as follows:

Districts as follows:	Ratio.	Amount
Arkadelphia District.....	12.150	\$12,150
Camden District.....	16.940	\$16,940
Little Rock District.....	19,670	\$19,670
Monticello District.....	12,400	\$12,400
Pine Bluff District.....	12,680	\$12,680
Prescott District.....	12,160	\$12,160
Texarkana District.....	12,444	\$12,444
Total.....		\$98,444

4. The percentage of the Annual and General Conference Claims of the combined assessment as are as follows:

	Ratio.	Amount
General Conf. assessment.....	4886	\$48,099
Annual Conf. assessment.....	5115	\$50,345
Total.....	1,000	\$98,444

5. The following table shows what per cent the assessment made for each cause is of the assessment:

A. Assessments by the General Conference:	Ratio.	Amount
Missions.....	34314	\$16,505
Negro Work.....	03922	1,886
Church Extension.....	08587	4,126
Christian Education.....	17157	8,252
Theological Schools.....	03922	1,866
Superannuates.....	08578	4,126
Bishops' Fund.....	09804	4,716
American Bible Society.....	02451	1,179
General Conference Exp.....	02206	1,061
Federal Council.....	00490	236
Temperance & Social Service.....	01225	589
Lay Activities.....	02941	1,415
Hospitals.....	02451	1,179
Mt. Sequoyah.....	01961	943
Total.....		\$48,099

B. Assessments by the Annual Conference:

	Ratio	Amount
Church Extension.....	0493	\$ 2,480
Christian Education.....	2927	14,736
Conference Missions.....	1589	8,000
Arkansas Methodist.....	1061	5,351
Conference Claims.....	2875	14,477
Conference Expense.....	0211	1,061
Orphanage.....	0572	2,880
Lay Activities.....	0270	1,860
Total.....		\$50,345

We urge, in fact insist, that all Boards shall present their askings to the Commission on Budget, in writing and setting forth in detail the items making up their budget.—J. Frank Simmons, Chairman; O. E. Holmes, Secretary.

## REPORT OF TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

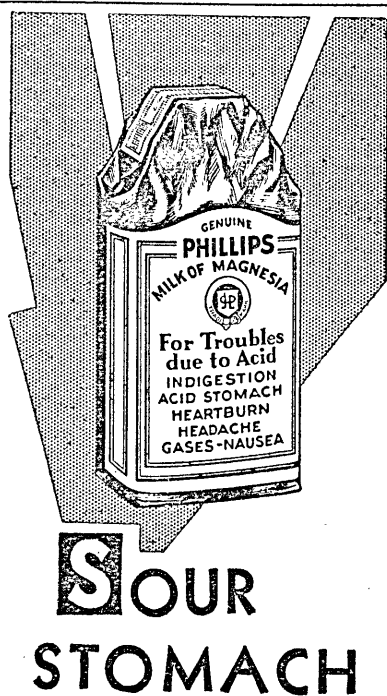
Fiscal Year, Dec. 1, 1930-Dec. 1, 1931.

Receipts.	
Bal. from S. S. Board (Exhibit A).....	\$ 129.16
Bal. from Epworth League Board (Dr. Shull).....	543.32
Bal. from Board of Education (Exhibit B).....	3,668.11
Total turned over to new Board.....	\$ 4,340.59
Sunday School Day Offering.....	4,618.15
C. E. Hayes—Conference Claims.....	8,089.89
Student Loans Repaid.....	25.00
Board of Missions (Extension Fund).....	285.00
Young People's Organization (Extension Fund).....	371.64

Our Share Fourth Sunday Offerings (Extension Fund)	2,662.79
Other Sources	223.97
W. B. Worthen, Notes Payable	2,500.00
Total	\$23,121.53
Liabilities (at beginning of year.)	
Balance on Loan from Clem Baker	\$ 480.64
Disbursements.	
Printing	141.34
Telegraph & Telephone	159.55
Stamps	185.44
Office Expense	166.00
Lamar & Whitmore	260.17
Salaries, Baker	3,400.00
Salaries, Stenographer	1,020.00
Rent, Office	768.00
Rent, Parsonage	600.00
General Council Exp.	81.10
Mt. Sequoyah	83.90
Conf. Board Expense	124.85
Traveling Expense, (Baker)	634.81
Elementary Div. Exp.	179.93
Conf. Dist. Officers & Tr. School Exp.	1,699.57
Expense of College Program	247.66
Interest Paid	141.93
Young People's Promotion	91.00
Student Ministerial Aid	1,114.00
Checks returned unpaid	22.50
Refund to Conf. Treas. on acct. bank failures	38.25
Display Cards at Conf. Hendrix-Galloway	24.50
College	4,520.16
W. B. Worthen, Notes Payable	2,500.00
Paid on note to Clem Baker	300.00
Extension Program Salary.	
Baugh	\$2,700.00
Parsonage rent, Baugh	600.00
Traveling Expense	647.94
Council at Sequoyah	73.60
Printing, postage, maps, etc.	301.67
Lit. for Missionary School	17.10
Balance on hand	4340.31
Liabilities.	22,845.01
Balance on note to Clem Baker	\$ 276.52
	\$180.54
—A. B. Simmons, Treasurer.	

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## REPORTS OF PRESIDING ELDERS

### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

J. W. Mann, P. E.

We have eighteen charges in the District; 17 parsonages; 60 organized Churches; 46 Sunday Schools, and 20 Epworth Leagues.

In the Young People's work of the Epworth Leagues, the District is divided into two groups meeting monthly with helpful and educational programs. We have one Circuit Epworth League Union, the only one in Southern Methodism.

The Woman's Missionary Society is organized in all our stations, and a few of the rural churches. They are doing a monumental work, and on this group of women depends much of the future progress of the District.

We have received on profession of faith, 187; by certificate, 298. Some of the charges will show considerable increase in membership, while others will show a decrease. The decrease is due largely to the revising of the roll.

The salaries are 77 per cent plus, Conference Claims 52 per cent plus, and Kingdom Extension paid \$1,165. Sunday School Day offering is not quite 100 per cent—a few of the charges did not observe the day.

The four years of service in the District have been very pleasant. The people have been kind and considerate. The pastors have been brotherly and loyal, and my association with them has been of the most intimate character. The four years have been void of dissension and disturbance, and confidence and trust have been of the highest. This year has been the hardest and most discouraging, but faith and confidence have been the spirit of preachers and people.

### CAMDEN DISTRICT.

J. J. Stowe, P. E.

The work of my new District in Tennessee constrained me to leave Arkansas before final reports were in from the Camden District, so I can report only in general terms. The Sunday School cause has made some headway this year, showing however some decline in finances. Training Schools and Cokesbury Schools have been well attended with many taking credits. The Epworth Leagues have done well. Following the plan adopted three years ago the young people held monthly group meetings with stimulating results. The work of the Woman's Missionary Society has been encouraging, some Auxiliaries passing previous years even in finances. Many good meetings and a few real revivals have been held, the record of the Buena Vista Charge, Rev. Van Harrell, pastor, is especially good.

The report on salaries and Conference claims will be by all odds the worst I have ever made as presiding elder. The same will, I fear, be true of the other Districts; and yet these reduced returns represent a larger liberality and a greater effort on the part of the pastors and the best of their people than the fine reports of other years. The pastors of the Camden District have worked faithfully and some of them have endured hardships as good soldiers of Jesus Christ. For the faith and courage of these men I have only words of commendation. Some of the laymen are worthy of the same praise.

Two of our number will ask for the superannuate relation. Bro. B. F. Scott has grown old in the service,

and leaves a record any man might envy for purity of character, unselfishness of spirit, and devotion to the cause of the Kingdom. Bro. J. D. Rogers must also retire from the active ranks, to return some day, we hope, with restored health. A man of unusual qualities, combining gentleness with strength and patience, with power. Where these two have labored the people have trusted and loved them, their influence will abide, their example still inspire, for "they also serve who only stand and wait."

Pardon a few personal words. I am grateful for friendships formed and the fellowship enjoyed in Arkansas. The deep and tender sympathy extended to us in our sorrow we can never forget. May God guide and bless the Little Rock Conference!

### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT.

J. A. Henderson, P. E.

We have had a gracious year on the Little Rock District. Our preachers and their families have been blessed with good health. We have had some great revivals. Most of our preachers conducted their own meetings. We have received more than 1,200 members into the Church, more than half of this number were on profession of faith. The preachers are men of God and blameless in life and character.

I feel that I should mention the survey made by our Extension Secretary, Rev. S. T. Baugh. It reveals the following facts: Eleven circuits report 49 active churches, and 6 abandoned churches. Two of these abandoned churches have been reopened since the survey. In these 49 active churches we have 43 Sunday Schools with an enrollment of 3,032 pupils. There are 24 Epworth Leagues and 717 members. The women are organized in 16 of these churches. Our country churches are taking on new life. Surely there is a new day for the country church.

Our finances are in fine condition. Every charge in the District paid their general claims in full. Some of the charges failed to pay their asking on the Kingdom Extension. We have paid some old church and parsonage debts. Have improved some churches and parsonages. We built one new church at Hickory Plains. It is modern and has three rooms and is well equipped for Sunday School work.

The work of lay activities under the leadership of our District Leader, J. S. M. Cannon, has been a success. Our charge leaders have done an excellent work. These men have done great service for the extension of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Our Epworth Leagues have been doing good work, but most of our Leagues have organized into the Young People's Department. Our young people are delighted in their new field of work. I must say our young people of the Little Rock District are worth while and are doing a great work.

Our women, led by Mrs. W. O. Clark, our District Secretary, are doing a great work. We cannot say too much for the work of our good women. They are interested in every movement that is for the on-going of the Kingdom of our Lord.

Our Sunday School work is in excellent condition. Every Sunday School has sent in a Fourth Sunday offering for Missions. All our Sunday Schools have paid their Sunday School Day askings, plus. Every charge is out, plus. 28th Street

stands at the head. We have as fine lay men and women and young people in the Little Rock District as can be found in our Church.

### MONTICELLO DISTRICT.

J. L. Dedman, P. E.

It is with a sense of joy tinged with some regret that we make the report of the Monticello District. Our regret is caused by reason of the fact that we have not reached all of our goals, but we rejoice in the triumphs that have attended the efforts of the faithful pastors and laymen throughout the District.

Evangelism has been the keynote in every charge and that accounts for the many additions to the church. Never have I seen or experienced greater interest in revivals and church attendance.

We have organized and promoted for the training and development of the new additions and the edification of the entire church constituency. Excellent work has been done by the Young People's Division and the W. M. S. We are the pioneers of a District-wide movement of assemblies for the intermediate age group. The W. M. S.'s have done their characteristic effectual work. Among many other fine things they have done is the improvement they have made in the District parsonage. The fact that the Conference Loving Cup is the trophy of our Watson Auxiliary is evidence of the activities of our women.

Our tasks and problems have not been unlike those of other Districts. We have had to address ourselves to the task of readjustment and simultaneously move on with the work of building the kingdom. Heroism has characterized our pastors and laymen. They have worked with zeal and anxiety; they have been sane and patient, for which I thank God. We believe we have laid well the foundation for the years that are ahead.

### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT.

James Thomas, P. E.

The year closing has been an interesting one—I think the happiest of my whole ministry. The brethren in the District have co-operated with me and we have tried our best to give a good account. The experience of this year calls for constant expressions of gratitude and thanksgiving. The most wonderful harvest that my District has ever known has been given to us this year.

The amount paid on Kingdom Extension to the Treasurer by this District is \$2,205.85. The Conference Claims amount to approximately 60 to 70 per cent. The Sunday School Day Offering is practically 100 per cent.

I am under renewed obligations to Rev. Clem Baker, Executive Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, and to Rev. S. T. Baugh, our Rural Extension Secretary. Brother Baugh's work in the rural sections of the Pine Bluff District has had a wonderful effect and our people are planning to improve and beautify the rural churches so much in need in our District.

We have received into the District on profession, vows and certificate 579 members, which, after subtracting the loss, leaves us a net gain of 347 members.

The Woman's Missionary Society has functioned in the most marvellous way under the leadership of our District Secretary, Mrs. V. D. Webb.

The Young People's Work has been

led by Miss Mary Turner, District Secretary. We have 24 active Senior and Young People's organizations in the District, 10 organized since June under the new plan recommended by the General Board. Three chapters have been organized and chartered since the Assembly at Conway; \$350 has been pledged so far, the best report we have ever had. The District has three Young People's Unions and the attendance at these Unions averages from 80 to 100 per cent present.

The friendships formed in this great District, the contacts made and the fellowship of my brethren of the ministry have all been helpful and delightful. I shall never forget the year 1931.

#### PRESCOTT DISTRICT.

J. M. Hamilton, P. E.

According to the reports rendered me, there have been 400 additions to the Church and a little more than 200 conversions.

The preachers have been faithful and loyal. They have stood to their work. Not much has been done in the way of building or improving our church property. Many abandoned churches have been reinstated. We have now approximately seventy established churches in the District.

Our rural work has made wonderful progress. The work of Rev. S. T. Baugh, Rural Extension Secretary, has had and will have in the future great success. In my judgment, we have no greater field than the one in which he is laboring.

We have at this time fifty Sunday Schools, with five thousand pupils, twenty-six Epworth Leagues with 698 members, and 15 Missionary Societies with 642 members.

We report about 70 per cent of the preachers' salaries paid and 40 per cent paid on the Benevolences.

I have never seen greater loyalty and harder work on the part of our people and the preachers toward our Church.

#### TEXARKANA DISTRICT.

W. C. Watson, P. E.

This has been a year of hardship and of victory. Many of our pastors have had to sing the song of the shirt, count the pennies and scrape the bottom of the barrel, but not one note of despair or discontent have we heard. Three of the pastors this year have received less than \$100 each for their year's work and four have received less than \$500 each for their work, but they have gone steadily on doing the best they could.

All the claims of the Church have been presented, not without results. The District has paid nearly \$2,000 on the Kingdom Extension offering, the Benevolences in most of the places are badly in arrears, but when we consider that within the last twenty-four months fifteen banks have closed within our territory and numbers of our leading people aside from the banks have gone into bankruptcy, I do not feel that we have done so badly. I have seen this fall strong men sit in the Quarterly Conference and weep because they could not do what they desired for the Church. When we think of these noble laymen and laywomen and some of the preachers on these charges, we thank God that the day of genuine heroism is not past.

In the early summer with all the pastors of the District we held a retreat at Locksburg where we spent the day in song, prayer and planning for our summer campaigns. We all

felt the Spirit's power and went down from that high place determined to do greater things for the Lord. Gracious revivals have been held in most of our charges resulting in several hundred conversions. Bro. J. D. Baker had 150 conversions this year under his own ministry, holding his own meeting in his church when room to accommodate his crowd was his only problem, and holding meetings all summer throughout all the rural territory in that section. Due very largely to his work, two new pastoral charges have been organized and will ask for pastors at this Conference. We are glad to report that every abandoned Methodist church within our territory has been reclaimed this year and regular services are being held in all of them.

Aside from the splendid work outside his own church that has been done by Brother Baker, we thank Bros. Buddin, A. C. Rogers, C. N. Smith, Fitzhugh, Lewis and Wilkinson for the splendid service rendered in evangelism outside their own charges. Bro. T. M. Armstrong has held all his own meetings within his own charge of six appointments and he has preached as few men can do until the fires came down leaving a blaze of glory throughout the whole charge.

We have licensed three young men to preach. One is in John Brown's School, another preaching in a suburban church in Texarkana on the Texas side and going to the Junior College and the other is at work hoping to be able to attend school later on.

We commend the splendid work in our rural territory by our own Rev. S. T. Baugh this year in making surveys and helping us discover much unused resources and if it can be followed up by him and the pastors, we believe it will increase our usefulness in the rural church many fold. Brother Clem Baker has not neglected us, but has given us a very fine school in early part of the year at First Church and has been active otherwise.

Very material improvement has been made on our District parsonage which was badly run down; new porch built, inside repapered throughout, outside nicely painted and some much needed furniture placed within and it is all paid for. Altogether, we are hopeful and happy and determined to "Forget the steps already trod" and to onward urge our way to nobler and higher undertakings.

#### REPORT NO. 1, CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Your Board of Missions wishes to report that the year has been full of anxieties and we are glad to say that we have had a measure of success. We have wrought well at home and abroad, yet we feel that the future is promising and our opportunities are still great.

With gratitude in our hearts for the blessings that have come to us at home and abroad, we enter into a new year feeling that many of the problems that now seem difficult will be solved.

First, we have read the report of our General Secretary, Dr. W. G. Cram, with much interest and hope that the Committee on Benevolences may be successful in raising the quota assigned to this Conference.

Second, we elect and request the Bishop to appoint Dr. James Thomas, Missionary Secretary of the Little Rock Conference for the ensuing year.

Third, we beg our Presiding Elders to hold Missionary Institutes provided for in the plan as early as possible in January.—W. C. Watson, President; James Thomas, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

We, the Board of Lay Activities, beg to report as follows:

**Stewardship.**—Realizing the great need of continued study of this most important topic, we recommend that the program of Stewardship Education be continued along the same lines as last year, and recommend September as the month of special emphasis upon the Christian doctrine of self-denial in the interest of the sacred causes of our Church as represented in the Benevolences and the Kingdom Extension Offering. We therefore recommend that we promote lay programs, the distribution of literature, Stewardship study in Pastors Schools and Adult Bible Classes, and in Standard Training Schools. That April and May of the remaining years of the quadrennium be designated for special Stewardship emphasis.

**Benevolences.**—We recommend a more intense effort on the part of our laymen looking to the full collection of these sacred funds, and urge every District, Charge and Circuit lay leader together with the respective Boards, to co-operate fully in securing pledges for the Benevolences and to labor zealously for the full collection of same. We are fully persuaded that an every-member canvass should be made for the Benevolences as soon after the adjournment of the Conference as possible, thus eliminating a possible conflict with the canvass for Kingdom Extension causes. We urge every layman to make it possible to attend the Missionary Institutes held in the interest of the Kingdom Extension cause, as well as urging them to take active part in securing pledges for same.

**Men's Work.**—We urge our pastors and lay leaders to study more closely the needs of spiritual culture and development among our men, and to co-operate in plans that will promote helpful activity on the part of all of our men of the Churches throughout the Conference to the end that we as a Church may harness this great man-power for the Kingdom of God, that plans for more fellowship among our men be worked out and made operative wherever possible, as well as planning study of those spiritual truths that will be helpful in our great work.

**Spiritual Life.**—We as laymen wish to assume our part in the program as set out by the Commission on Spiritual Life, and we call upon all the laymen of this Conference to deepen their own spiritual experience by prayer, Bible study, worship, service and such other activities in the work of the Kingdom as will best serve humanity and the Great Teacher who went about doing good, thus assisting them to acquire a greater spiritual experience as one of Christ's followers.

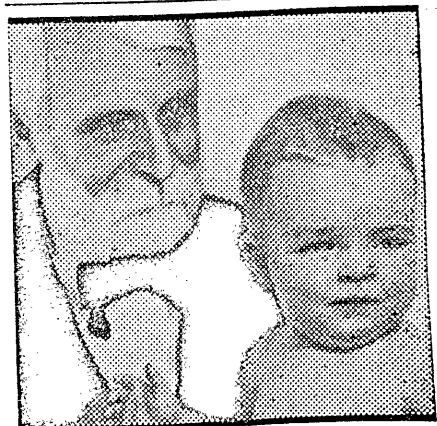
**Laymen's Day.**—We concur in the plan of the General Board for observance of Laymen's Day, using as the theme for 1932 "The Ideal Layman," and we request the Conference to designate the second Sunday in June for this observance, and we request the co-operation of the Presiding Elders with the District Lay Leaders in making this observance worth while to our entire Conference.

**Lay Speaking.**—Recognizing the importance of Lay speaking in promoting and carrying out the entire program of the Church, we recommend an intensive program of lay speaking throughout the entire Conference, and call attention to the various lay leaders, District, Charge and Circuit, as well as all pastors to the importance of this program for the promotion of all the general interests of the Kingdom, and we urge the use of lay speakers wherever and whenever same can be done to advance the interests of the Kingdom of God.

**Pastors' Salaries.**—We feel a deep interest in the matter of reducing salaries in the smaller town and city churches and in the Circuits, and as members of the great rank and file that are called upon to pay these items of expense, we wish to caution the Boards of Stewards against too drastic reductions in the salaries of pastors in the class of churches named. We are of the opinion that reduction might be made in overhead items rather than in salaries of pastors who are receiving compensation in the sum of less than \$3,000.00 or even of that amount.

**Methodist Layman.**—We recommend the Methodist Layman for the men of the Church, and particularly for Boards of Stewards, and we urge our pastors and lay leaders to put forth a greater effort to secure the widest circulation possible, setting as a goal "one copy to every Steward and Layman in the Conference."

**Delegate to the Missionary Council.**—Believing that the best interests of the Missionary cause and of the Kingdom as a whole can be served through a thorough knowledge of the Missionary plans and program, we recommend that this Conference elect some outstanding layman to the Mis-



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sionary Council as a delegate from the Board of Lay Activities to the end that our laymen may have a keener insight into this great program, and we nominate G. W. Pardee as such delegate, and ask that the Conference approve the selection.

**In Appreciation.**—We wish to record our appreciation and love and our esteem for all our Bishops, Presiding Elders and Pastors and we pledge to them our loyal support in all their labor for the Church.

**Conference Lay Leader.**—We nominate G. W. Pardee, of Little Rock, as Conference Lay Leader for the coming year and request that he be elected.

We nominate J. S. M. Cannon, of Little Rock, as a member of the Board of Managers of the Pastors' Summer School and request that he be elected.—G. W. Pardee, Chairman; J. S. M. Cannon, Secretary.

**Report of the Treasurer of the Conference Board of Lay Activities, December 1, 1931.**

**Receipts.**

On hand last report	\$ 320.09
Received from Conf. Treas.	1,094.00
Advanced by Conf. Treas.	
1931 Collections	27.62
Total	\$1,441.71

**Disbursements.**

Conference Board Expense, 1930	\$ 37.50
Treasurer's Bond	2.50
Office Supplies and Incidentals	73.03
Methodist Layman to Preachers and P. E.'s	76.00
District Work	25.00
Advanced Conference Lay Leader	721.00
Rent and Telephone	311.55
Balance on hand	195.13

\$1,441.71

—J. S. M. Cannon, Treas.

**ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE REPORT**

We, your Orphanage Board, submit the following report for your consideration:

We have read with care the report of Dr. James Thomas, superintendent of our Orphanage. We are glad to state that our people, generally, are supporting this Christ-like institution with much enthusiasm. Our preachers, without exception, are interested in and loyal to our Home.

We wish to give our hearty expression of confidence in and appreciation of the untiring efforts and efficient administration of Dr. James Thomas, our able superintendent. His report discloses the fact that the Orphanage is entirely out of debt,

and, at the end of the fiscal year, October 1, 1931, had a cash balance on hand of \$987.61. This showing is nothing short of marvelous, when we consider the financial crises through which we have passed this year.

Eleven of the children have been placed in what the Board of Trustees believes to be good homes, and one is now a student of Hendrix College. Seven children have been received into the home during the year. Up to the present time, our Board of Trustees has placed 513 children in good homes, and the records prove that they have made the minimum of mistakes.

A careful study of the report of the Superintendent further indicates that economy has been the keynote and they have curtailed expenses wherever possible and practicable.

We recommend the adoption of the following items: First, that we accept and approve the report of the Board of Trustees, as submitted by Dr. James Thomas, superintendent.

(This appeared in full in Reports of North Arkansas Conference.—Ed.)

Second, that our Conference accept an assessment of \$5,000 for the ensuing year for the Home. Third, that Sunday, December 20, 1931, be designated as Arkansas Methodist Orphanage Day and that all pastors, Sunday School superintendents, president of Woman's Missionary Societies, and other church leaders be urged to support this Christ-like movement and that the offering be sent to Dr. James Thomas, Superintendent-Treasurer. In case of two-point charges and Circuits, we suggest that they begin early in December, in order that every congregation may be given an opportunity to share in this most helpful enterprise.

Fourth, that we extend to "Mother Steed," the Matron, our heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation of the wonderful work she has done and is now doing.

Fifth, that we express our love for and our appreciation of the services of Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, pastor of our Home for Orphans.—John C. Glenn, Chairman; C. R. Roy, Secretary.

**REPORT OF RURAL CHURCH COMMISSION TO THE LITTLE ROCK ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

We, your Commission on the Rural Church Work, have interpreted our task to be the promotion of all phases of our Rural Church Work, including evangelism, cultivation, extension and conservation.

We have co-operated with your Conference Commission on Evangelism in promoting a Conference-wide Rural Church evangelistic campaign. In doing this we selected a director for each District and assisted such directors in holding District set-up meetings, at which time plans were made in each District for holding revival meetings in all country churches, using volunteer service. The result of this evangelistic campaign have been gratifying. We call special attention to the circuit-wide evangelistic campaign held on the Pine Bluff Circuit, during which time eight revival meetings were held simultaneously; to a central meeting on the Austin Circuit, all churches co-operating; to some fine meetings in the Texarkana District.

We have felt that any constructive program of rural church work should be based upon a knowledge of the

actual conditions and needs of our rural churches. Hence we have attempted this year to make a careful survey of just as many churches as we could reach. In this phase of our work we have used Rev. S. T. Baugh, our Conference Extension Secretary.

In order that each District might have more careful supervision, we have organized District Rural Church Commissions to co-operate with your Conference Commission. In no case have we undertaken work in Districts except under the supervision of the District Commission. Your Commission held a meeting November 16, 1931, at which time we heard the annual report of your Extension Secretary, and give you herewith a summary of his accomplishments.

He has worked principally in five Districts. They are the Pine Bluff, Arkadelphia, Little Rock, Prescott and Texarkana. He has visited 56 Circuits, 283 active churches and 80 abandoned churches. He has represented your Commission in 40 Quarterly Conferences this year. He reports 58 churches in this territory with no Sunday School; 188 churches where the young people are not organized; 223 churches where the women are not organized; 197 churches needing repairs and 229 churches needing repainting. He has located 80 abandoned churches within these five Districts. Of this number something like 30 churches have been reopened this year with regular preaching services, and Sunday Schools organized in some of them. He has traveled 24,000 miles this year trying to encourage and help our country people.

In addition to this field work, your Extension Secretary has compiled a report of every Circuit visited, with the result that we now have on file a complete description of 350 country churches, including picture of each, and a map of the Circuit, together with recommendations as to what steps should be taken in regard to each of these churches. Upon this information we feel that our Conference is now ready to make intelligent plans for conserving our rural territory. We doubt that there is any other Conference in Southern Methodism possessing such valuable information as is now in the hands of your Rural Church Commission.

Your Commission believes that our Pastors' School offers a priceless opportunity for helping our rural pastors. We have therefore insisted that strong courses in rural church work be put in the Pastors' School program and have assisted in making it possible for all rural pastors to attend who would avail themselves of this privilege.

Our country people are discouraged. Our first task must be to bring them to see the importance of the country church and its contribution to the building of the Kingdom. The glory of Methodism has been and still should be in her ministry to our rural population.

The position of the rural preacher must be magnified. Heroism is not dead. When our people, from bishop down to the humblest member, come to think, speak and act as though they actually believe it is just as honorable and just as much a mark of success to be sent to a country circuit as it is to be appointed to a station, we believe that our best qualified men will be found accepting the opportunity to work in the country. A few of our best equipped

young men are already showing the way.

We must again take for our goal the old Wesleyan motto: "The World is My Parish." Instead of serving charges, we must conquer areas. Instead of ministering to a given number of church members, we must seek to reach the last man, woman and child for whom we are responsible. Instead of counting in dollars and cents the loss or gain that may come from serving some neglected country church, we must think in terms of immortal souls that may be lost or won to the Kingdom of God. To this end we recommend:

First, that our Presiding Elders regard their appointments not to so many charges, but to a geographical area with the avowed purpose of seeing that not one soul within that territory is left without a shepherd.

Second, that immediately after Conference the Presiding Elder assign to some pastoral oversight all churches and communities where we have a responsibility, and not already provided for, so that there shall be left not one acre of "No Man's Land" within any District.

We believe that in the last analysis our rural church work depends upon our rural pastors. We therefore recommend:

2. That the utmost care be given in the selection of a pastor for each rural charge.

2. That long term rural pastorates be encouraged among both people and preachers.

3. That our people be led to a more adequate support of our rural pastors.

4. That provision be made for all rural pastors to attend the Pastors' School.

5. That Rural Pastors' Institutes be held in each District.

Since the principal source of financial support of your Rural Church program, including the salary and traveling expenses of your Extension Secretary, is the fourth Sunday missionary offering from the Sunday Schools and Epworth Leagues, we recommend that more careful attention be given to this offering in all our churches.

We recommend, further, that this Rural Church Commission be continued throughout this quadrennium. That we ask the Board of Christian Education to nominate, and Bishop Dobbs to appoint, Rev. S. T. Baugh Extension Secretary for another year. That our survey of rural church conditions be continued until all rural churches in the Conference have been reached. That this Commission be authorized to call together a group of rural pastors for the purpose of preparing a Rural Church Program of work to be submitted to all Districts in the Conference for the guidance of rural pastors. That our town and city churches be asked to give an evening service for the presentation of an illustrated lecture on the condition and needs of our rural churches in Arkansas. That steps be taken as speedily as possible for conserving the results of our survey through the holding of rural church Institutes, Cokesbury Schools, organizing the women and young people, improving physical property, beautifying church grounds and other ways as opportunity may afford.

Finally, we wish to record our conviction that all signs point to a new day in our rural church work in Arkansas, and not the least among the encouraging signs is the fact that our Bishop and Presiding Elders

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have appointed this Commission and are giving this subject much of their valuable time.—James Thomas, Chairman; Clem Baker, Secretary.

#### RURAL CHURCH COMMISSION REPORT No. 2.

In accordance with your action yesterday we nominate the following to meet with Rural Church Commission in the preparation of Pastors' program for Rural Church work.: J. G. Gieck, L. T. Rogers, A. E. Jacobs, W. T. Bone, M. E. Scott, Earl Lewis, J. R. Dickerson.—James Thomas, Chairman; Clem Baker, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GROUP INSURANCE.

We, your Committee on Group Insurance, beg leave to submit the following report:

During the session of our Annual Conference, which met in Pine Bluff, November 12-16, 1930, a resolution was formally passed requesting and authorizing our Bishop, Hoyt M. Dobbs, to appoint a committee of five with power to act at its discretion and co-operate with similar committees of other Conferences for the purpose of forming a Connectional Group System for the benefit of the entire body of the ministry of the church, it being understood that this group insurance system was to be operated by the Methodist Benevolent Association on its plans and system, as outlined in its "Ideal Group Plan."

The committee, as appointed by the Bishop, met immediately following our Conference for organization and the consideration of the group plan, as outlined by the Methodist Benevolent Association.

Due to the inability of the Association to induce a sufficient number of the Annual Conferences to co-operate, the group system which they proposed was dropped and their proposal to our Conference was withdrawn. But your committee considered other possible plans for group contract with the Central States Life Insurance Co., which took over the assets and liabilities of the Old Home Life Insurance Company of Little Rock. We were compelled to discontinue this group insurance contract with the Central States Life at the end of the six months' period, which ended November 11, 1931. Several of the members of the group were unable to pay their premiums, and a still larger number of our younger pastors did not enter into the group at the beginning.

We have closed up the matter and have made adjustments with all pastors whose premium payments covered one year. There is no outstanding indebtedness, so far as a Group Plan for 1930-31 is concerned.

In view of the inability of the Methodist Benevolent Association to take over our group, and in view of the discontinuance of our Group Insurance with the Central States Life, we, your committee, make the following recommendations:

1. That a Conference Benevolent Association be organized, to be known as the Little Rock Annual Conference Widows' and Orphans' Benevolence Fund, the details and plans for such organization to be presented and acted upon early during our present Conference session.

2. And that the Board of Managers for this Association be nominated by our Conference Board of Finance and elected by the Annual Conference, the details of which shall be presented by a group that has been

studying the problem for some time.

We request the Bishop and the Conference to accept this as our final report and beg to be discharged, there being no further work to be done.—John C. Glenn, Chairman; Clem Baker, Treasurer; John H. Glass, Secretary; C. J. Greene, Fred G. Roebuck.

#### CONFERENCE BOARD OF FI- NANCE REPORT No. 1.

We, your Conference Board of Finance, beg to submit the following report:

In view of the inability of the Methodist Benevolent Association to secure contracts with a sufficient number of Conferences to take over our group, and in view of the discontinuance of our group plan with the Central States Life, and realizing the need of some protection for our preachers and their families, a plan has been formulated, to be known as the Little Rock Annual Conference Orphans' and Widows' Benefit. This plan proposes not only to include the preachers and their families, but the layman as well. We have given the plan careful thought and due consideration.

We, therefore,

1. Recommend the organization and adoption of the Little Rock Annual Conference Orphans' and Widows' Benefit, as subsequently outlined in a separate report.

2. We nominate as members of the Board of Managers and recommend the election of the following: James Thomas, John C. Glenn, John A. Henderson, C. E. Hayes, and Leland Clegg, the first three named constituting the executive committee of the Board of Managers.

3. In addition to the afore named, we recommend that the Presiding Elders of the several Districts in our Conference be ex-officio members of the Board of Managers.

4. That our preachers and laymen co-operate wholeheartedly in the inauguration of this movement, which will be a godsend to many of our preachers and their families and afford needed protection for many of our brethren.—John C. Glenn, Chairman; Neill Hart, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF CONFERENCE DI- RECTOR OF SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT.

As your Conference director of Superannuate Endowment, I beg leave to submit the following report:

Due to the fact that the General Commission on Benevolences has requested the secretaries of the various Boards to take not more than five minutes this year, representing their work at the several Annual Conferences, in order to give the representatives of the Commission ample time to represent the Benevolences, the General Board of Finance is not sending a special representative to our Conference this year. Hence, this report touching the work of the Board of Finance in St. Louis, in general and our Annual Conference in particular, as regards the special effort for Superannuate Endowment.

The total amount paid this year by the General Board of Finance for the support of the Claimants of Southern Methodism is \$312,806.16. Surely this proves the value of Superannuate Endowment, and it is a wonderful testimony to the fidelity of those pastors whose loyal support has placed \$6,150,000 as a permanent endowment fund in the hands of the Board. Just think what deprivations the claimants would suffer this

winter without the benefit of the \$312,806.16. If the pastors of our great Church had done nothing toward raising this endowment, the Board would be paying practically nothing to the claimants this year.

That you may know the growth of the Little Rock Annual Conference Superannuate Endowment Fund that is being handled by the Board of Finance, I quote from the official communication of Dr. Luther E. Todd, our general secretary to the Conference Board of Finance, of which I am chairman: "The Little Rock Conference fund, as of March 31, 1931, aggregated \$56,553.05. The income therefrom for the fiscal year, ending March 31, 1931, totalled \$3,064.98."

The standing of the Little Rock Annual Conference on special effort quota payments is most gratifying. We stand sixteen in the line of Conferences of Southern Methodism, which means that we are in a group representing the high standing on quota payments. The original quota assumed by our Conference was \$245,938.20. Of this amount, \$107,396.09 had been paid, as of March 31, 1931.

We earnestly pray for your continued support and co-operation as we endeavor to lead our Conference in this worthy movement.—John C. Glenn, Conference Director.

#### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BENEFIT FUND.

1. This organization shall be known as the Little Rock Conference Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund, and shall be under the control of a Board of Managers consisting of five (5) members who shall be elected annually by this Conference on nomination of the Board of Finance; provided that each Presiding Elder in the Conference shall be an ex-officio member of the Board of Managers, the Board of Managers for the ensuing year to be composed of the following named persons: Dr. James Thomas, President; Rev. John C. Glenn, Vice-President; Rev. J. A. Henderson, Rev. Leland Clegg, and C. E. Hayes. Only male members of the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, including the itinerant preachers are eligible for membership in the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund, Provided, however, that the members of any preacher's family 15 years of age or over, shall be eligible for membership therein.

2. The officers of said organization shall be a President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by the Board of Managers, provided, the Secretary-Treasurer shall not be a member of the Board of Managers. The President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer shall constitute the Executive Committee, who shall have general supervision of the organization in conformity with the rules and regulations governing same.

3. To become a member of the Widows' and Orphans' Benefit Fund, an initial payment of \$3.75 shall be made and no further payments shall be required until an assessment is made to cover a death benefit.

4. When a member of the organization for any reason ceases to be a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in the Little Rock Conference, or transfers his membership from the Little Rock Conference, he shall forfeit all rights in the Fund, and in case of his death his benefi-

ciary shall have no recourse against said Fund.

5. Whenever a death occurs among the members of the Fund in good standing, the Secretary-Treasurer shall immediately pay the beneficiary of the deceased member, as shown in the application, a sum equal to \$1.00 for each member in good standing at the time of said death; and the Secretary-Treasurer shall immediately levy an assessment against each member of \$1.25 to cover said benefit and the expenses of handling same.

6. It shall be the purpose to keep in reserve at all times sufficient funds with which to pay three death benefits. After the membership has passed 1,000 the benefits in each case shall be not to exceed \$1,000.00. When the surplus has accumulated to the amount of \$4,000.00 an assessment may be omitted by order of the Board of Managers and the Executive Committee.

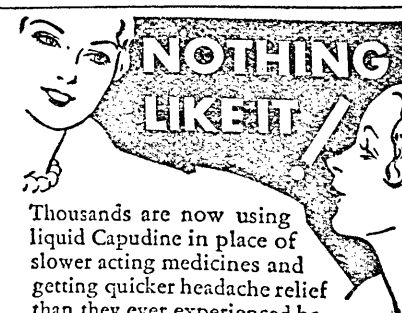
7. After a member shall become delinquent in the payment of three (3) assessments, he shall be dropped from membership but may be reinstated by paying all back assessments and furnishing a certificate of good health satisfactory to the Executive Committee.

8. No age limit shall be prescribed, but the applicant must sign the application in person, and must make affidavit that he is in good health at the time of making same; provided, that this restriction shall not apply to preachers formerly insured under the contract providing for group insurance.

9. The Secretary-Treasurer of the Fund shall keep a complete record of all members in good standing, also of receipts and disbursements, and shall make a report on the first of each month to the Executive Committee and the Board of Managers of said Fund. The Secretary-Treasurer shall give bond with a Surety Company in such sum as may from time to time be determined by the Board of Managers of said Fund, the premium to be paid from the expense fund.

10. These regulations may be amended by resolution offered by a member of the Board or by a member of the Fund, one month's notice of such resolution to be given at a regular meeting of the Board of Managers before such vote can be had, and may be adopted by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting.

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## REPORT NO. 2 OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF FINANCE

The General Conference of 1930 authorized the continuation of the Superannuate Endowment movement through the quadrennium of 1930-34 and that our Board of Finance in St. Louis be charged with the direction of this continued effort, looking to the completion of the special effort during this period.

This continuation of effort will be similar to what the movement has been previously; that is, without exacting from the church such attention as will disrupt her regular program. It is expected, however, that every church, having an unpaid quota balance, will make a real effort to pay its adjusted quota.

It was further provided that the Presiding Elders, during the Conference year of 1930-31, should have the Quarterly Conferences adjust the unpaid quota balances of all charges and send reports on all adjustments to the General Board of Finance in St. Louis. We are glad to report that this work in our Conference, according to a report of our Conference Director, Rev. John C. Glenn, has made commendable progress and indicates that our Conference will have a 100% record on quota adjustments by the end of May, 1932. But for the economic distress, doubtless all adjustments would have been made by the close of this Conference year.

Bearing in mind these facts, we recommend:

1. That the Little Rock Annual Conference designate "May" as "Superannuate Endowment Month" and that the Presiding Elders and pastors keep this month inviolate for the purpose of raising the Superannuate Endowment Fund.

2. That we respectfully ask our Presiding Elders to provide in the programs of their respective District Conferences an opportunity for the Conference Director of Superannuate Endowment to speak in behalf of this worthy cause.

3. That we also request the Presiding Elders and pastors to complete the adjustment of Quota Balances throughout the Conference on or before May 1, 1932.

4. That, upon recommendation of and nomination by the General Board of Finance, we request our Presiding Bishop to re-appoint Rev. John C. Glenn as Conference Director for 1931-32, who shall serve in connection with his regular appointment.

5. That the changes in charge and District boundary lines made by the Bishop and his Cabinet, be published in our Conference Minutes or else reported to the General Board of Finance by the Secretary of the Cabinet.—John C. Glenn, Chairman; W. Neill Hart, Secretary.

## REPORT OF THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, 1930-1931.

The corporation known as the Board of Trustees of the Little Rock Conference hands you the following report of the affairs for the year ending December 1, 1931.

We have been able to pay our an-

nuity money this year. Last year, we reported subscriptions and notes which we considered good. Circumstances have changed and we deduct the amounts that are now seemingly worthless.

We wish to express our appreciation of the brethren who keep us in mind.

We are attaching hereto the constitution and pray that it may be published with this report.—J. A. Henderson, Chairman; James Thomas, Secretary-Treasurer.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

#### Income.

Amount of cash for administration in the hands of the Secretary, General Board of Finance, Dr. L. E. Todd, St. Louis, Mo.,	\$2,084.00
Amount considered solvent in good subscriptions,	2,000.00
Amount of cash received this year—	
Mrs. Lotta Pierce, Annuity	\$100.00
Mrs. V. E. Sander-son, cash	28.00
Amount of cash on hand last year	1,852.00
Amount of interest earned this year	298.00
Total	\$6,362.00

#### Expenditures

Annuity interest paid	\$ 225.50
Amount of interest paid to R. E. Simpson, Treas., Little Rock Conf. Board of Finance	72.50
Total	\$ 298.00
Amount remaining of total assets in subscriptions,	\$6,064.00
—James Thomas, Treas.	

## REPORT OF THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE COMMISSION ON BENEVOLENCES

Dear Brethren: Your Conference Commission on Benevolences this year has held three meetings. Plans were made early for promoting both Kingdom Extension and Benevolences. On account of the extraordinary financial conditions, we cannot as yet know fully the results of our activities; but we believe that pastors and church officials, with few exceptions, have made an honest effort, and, although collections will be less than last year, they will be considerably above the average of the whole Church.

For 1929-30 the decrease throughout the Church reduced contributions from some 65% to approximately 53%. Judging from current reports, contributions of the whole Church will be considerably less than last year. This indicates great loss on all Benevolences and should provoke us to even more faithful and practical endeavor to improve.

Your Commission earnestly entreats all our preachers and people to discover the true meaning of Cross-bearing and self-denial and to put forth sacrificial efforts next year to redeem our financial record. God has been good and has blessed us with phenomenal harvests and we are under the deepest obligation to make an honest return to Him. Hard conditions test faith and challenge to supreme activity. Despite temporary difficulties we are, by comparison with other nations, an opulent people. If we would practice real self-denial, Kingdom causes need not suffer. We, therefore, earnestly urge our people so to plan, pray, work, and give that the coming year may be our best, both spiritually and financially.

Co-operating with our General Commission on Benevolences, we suggest that in District Stewards' Meetings emphasis be given to the importance of an early every-member campaign to secure pledges for the full amount of apportionments.

At the District Kingdom Extension Institutes stress should be laid on Kingdom Extension Offerings. These Institutes will be visited by a member of the Commission and also by a representative of the General Commission. The following dates are set for Stewards' Meetings and Institutes:

#### District Stewards' Meetings

Arkadelphia District, at Malvern, Dec. 22, at 10:00 a. m.

Camden District, at Camden, Dec. 22, at 10:00 a. m.

Little Rock District, at First Church, Dec. 18, at 10 a. m.

Monticello District, at Monticello, Dec. 20, at 2:00 p. m.

Pine Bluff District, at First Church, Dec. 20, at 2:00 p. m.

Prescott District, at Nashville, Dec. 20, at 2:00 p. m.

Texarkana District, at First Church, Dec. 20, at 10:00 a. m.

#### Kingdom Extension Institutes

Arkadelphia District, at Malvern, Jan. 11, at 10:00 a. m.

Camden District, at Camden, Jan. 12, at 10:00 a. m.

Little Rock District, at First Church, Jan. 13, at 10:00 a. m.

Monticello District, at Dermott, Jan. 14, at 10:00 a. m.

Pine Bluff District, at First Church, Pine Bluff, Jan. 15, at 10:00 a. m.

Prescott District, at Prescott, Jan. 18, at 10:00 a. m.

Texarkana District, at First Church, Texarkana, Jan. 19, at 10:00 a. m.

Excellent literature has been prepared by the General Commission for cultivation purposes. There will be a study book for the January-February period. Samples of all literature will be sent out for Stewards' Meetings and Institutes. Previously this literature has been supplied only on orders, but this year it will be sent direct to pastors without orders, but this will not be done with the Study Book, which will be shipped only on orders from pastors. The first delivery will be two weeks after Conference adjournment, and the second early in January. Pastors are requested to be ready for the literature and to use it wisely.

Your Commission on Benevolences recommends:

1. That, in view of the urgent appeal, approved by our Bishops, for a Freewill Offering, Nov. 29 or Dec. 6, to which an immediate response was impossible on account of our Conference session, we urge pastors and people to keep this appeal in mind when considering the claims of Kingdom Extension so that offerings to meet the crisis may be more prompt and liberal.

2. That the co-operation of the Board of Lay Activities be accepted and lay leaders be urged to effectuate the plans of the Conference in presenting these financial interests.

3. That the attention of pastors and Official Boards be directed to the law in the Discipline requiring that when collections are budgeted the distribution should be prorated and money collected for Benevolences should not be used for any other purpose.

4. That an Executive Committee of the Commission on Benevolences be constituted and that it shall con-

sist of the Conference Executive Chairman, the Secretary-Treasurer, and three others so selected by the Executive Chairman as to require a minimum of time and expense in attending meetings, and the committee shall meet quarterly on the call of the chairman.

5. That pastors be requested to report quarterly to their Presiding Elders the amounts pledged and paid on both Benevolences and Kingdom Extension, and the Presiding Elders be requested to report the same in tabular form quarterly to the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Conference President; A. C. Millar, Conference Executive Chm.; G. W. Pardee, Secretary.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE.

We submit for your consideration, the following report touching the interests of our Christian literature.

We note with pleasure the ever increasing value and practical application of Church School publications. While communications in our hands disclose a slight decrease in the number of periodicals sent out there is no occasion for discouragement. We note with appreciation the high type of character of our General Organ the Christian Advocate, and commend it to all our laymen as one of the best church publications in any land.

We also note the continued progress of the publishing department of our Publishing House and that the patronage of its book department on the part of our laymen is increasing.

From the Publishing House revenue for the current year has been set aside \$100,000.00 for distribution among our Conference claimants. For this we are much gratified.

We also commend the Missionary Voice and the Methodist Layman as a challenge to our spiritual growth and comprehension.

We have also had before us a report of the Arkansas Methodist Commission and from this report we note the hopeful outlook for the paper. The editor of our paper, Dr. A. C. Millar, is standing faithfully and sacrificially in his place and bearing the burden in a heroic way.

We find that there must be a more wholehearted response in support of our Conference Organ in the matter of securing arrears on subscriptions and new subscribers. Under provisions for operation the coming year it is hoped that our pastors and laymen will respond fully to the needs of the paper. We urge that special emphasis be given to this interest under the thirty and ninety-day proposition submitted to the pastors.

The subscription price has been reduced, until March 1, to \$1.50, on account of the decreased price of all commodities, and efforts should be diligently made to put on a subscription campaign during the fall and early winter. Consequently, responding to the request of the Arkansas Methodist Commission, we pledge ourselves to push the campaign for the Arkansas Methodist, and in order that it may be in the hands of our people throughout the year and that it may have the benefit of early collections while our people have some money, we ask all pastors who do not move to make their subscription canvass within thirty days after Conference adjourns and all other pastors to make their canvass within ninety days.

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We submit the following recommendations:

1. We approve the editorial work and management by the editor, Dr. A. C. Millar.

2. We recommend the appointment of the present Commissioners to succeed themselves.—W. W. Christie, Chairman; G. N. Cannon, Sec.

#### REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL BOARD.

It was a privilege to have with us Dr. C. C. Jarrell, General Secretary of our General Hospital Board and a source of satisfaction to hear his good report. Last year Barnes Hospital, St. Louis, completed a \$750,000 surgical building which has a \$400,000 endowment. Our hospital at Lexington, Ky., is erecting an unusually fine building to cost \$500,000 as a memorial to his mother by Mr. H. L. Ott. Duke University has opened its great medical center, combining the Medical College and Hospital, costing \$4,000,000 with a \$6,000,000 endowment. At Savannah, Ga., a hospital to be known as the Warren A. Candler Hospital has been acquired. Its value is \$400,000, and it is expected to become an important medical center. With limited means our General Board is promoting every worthy hospital enterprise, and could do vastly more if it had funds.

As our Golden Cross contributions go to the Tuberculosis Hospital and Sanatorium at Tucson, Ariz., we are especially gratified to learn of its progress and fine management. We regret that our contributions have been so meager, and urge our pastors to present the Golden Cross and undertake to create greater interest and secure larger funds. This collection interferes with no other and makes a strong appeal to a certain class of people. To prosecute our Golden Cross campaign we nominate for director O. L. Walker and suggest that the District directors give him hearty co-operation.

As our last General Conference approved a movement to establish a Connectional Sanatorium at Hot Springs, a city peculiarly suited to an enterprise of that kind, we are keeping that objective in mind and shall undertake to start a movement when conditions seem favorable.

As the next session of the Methodist Hospital Association is to meet next spring in Memphis, we have elected as our delegates to that Association Mrs. H. King Wade, J. D. Hammons, and A. C. Millar.—Respectfully submitted, A. C. Millar, Chairman; Mrs. H. King Wade, Secretary Pro Tem.

#### REPORT OF BIBLE BOARD.

The American Bible Society is a Missionary Institution for the distribution of the Word of God. It is carrying on its work in the United States, Latin America and in many islands of the sea. It has translated the Bible and parts of the Bible into 906 languages. It has distributed over twelve million volumes the past year. It is not a commercial institution. There is no purpose of financial gain in all its activities. Bibles are now sold for as little as forty-five cents; New Testaments for a nickel, and portions of the Scriptures for one cent each, and donations are made to individuals, institutions and organizations not able to buy. It receives contributions to carry on its work from at least forty denominations.

The Depository in Little Rock, sponsored by the Southwestern Agency, Dallas, Texas, with Rev. D. H. Colquette as agent, has proved a real factor in Bible distribution. This year, to date, over 45,000 volumes have been distributed; around 25,000 volumes have been given to drouth sufferers on the bread line. The distribution will reach 50,000 volumes this year. While people in better circumstances have not been neglected, Brother Colquette has put special emphasis on supplying the needs of the less fortunate in our commonwealth. The unfortunate and needy have been supplied without money and without price, which is a real missionary work.

The calls for donations this year are very heavy. The law, in our state, requiring Bible-reading in all tax-supported schools has created a big demand from homes for Bibles. Many volumes of embossed Scriptures are being placed with the blind.

#### Recommendations.

1. That Rev. D. H. Colquette be appointed agent of the American Bible Society.

2. That this body endorse heartily the efforts of the Society to reach the people with God's Word.

3. That inasmuch as Sunday, December 6, Universal Bible Sunday, comes in this Conference session, some Sunday in December be set aside as Bible Sunday, and that the pastors of this Conference co-operate with Rev. D. H. Colquette in calling attention of their congregations to the fact that the Bible is fundamental in all work and programs.

4. That this Conference co-operate with him in distributing the Bible among the peoples.—F. C. Cannon, Secretary.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF CHURCH EXTENSION

We, the Board of Church Extension, beg leave to submit the following report:

##### Donation Fund

On hand beginning of Conference	\$ 28.78
Received from Conference Treasurer during year	1,463.20
Total	\$1,491.98
Transferred from Loan temporary advance	414.60
Total available donation fund	\$1,906.58

We have made the following grants:

	Amount	Amount
Churches	Asked.	Granted.
Douglasville	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Mt. Ida	50.00	50.00
Pullman (Near DeQueen)	150.00	150.00
Lockesburg	287.50	287.50
Grand Avenue, Hot Springs	500.00	500.00
Totals	\$1,487.50	\$1,487.50

We have made the following loans:

	Amount	Amount
Churches	Asked.	Granted.
Douglasville	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00

##### Loan Fund Statement

On hand beginning of Conference	\$ 652.29
Received from rescinds, Fairview and Okolona	400.00
Transferred from donation Fund	62.31
Total	\$1,114.60
Transferred to donation fund as per resolution	414.60
Balance	\$ 700.00
Loan made as above	700.00
Balance	\$ 000.00

The following resolution was passed by the Board:

Resolved, that we request the Ex-

ecutive Committee of the General Board to transfer from the Loan Fund to the Donation Fund, the \$414.60 advanced to the Loan Fund temporarily with which to make a temporary loan in an emergency case.

The following is the financial statement of the Donation Fund after all grants have been considered:

Cash available	\$1,906.58
Donation grants made	\$1,487.50
Transferred to Loan Fund	62.31
Expense fund set aside for year	30.00
Balance in failed bank	110.90
Total deductions	\$1,690.71
Balance in donation Fund	215.87

We have recommended that the following grants be made by the General Board:

Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, donation acted on by Executive Committee	\$1,500.00
Lockesburg	287.50

All grants were made conditioned that no indebtedness should be outstanding against the property except the refunding Bonds and Mortgages held by the respective Boards.—F. P. Doak, Chairman; G. W. Pardee, Secretary.

#### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS, REPORT No. 2.

We beg leave to make Report No. 2, of the Board of Missions.

We recommend the appointment of the Rev. J. F. Taylor as Conference Missionary.

We beg leave to make the following appropriations for the incoming Conference year:

Arkadelphia District	\$625.00
Camden District	275.00
Little Rock District	600.00
Monticello District	585.00
Pine Bluff District	650.00
Prescott District	540.00
Texarkana District	540.00
Dual Mission	300.00
Miscellaneous	300.00
Total	\$4,415.00

—W. C. Watson, Pres.; James Thomas, Sec.

#### FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Amount on hand and unappropriated at last Conference	\$ 495.00
Amount received from C. E. Hayes, Treasurer, during year ending with this Conference	5,436.00
Total	\$5,931.00
Amount appropriated in the interim since last Conference	\$ 650.00
Amount of appropriations at this Conference	4,415.00
Total	\$5,065.00
Amount unappropriated	\$ 866.00

—James Thomas, Treasurer.

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE

We beg leave to make the following report and recommendations concerning questions of vital importance to the social fabric of our life:

1. Prohibition.—The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has never wavered in its stand on the liquor question. The utterances of our last General Conference were plain and vigorous in regard to the repeal and enforcement of the 18th Amendment. And this Board urges our pastors and people to make every ef-

fort to defeat the active work for the repeal of this amendment by

(a) Refusing to support any candidate for public office, either national or state, who favors either the repeal or amendment of the 18th Amendment.

(b) By using legitimate means in our power to enforce all laws in our communities.

2. Divorce.—The growth of the divorce evil in America is alarming and the action of our last Legislature in making our state a competitor for easy divorce is to be deplored. We urge our people to assist in every effort for its repeal.

3. Gambling.—Each session of our Legislature is besieged by lobbyists favoring race-track gambling. Let our people begin now to warn our candidates for our lawmaking body that they will not tolerate this iniquitous institution.

4. Race Relations.—The fact that two distinct races live side by side in our communities makes race relationship an ever-present problem. We urge our people to take a definite stand for justice toward both races, especially the more unfortunate.

5. Economic Conditions.—Unemployment is one of the major national problems. Recognizing that this situation comes from unstable economic conditions, we urge patience and charity during these uncertain times, and recommend that employers and employees alike, in the terms of the prophet Amos, "Let justice well up as waters and righteousness as a never-ending stream."

6. World Peace.—The hope of a warless world is both scriptural and practical. Let our Church unreservedly support every means designed to bring about a settlement of national disputes by means other than resort to arms.

7. We further recommend that Dr. A. C. Millar, who has served so steadfastly in his relationship as President of the Anti-Saloon League, be retained in this position.

8. We also recommend that Rev. J. H. Glass be appointed Assistant Superintendent of the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League.—W. R. Jordan, Chairman; Fred R. Harrison, Secretary.

#### BOARD OF TEMPERANCE AND SOCIAL SERVICE REPORT NO. 2.

We further recommend that the following, who are members of the Conference Board of Temperance, be also appointed to represent the Little Rock Conference on the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League: L. E. Wilson, W. C. Hilliard, W. Roy Jordan, W. J. Whiteside, Harry L. Simpson, and Fred R. Harrison.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON DISTRICT CONFERENCE JOURNALS.

We, your Committee on District Conference Journals, have examined the journal of each District. We find the journals are in good form and neat in composition.

We recommend the loose-leaf type-written form as being more practical than the written form.—R. L. Long, Chairman; J. L. Leonard, Secretary.

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### RESOLUTION ON MERGING CONFERENCES.

Whereas, the N. Arkansas Conference has appointed a Commission on the unification of the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences to meet a like Commission from the Little Rock Conference;

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we request Bishop Dobbs to appoint a like Commission of ten men from the Little Rock Conference to study the problem with the members of the Arkansas Conference Commission.

It is understood that the findings of this Commission are to be reported to the Conference for acceptance or rejection.

### RESOLUTION OF SYMPATHY

The news of the sudden passing of Mr. Seth Burnett, father of our own Rev. S. Keener Burnett, has just reached the Conference. We extend to Brother Burnett and other members of the family our heartfelt sympathy and assure him and them of our prayers in their bereavement.—Clem Baker, J. C. Glenn, C. J. Greene.

### A NEW HOME OF SCIENCE.

In the field of education there have been few, if any, events of larger significance in the whole history of Arkansas than the dedication at Conway of the new Science Building at Hendrix College. With its ample facilities and modern equipment this building provides a plant for the teaching and study of science in which the whole state may take legitimate pride. Size for size, it is as good as the best anywhere.

For good measure, this notable occasion brought to Arkansas one of the greatest figures among living men of science, Dr. Robert A. Millikan. It is a proud thing to have one of the scientific leaders of the world's thought, one of the great scientific explorers of all time, dedicate for Arkansas a castle of scientific knowledge.

This new building represents an extension and strengthening of the educational resources of our state. It was a contribution of \$150,000 by the Rockefeller Foundation, through the General Education Board, that made its erection possible. And as is generally understood, the man responsible for obtaining that educational gift was Dr. John Hugh Reynolds, president of the College. His alertness, his energy, and his ability to make a convincing plea on behalf of scientific education in Arkansas, have their permanent monument in this splendidly useful structure.—Arkansas Gazette.

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## Woman's Missionary Dept.

MRS. A. C. MILLAR, Editor.

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### ZONE MEETING AT DUMAS

The last Zone Meeting of this District was at the Burt Pickens Jr. Memorial Church November the 19th. The Church was a bower of Autumn colors and leaves with red berries—making a very pretty effect with the orange colored lights. A splendid program was enjoyed as follows: Song. Address of welcome by Mrs. Clifton Meador; response by Mrs. Fay Joiner of McGehee. Reading—Mrs. Knaut. Scripture lesson—Rev. Mr. Miller. Solo, Miss Katherine Pre-wett with accompaniment by Miss Kate Ballard of Tillar.

One act Play—"No Time for the Missionary Society," written by Mrs. Burt Pickens and acted by Miss Sadie Duncan, Mesdames Miller and Lily; Piano Solo, Miss Martha Hopkins of Winchester.

After the program, during which Mrs. Russell presided, Mrs. Colter of McGehee, the Chairman of the Zone Meetings, took the Chair and presided over the business meeting. The new officers for the coming year were elected: Mrs. S. V. Clayton of Tillar as the Chairman and Mrs. Mullis of Dumas re-elected as secretary.

These Zone meetings have drawn us closer together and made us realize very clearly that we are all engaged in the same fight, and we draw inspiration and help from the trials as well as successes of our neighboring towns and friends.—Reporter.

### CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The Burt Pickens, Jr. Memorial Church will present the 12th annual Christmas Pageant on December 20. This will be a Candle Light Pageant and will be written and directed by Mrs. Burt Pickens, who has had this in charge for the past four years. People come from all over this part of the state, and the seating problem has become very difficult. This year small children are asked to sit with their parents and babies are not welcomed. These are religious and reverent pageants, trying to present the Coming of Christ in a deeply religious way, and a restless baby can utterly ruin a most important episode or scene. At five o'clock, December the 20th.—Reporter.

### STRANGERS HOME AUXILIARY

The Strangers Home Missionary Society met at the church on Thursday, November 26, with 12 members present and a host of visitors. Opening song, Sweet Hour of Prayer. Mrs. K. S. Shelton, leader of Spiritual Life Group in which we spent 15 or 20 minutes in good talks and prayers, after which the president called for song, Where He Leads Me.

The following program was given: Devotional by Bro. Luther Love, which was on Stewardship. November program subject was Rising Churches in Foreign Fields, by Mrs. R. Kay, Mrs. A. D. Beller, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Archie Shook, Mrs. Clarence Tiffie. Voice by Mrs. Luther Love.

Business.—Reading of Minutes. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. T. T. Fife; vice-president, Mrs. J. O. Kirkland; Secretary, Mrs. Brown Edwards;

Treasurer, Mrs. Clarence Tiffie; superintendent of Children's Work, Mrs. Archie Shook; Superintendent of Missions and Bible Study, Mrs. W. E. Coley; Superintendent of Publicity, Mrs. Fred Smith; Superintendent of Social Christian Relations, Mrs. A. D. Beller; Superintendent of Local Work, Mrs. W. I. Counts; Superintendent of Supplies, Mrs. Luther Love.

Dismissed by Mrs. Fred Smith with prayer.

### EXECUTIVE MEETING, WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY, NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE.

Since a number of the members of the executive body were delegates to the Annual Conference recently held in Conway, an all-day meeting was held on Friday, with nine officers and seven District secretaries in attendance.

Mrs. Lester Weaver, who had recently returned from Nashville, Tenn., where she represented Mrs. Alice Graham, chairman of the Committee on Spiritual Life, was leader of the Prayer Retreat which was a feature of the opening of the meeting. It was a deeply spiritual service and every one felt it was "good to be there."

Mrs. Weaver urged the forming of Prayer Retreat Committees, as they had been found of great spiritual uplift.

Mrs. E. F. Ellis, on taking the chair, instructed the secretary to send a message of love and sympathy to Mrs. Graham, who had been so recently bereaved in the loss of her husband.

Reports were heard concerning the progress of the work.

Through Mrs. A. L. Trent, it was found that \$378.47 had been paid on the Woman's Building, Mt. Sequoyah, since January 1.

The report of Mrs. B. E. Snetser, corresponding secretary, showed the following:

Adult Auxiliaries, 173; new Adult Auxiliaries, 5; members, including the new, 4,465. Subscribers to the Missionary Voice, 1,123. Stewardship presented 319 times. Social Service Committee, 145. Mission Study Classes for Council recognition, 41. (Only two last year.) Individual credit in Mission Study, 200 plus. Every District held Mission Study Institutes for leaders. Specials, 5; Bible Women, 6; Scholarships, 4 Missionaries (3 Foreign, 1 Rural): Miss Pearl McCain, China; Miss Nellie Dyer, Korea; Miss Edith Belle Martin, Africa; Miss Mae West Bell, Rural (Bellefonte, Searcy District). Number departments in Children's Division, 68; Number members, 1,047; new members, 464; subscribers to World Friends, 160.

Mrs. W. P. Jones, Treasurer, sent to Council for three quarters, \$10,021.47; Adults, \$9,610.04; Young People, \$72.35; Children, \$339.08—total, \$10,021.47.

Pledge to Council, \$22,650.00 (including \$900.00 for Miss Martin's salary).

Four Adult and four Baby Life members have been added this year. Total for Miss Martin, \$415.30. \$196.39 paid on Scarritt maintenance. Five \$40.00 scholarships have been paid, and \$370.25 on Bible Women for three quarters.

Bible and Mission Study, Mrs. John W. Bell, superintendent.

While depression and bank failures have affected some phases of our work, it has not affected this depart-

ment. A comparative report of the first three quarters of last year and this year show an increase in the number of reports received and of study classes held. There has been a large increase in the number of classes studying for Council credit. Am sure great progress will be seen in this branch of our work when the report of the fourth quarter has been received.

Auxiliaries are urged to take the leading study book "Turn Toward Peace."

Christian Social Relations, Mrs. I. N. Barnett, superintendent. This work is becoming better understood and is making progress. All Auxiliaries having committees do not report, but the type of work is encouraging.

Every superintendent or president should see that the Disarmament petition is signed by every member of her Auxiliary, and forwarded (as per direction on the bottom of the petition) AT ONCE. Our opportunity is great and our responsibility is grave.

Literature and Publicity, Mrs. J. W. Workman, Superintendent.

Bulletins sent out, 3,400. All contributions received sent to the Methodist for Woman's page. Reports from publicity superintendents, 224. Bulletins presented to Auxiliaries, 204 times. Missionary news items presented at church services 81 times. In daily papers, 165 times. Posters used, 45. Auxiliary program committees, 50.

Stress the Voice campaign. Secure as many renewals as possible, working the list at least three years back.

Try to secure Sunday School teachers and officers, also members of the Board of Christian Education as subscribers.

See that every home is given an opportunity to subscribe. Send the Voice to friends as Christmas gifts. Let each Auxiliary purchase several subscriptions to be sent to homes from which subscriptions cannot be secured.

Children's Work, Mrs. D. Y. Thomas, superintendent. Total for three quarters, comparative report: Baby Divisions: 1930, 25; 1931, 15. World Circles, 1930, 24; 1931, 22. Boys' and Girls' World Clubs, 1930, 58; 1931, 36.

Finances, Baby Division: 1930, \$56.01; 1930, \$32.57. World Circles, 1930, \$65.01; 1931, \$51.68. Boys' and Girls' World Clubs, 1930, \$204; 1931, \$248.66.

### District Reports.

Batesville District, Mrs. B. L. Willford. Outstanding work has been done in Mission Study. Three classes taught for Council credits (two in joint session), with 20 credits in one and 8 in the other.

Booneville District, Mrs. W. T. Bacon (seven months in office). District and Zone meetings have been held with fine attendance. Spiritual life groups have been organized in every Auxiliary that is active. Two institutes were held with more Study Classes than ever in the history of the District. Two new Auxiliaries, one Young Woman's Circle were organized, and two Auxiliaries reorganized. Social Service and the reporting of supplies and donations has been stressed and will show good work along these lines.

Conway District, Mrs. I. A. Brumley. New life members; one Adult and two children. A Young Woman's Auxiliary (Edith Martin) organized



at Cabot. All Auxiliaries are taking Mission Study, most of them for Council credit.

Mrs. Crichlow, chairman, is doing effective rural work. Eight of the smaller charges are now using our literature and being cultivated.

Helena District, Miss Marie Holmstedt. Zone meetings have been held and have been well attended and inspirational. All Auxiliaries feel the need of spiritual life groups, and some are organizing them.

Jonesboro District, Mrs. E. K. Sewell. Auxiliaries doing good work. Our quota of \$100 has been paid on Miss Martin's salary.

Paragould District, Mrs. E. T. Wayland. Four new Auxiliaries have been organized. Every Auxiliary reported on time for the three quarters.

Searcy District, Mrs. W. J. Spicer. A splendid District meeting was held in May at Heber Springs, with 100 in attendance, also four Zone meetings. Our new rural missionary, Miss Mae West Bell, on the Bellefonte Circuit, has organized three new Auxiliaries and reorganized one. Have paid \$52.50 on the salary of Miss Martin. A letter was read by the secretary from Miss Helen Phillips, of Springdale, our representative at Scarritt College. The committee ordered the printing of 300 Budget Cards for distribution by the treasurer.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.—Mrs. E. F. Ellis, President; Mrs. Henry Hanesworth, Recording Secretary.

#### ZONE MEETING AT CORNING.

On Thursday, December 3, the First Zone W. M. S., Paragould District, held their fourth meeting of the year at Corning. In spite of the inclement weather there were sixty pres-

ent when the meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock, with Mrs. A. B. Gallegghy of Corning, Zone chairman, presiding. Mrs. G. W. Reeves of Piggott, Zone secretary, was unable to be present, so Mrs. Abby Whitaker of Peach Orchard substituted.

The following program was rendered:

Piano Prelude—Mrs. W. W. Henry, Corning.

Hymn No. 6, Methodist Hymnal. History of Hymn by Rev. J. Abner Sage, Corning.

Devotional—Mrs. M. Cloyes, First Church, Paragould.

Solo, "The Lord Is My Shepherd"—Mrs. J. Abner Sage, Corning.

Reading of minutes of previous session.

Roll call of Societies—"What Is Our Grade on the Standard of Excellence for 1931?"

Talk, "Missionary Work and the Peace Movement"—Mrs. F. A. Lark, Piggott.

Announcements—Mrs. W. D. Polk, Corning.

Prayer Retreat led by Mrs. E. D. Jernigan, Corning.

#### Afternoon Session.

Piano Prelude—Mrs. W. W. Henry. Hymn No. 649.

Prayer.

Talk, "Our Achievements of 1931 and Our Needs for 1932"—Mrs. E. T. Wayland, District Secretary.

Round table discussion led by Mrs. Wayland.

Talk, "The Missionary Voice"—Mrs. Abby Whitaker, Peach Orchard. A plea for Miss Edith Martin—Mrs. T. C. Gallegghy, Corning.

Love Offering (\$11.30) for Miss Martin.

After the awarding of the banner, which went to the Peach Orchard Auxiliary, with a total of 226 miles to their credit, the assembly was dismissed by repeating John 3:16.

Upon adjournment at the noon hour, the doors separating the Sunday School rooms from the main auditorium were folded back disclosing long tables beautifully decorated in the Christmas motif. They were illuminated by the soft glow of many candles, which dotted their bountifully spread expanse. The tastefully planned luncheon and the social hour were enjoyed to the fullest by everyone present.

Among the delightful events of the day were the introductions of Mrs. F. A. Lark and Mrs. J. Abner Sage. The Zone feels indeed fortunate to number these highly talented women among their members for this year.

The gracious hospitality of the Corning Auxiliary and the wonderful spirituality that pervaded the entire program made the day one that will always be a delightful memory to everyone present.—Mrs. Abby Whitaker, Asst. Secy.

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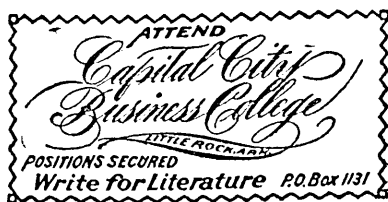
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## Church News

#### REVIVAL AT AVOCA.

Rev. Chas. Henbest, evangelist, and C. E. Brogan, song director, of Rogers, have just closed a four weeks' revival in the Community Church, at Avoca, Ark., near Rogers. We went to Avoca Sunday night, November 1, for one preaching service, and the Lord poured out his conviction on the people till they asked for a revival. Old-fashioned songs were sung and old-time religion was preached, and God, with His loving, tender mercy saved 24 lost souls. Old Satan tried in different ways to break up the meeting, but, thanks to God, by his help Satan was put on the run, and God blessed the people in this revival. We ask the prayers of all who read this.—C. E. Brogan.

#### GRAVETTE AND DECATUR.

Have had fine services at all points with larger congregations and greater interest. We are starting out hoping for a good year. We had a good year considering the general conditions, but we hope to have a better year in the way of finances, services, and especially soul-saving. We are serving fine folks. Last Monday evening we were surprised when a giggle was heard, immediately followed by a storm on the front porch when the door sprung open by the throng which numbered about forty that passed on through by the dining table which was piled up with lots of good eats. After a few social moments and an expression of thanks by the pastor and his family, and an outline of what we shall endeavor to do this year, closing with a prayer of thanks, the party all departed to their happy homes.

As I have been lending my books for the course of study to the younger boys following me in the ministry, and as some of them have not returned them, and as some of the other boys desire to use them, I am taking this method of calling attention of any that may have any of my books, that they may return them in order that I may help some of the other boys by lending them the books.—A. L. Riggs, P. C.

#### HARTFORD.

We are beginning our second year with the good people of Hartford. Our people are deeply interested in the church and are beginning the new year with renewed courage, faith, and enthusiasm.

We have approximately one-half our Conference Claims pledged; it is our earnest expectation to have at least one-half of them paid by our District Conference in March.

The Local Board of Christian Education has been organized and we now have a committee at work making a survey of our constituency. Our program of evangelism is planned to run through the entire year.

On Sunday, November 22, Dr. and Mrs. F. M. Tolleson came to us for our First Quarterly Conference. At 11 a. m. Dr. Tolleson preached a very inspiring and helpful sermon from Acts 3:6. After the service Dr. and Mrs. Tolleson and the pastor and his family went to the home of Brother C. L. Ballentine, where a delicious meal was enjoyed by all present.

At 2:30 in the afternoon the members of the Quarterly Conference and several visitors met for the Quarter-

ly Conference. All of the reports were encouraging. Brethren, pray for us.—J. T. Byrd, P. C.

#### EARLE

Another Conference has come and gone, and we have landed in the splendid town of Earle, among as fine a people as the Delta affords. We had fine congregations the two Sundays that we have been here. The first Sunday night the other churches of the town dismissed and attended our service, which gave us a houseful. Last Sunday morning the Rotarians came in a body. They and their friends also filled the church. They certainly were a handsomely dressed and fine looking people. Am sure that our splendid choir will do their part in making the services run smoothly. We have a gem of a new church building, which seems to me just about perfect for our modern Sunday School, League and church work.

We moved into the best parsonage that we have ever lived in so far.

Last Wednesday night a goodly number were at prayer meeting. This Wednesday night a union Thanksgiving service for the town was held at our church, the Baptist preacher bringing the message.

Last Friday night the Missionary women had a reception at the church for the pastor and congregation. In a little playlet they took off the preacher and board of stewards. Arriving home, the pastor and family found one of those old-time Delta poundings. These good people know how to treat a new preacher royally.

Our church debt is a little heavy, but we got our Finance Committee reorganized Monday night. This committee is composed of the best business men in the community and I am sure that they will handle that with ease.

We are praying for a happy year's work.—M. N. Johnston, P. C.

#### HACKETT CHARGE

The Epworth League of Bethel Church, on the Hackett Circuit, have taken as a project the paying of Bethel's share of the charge's Conference Claims. They are planning a series of social meetings and entertainments to be given throughout the year as aids in accomplishing the desired results. The young people are most enthusiastic at being given this opportunity.

Incidentally, Bethel Church has one of the oldest meeting houses in Sebastian County, having been built 57 years ago. It is one of the most active congregations on the Hackett Circuit, having a well-organized Sunday School and two Epworth Leagues. This church stands in the midst of a farming community and has a membership roll of 74, most of whom are active workers in the church.

Two new Leagues have been organized in the Hackett Church, a Junior League which meets on Sunday afternoon at 2:30, and a Hi League which meets in the evening at 6:30. Much enthusiasm is being shown as these new organizations are getting under way. The Hackett people are determined that their children and young people shall have the best possible. Such determination on the part of the congregation means success.

The Church is showing much interest as it enters on its fall work. Plans are now being made for a strong financial program, including the raising in full of its Conference

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Claims. And this is in a community where money is scarce; but the spirit of these fine people will win out, and the pastor expects to bring one of the finest reports ever made to the Annual Conference next year. The enthusiasm and earnestness of the people, have been most encouraging to a new pastor in a large charge.

The Church is co-operating with the local Baptist Church in a community Thanksgiving Program, at which the pastor of the Methodist Church will preach; the music and remainder of the service will be under the leadership of our Baptist friends. An offering is to be taken and given to the local Red Cross for use in relief work in this area.—A. Edwin Grimes, P. C.

#### PARSONAGE ENTERED IN ABSENCE OF FAMILY.

While Rev. J. M. Harrison and his family were attending a reception at the Methodist church on Wednesday evening their residence on Park Street was entered in a mysterious way. The reception was an event that afforded much pleasure to all, it being in the nature of a bountiful six o'clock dinner which was furnished by the members and friends of the church. The Junior choir sang a welcome song to the minister and his family just before the repast was served. At the close of the meal the large crowd of people present went to the auditorium for the prayer service. When Rev. Mr. Harrison and his good wife reached home and turned on the lights, to their surprise, the dining room was literally loaded down with good things to eat. In addition to the food there were numerous other articles which were much appreciated. This bountiful pounding came not only from members of the Methodist church but many gifts were presented by friends of the church. This happy minister wishes the Star Herald to extend to all who participated in the events of the evening the heartfelt thanks of himself and his family.—Pocahontas Star-Herald.

#### AN EXPLANATION AND AN APPEAL

Dear Brethren: I am coming to my brethren with an urgent request that they help me in the sorest battle that has ever come the way of my ministry.

The Federal Radio Commission at Washington has autocratically taken the radio KGEF away from Trinity Methodist Church, which church held the license, making the order effective at once so that we were not even privileged to make a single broadcast over the station for funds to fight the case through the courts, or for moral backing in an effort to secure justice in this matter.

For two years the most tremendous pressure has been brought to bear upon the administration at Washington to close my lips in Los Angeles and make it impossible for me to carry on this fight that I have waged here for public decency and moral reform.

You brethren know the nature of the foes that I am facing here and are not ignorant of the work that we have been privileged under God to do. What I need now is that my brethren over the Church protest most emphatically to President Hoover against this action, and also protest to the Federal Radio Commission itself, and above all things I am asking my friends to write every Senator and every Congressman that

they personally know, urging that this fight be brought to the halls of Congress.

If the Federal Radio Commission can determine what is in the public interest and can close the lips of men simply on the ground that they do not consider them in the public interest, then free speech is lost forever to our children and the possibility of independent voices crying against public evils will fade like the mists.

As you brethren know, I am away from the heart of my Church, but I am trying to represent Southern Methodism in the West and do my bit as a real man should. I have not failed the Church so far, as God is my witness, and I will not fail you in the future if you will help me in this battle. I am not asking for money with which to fight this matter through the courts, although I need it badly. What I want now is your moral support, your prayers and your loyalty to a cause for which some of the most glorious men of the centuries gave their lives.

The question of religious freedom enters into this decision also, in that the Federal Radio Commission gives as one of its reasons for taking me off the air the fact that I have criticized the political policy of the Roman Catholic Church, the Commission stating that there were 300,000 Catholic adherents in southern California.

If this decision stands, an irreparable injury has been done the cause of free speech and religious liberty in the United States of America.—Bob Shuler, 1201 S. Flower St., Los Angeles, Calif.

#### SACRED SONGS BY GOSPEL SINGER

Our readers probably have noticed the advertisement of the Golden Rule Record Company, appearing in our publication. These old-time Gospel hymns are sung by a famous evangelistic singer, assisted by a chorus of thirty trained voices. Mr. Vernon M. Spivey, the soloist on these records, possesses the charm of a master voice, having been trained under the best instructors in this country. His work reveals the results of his study. Although under 30 years of age, because of his unusual talent he is now considered the foremost younger evangelistic singer in this country. In addition to Mr. Spivey's ability as a singer, he possesses a winsome personality, a sterling character and radiates Southern culture. His records are made by the newest electric recording process and are guaranteed to give perfect tonal reproduction. It is a rare opportunity for our readers to take advantage of this special introductory price, and to be able to own these matchless reproductions of the favorite gospel messages in song.

#### CONSOLIDATION OF PERIODICALS

Two consolidations of Methodist periodicals on January 1, will result, it is believed, in an annual saving to the Methodist Episcopal Church,

South, of \$100,000 a year, according to Dr. C. A. Bowen, of Nashville, Tennessee, editorial secretary of the Board of Christian Education.

With the proposed combinations, which will unite the "Workers' Council" and the "Sunday School Magazine" into a single periodical to be known as the "Church School Magazine," and "The Epworth Era" and the "The High Road" into the "Epworth Highroad," the number of publications will be reduced from 16 to 14. They will comprise 5,472 printed pages and cover a circulation of more than two million. All types of papers are provided in the editorial output, weeklies, monthlies and quarterlies.

The Church School Magazine will have as its editor O. L. Simpson. It is to be a periodical for teachers and workers for use in Young People's and Adult Divisions of the Church. It will contain 64 pages and will be issued monthly.

Robert L. Hunt has been selected as editor of the "Epworth Highroad," which will reach a young people's constituency of 300,000 and is planned along lines that propose to make it the greatest religious youth journal in America, according to Dr. Bowen, who is editor-in-chief of all the publications issued by the Board of Christian Education. Dr. Bowen has secured such outstanding leaders as Bishop Paul B. Kern, Kagawa, and Stanley High as writers. The Magazine will contain the best current fiction, travel stories, and feature articles.

#### SO THAT GRATITUDE MAY NOT DIE

(This was intended for our Anniversary Number, but was received too late.—Ed.)

Dr. W. H. Nelson, Editor of the Pacific Methodist Advocate writes:—"Anyone who has ever visited the battlefield of Waterloo will be struck by three statues on the battlefield. First of all, he will be attracted to that immense mound with the British lion on top facing the field of battle, which was the position occupied by Wellington. Second, he will see the statue of the wounded French eagle with broken pinions, which marked the last stand of the Old Guard of Napoleon. The third statue, to the left of the Mound of Victory, as you face the battlefield, and across the Waterloo Road, that sunken road where Napoleon's crack cavalry was mired, is to the memory of General Picton. Few folks pay much attention to this statue, and about the first thing they ask when they see it is, 'just who was General Picton?' Well, for the present he furnishes my text, and the moral of my preaching. General Sir Thomas Picton was one man on whom the Duke of Wellington leaned very heavily in this campaign against Napoleon. Two years before Waterloo occurred Wellington went over the ground and said that if Napoleon ever made an assault at Brussels the battle would be fought around the village of Mt. St. Jean, or Waterloo. He went over every step of the ground and planned

a campaign in detail. So, sure enough when Napoleon did come marching in from France, Wellington determined to halt him around Quatre Bras, and in order to do it properly he put General Picton, the one man he relied on, in command of the Dutch and British troops. Picton was severely wounded in the fighting on the 16th of June, but knowing that Wellington would need him at Waterloo he said nothing about it, retreated to the position Wellington had selected for him to occupy on the field of Waterloo, and although suffering agony when the battle of Waterloo opened on the 18th he was there in his place. In the fighting at Waterloo, he was in front leading his men, and constantly exposing himself to danger, never faltering until he was riddled with French bullets. After the Battle of Waterloo, the Allies, recognizing the value of Picton, put up this monument, and the English nation, recognizing his self-sacrificing spirit and his bravery and worth, buried him near Wellington in St. Paul's Cathedral.

What has this to do with the Arkansas Methodist? Well, to me there is a perfect analogy. For years the Church paper has been fighting a valiant fight, though severely crippled. Always struggling, always in need of money, they have at times started to put on a campaign for subscriptions, and some Board of the Church would launch a campaign to raise money. Time and again the Conference Organs have subordinated their own interests, submerged their own objectives, said nothing about their condition, and plunged in to help this particular Board, and by their work they helped the Boards in the hour of stress. However, many of them neglected their own interests so long that they literally bled to death, and now we see that many of them have died as gloriously, and yet as tragically, as General Picton died at Waterloo.

Of course the Arkansas Methodist is not going to die. Of all our Conference Organs it is the one that has the sure promise of life, even though that life will not be as abundant as it ought to be. Everybody outside of Arkansas knows that Dr. A. C. Millar is one of the greatest editors in our Church, and I cannot think otherwise than that everybody in Arkansas knows it; and if they don't know it, it is a sad commentary on their lack of information. It would be nothing less than a tragedy for any people to permit a paper edited by Dr. Millar to ever languish. Of course, we cannot think of letting it die. Then again our Methodist folk in Arkansas are not the kind of folk who would ever let a great institution of the Church fail. That happens, unfortunately, in some parts of our connection, but it doesn't happen in Arkansas. No part of the Church is more loyal to the program of the Church. Our Boards know that they can depend upon Arkansas, and we editors all over the Church know that Dr. Millar is fortunate in that his paper is located in Arkansas. However, the best of us forget sometimes, and we need to have our pure minds stirred up by way of remembrance. I am trusting that in the next few months the Arkansas Methodists will recognize what a treasure they have in their Conference Organ, and will begin to understand what this paper has meant to the Conferences, and they will do their duty as one man—which means making this paper, what it might easily become with proper sup-

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### BONDS AND SECURITIES NEVER FAILING.

By Harry L. Bowlby, D. D.  
 "What hammers beat," what anvils ring  
 As Father Time strikes off each year!  
 How suns shine on and how stars sing  
 As move God's worlds set in true gear!  
 Bonded in faith and honest trust  
 In "Love that will not let me go,"  
 And Hope that ne'er will turn to dust,  
 Why should I fear a hammer's blow?

The Moon has cabled fast the sea;  
 So tides must ebb and tides must flow,  
 And storms may rage, unbridled be;  
 The Ocean's undisturbed we know.  
 My God has cabled fast my soul;  
 Tides will swing out and inward hale.  
 Let mad winds blow, fierce billows roll,  
 Secured, I rest—He cannot fail.  
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### THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF GENERAL J. E. B. STUART.

By H. H. Smith  
 Jeb Stuart was a great soldier and a great Christian. General Lee said: "A more zealous, ardent, brave and devoted soldier than Stuart the Confederacy cannot have." Capt. Thomson, of the U. S. Marine Corps, who has written a splendid biography of Stuart says that Lee said of Stuart "the finest thing history records of any cavalry officer: 'He never sent me a piece of false information.'" When we remember that the cavalry is supposed to be the eyes and ears of the army, we see what a great compliment is implied in these brief words. Recording some of his great feats as a cavalry officer, his biographer says of him: "I know of no equal exploit in the cavalry annals."

He loved his men and his men loved him. "He put on no airs, pretence or remoteness of superiority, but treated them as man to man." "He was popular with his officers, and was constantly on the watch to do them kindnesses. . . He would frolic with them—marbles, snowballs, quoits, what not?—like a boy with boys." And yet he was not lacking in discipline, even his favorites coming in for reproof when it was deserved.

General Stuart was devoted to his family. "His letters to his wife are beautiful, and tender and sad." When his little daughter was ill, and his wife urged him to try to arrange a visit home, he replied: "I must leave my daughter in the hands of God; my duty to the country requires me here."

He was a devoutly religious man. When a boy at Emory and Henry College, he joined the Methodist Church during a revival. Later, when there was no Methodist Church near him, he became a member of the Episcopal Church.

"His religion and his God were a part of his daily life," says his biographer. "Pray for me in the coming struggle," he wrote his brother in 1863; "with me, no moment of the battle has ever been too momentous for prayer." He gave active support to the chaplains, "encouraging them to ride with the cavalry, and giving them aid in the distribution of tracts, and the holding of meet-

ings among the men. His letters, his remembered conversations, and even his official papers make it plain that his religion was an active force in everything he did, and he had a very simple, earnest faith in the wisdom and the goodness of God."

He was as merry as a boy, and they had lively music at the Cavalry Headquarters, with the famous Sweeney and his banjo; but when Sunday came there was music still, but it was sacred music. The great hymns of the church took the place of the light airs and songs.

He was strictly temperate in his habits—a teetotaler in fact. General Lee's camp servant said: "General Stuart was the only one of the big generals who never did tech a drop." When he received his mortal wound at Yellow Tavern, they offered him brandy, but he recalled a promise made to his mother when a boy, and refused it.

When death was a matter of but a few hours he said: "I am resigned if it be God's will; but I would like to see my wife . . . but God's will be done." He asked that they sing a hymn and they sang "Rock of Ages." He spoke of the joy of soon seeing his little Flora, who died while he was detained by the duties of the army. The end was rapidly approaching and he said: "I am going fast now . . . God's will be done."

It has been said that Stuart's best epitaph has been written by a magnanimous opponent (Rodenbough): "Deep in the hearts of all true cavalymen, North and South, will ever burn a sentiment of admiration mingled with regret for this knightly soldier and generous man."

### MR. RASKOB'S "ANSWER YES OR NO" ARRANGEMENT.

In a questionnaire addressed to the 90,000 contributors to the 1928 Democratic campaign fund, the national party chairman, John J. Raskob, asks for "yes" and "no" answers to seven questions. The first of them reads as follows:

"Do you recommend that the Democratic platform (for 1932) should avoid all evasions and be a short, concise declaration of the party's determination to restore our liberties and the spirit of the constitution, through recognizing states' rights; home rule; the need of decentralization at Washington; the cutting of riotous national expenditures, with consequent relief from excessive taxation?"

The context furnished by the remaining six questions makes it evident that the "liberties" Mr. Raskob has in mind, and the "states' rights" and "home rule" for which he is solicitous, are those which he and other anti-prohibitionists contend have been invaded by the Eighteenth Amendment. Prohibitionists do not concede that. How then is one of them to write an unqualified "Yes" after Mr. Raskob's first question without abandoning his convictions on prohibition, or set down "No" without putting himself on record as against "liberty," home rule and all the rest of it?

A Democrat who is a prohibitionist can be as strong for the "spirit of the constitution," decentralized government, and relief from excessive taxation to support "riotous" public expenditures as Mr. Raskob or any other wet. But that question, in the form and the connection in which it is put, gives him no opportunity to define his position if he must answer it with a simple affirmative or negative.

If what Mr. Raskob wants to find out is how many campaign fund contributors are with him in his fight on prohibition, and how many are not, the short, concise, sure way would be to ask them the straightforward question.—Arkansas Gazette.

### SUPERANNUATE HOMES

Fifty years ago very little was thought of providing for the superannuate by endowment, and nothing was thought of providing a home for him. Indeed, there were very few charges with a parsonage home for the active pastor. About that time the need of a home for the pastor began to be recognized, and Ladies Aid Societies, and Parsonage and Home Mission Societies were organized, the main purpose of which was to provide a home for the pastor.

Only a few years ago we began to see the necessity of a home for the worn-out preacher. Now 22 of our Annual Conferences own one or more homes, with a total of 180. The North Alabama Conference has been more active in this work than any other Conference, having 55 homes at present and adding new ones each year.

The Little Rock Conference has 11 fine superannuate homes, valued at \$23,000. These are occupied by superannuates and widows of our deceased preachers who need them. Two of these homes are clear of debt and the Church has a clear title. But there is an indebtedness against the other seven amounting to nearly \$10,000. In the Annual Bulletin of the General Board of Finance for 1931, these homes are listed as assets for superannuates of the Little Rock Conference along with the endowment for the Conference.

Really the homes are a greater asset than any other investment we might make for superannuates. They cost an average of \$2,500.00 each, and are worth an average of \$250.00 each per year in rental savings, besides providing a comfortable home where an old preacher may spend the evening of life.

The homes are not expensive, but simple cottages. Many people are interested in these homes and make contributions to help pay the indebtedness. A gift to this cause will mean much for the comfort of the old preachers.—John H. Glass, Commissioner, 639 Donaghey Building, Little Rock, Ark.

### SYMPATHY.

"The load is heavy I must bear,"  
 He groaned, as, sad at heart,  
 He walked his chosen selfish way,  
 From other men apart.

"How light the burden that He gives!"

She whispered as she trod  
 The road of life in sympathy  
 With other souls of God.

—Thomas Curtis Clark in  
 Christian Century.

### DR. J. C. C. NEWTON PASSES AWAY

Dr. J. C. C. Newton, dean of Southern Methodist missionaries, died in Atlanta on November 10. His passing removes one of the most picturesque figures from the Church and one of its greatest scholars and servants. Born in South Carolina, May 25, 1848, he went to Japan as a missionary in 1888, continuing as an active missionary until his superannuation in 1924. He was one of the great Christian educators of Japan, having been professor in the Union Methodist Theological Seminary, dean of the Theological Department of Kwansai Gakuin, and president of the last named institution.

In recognition of his distinguished services to the Japanese Empire in the establishment and development of Kwansai Gakuin, Dr. Newton was decorated with the Blue Ribbon Medal by the Imperial government in 1923, as he was preparing to leave Japan. At the same time he was presented with an address by the Board of Directors of Kwansai Gakuin and other tokens of esteem from the Christians of Japan. It is said that more than 2,000 Japanese people followed Dr. and Mrs. Newton to the ship on which they made their final departure from the country.

Mrs. Newton died a few years ago, since which time Dr. Newton has made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Marvin Underwood of Atlanta. Since his retirement, Dr. Newton had completed the manuscript of a book dealing with the contribution of the British Empire to the civilization of the world and was engaged in preparation of a volume on ethics.

Shirron.—William Franklin Shirron was born May 6, 1869, in Dallas County, Ark., near Holly Springs, and lived there all his life. He joined the Methodist Church when a young man and lived a faithful member until August 12, 1931, when God saw fit to call him to his reward. Bro. Shirron was a member of the Official Board at Mt. Olivet Church for

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many years. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge and held high honors in it. He was married three times; first, Feb. 9, 1893, to Miss Evie Siquiefield. To this union two boys were born, both still living, but the wife passed away, and Dec. 4, 1898, he married Miss Jennie Lannius and five children were born to them, three still living, but two, with their mother, passed on to their reward. On March 4, 1917, he married Miss Ella Jones and to them two children were born, and with their mother survive. Bro. Shirron stood by his preacher with all there was in or about him. It was the privilege of this writer to be his pastor one year and I always found him a man who wanted to build up the church and community. He believed in pushing his preacher forward and helping him to put all the Church Claims over the top. I could write at length on his life as a Christian man and of the high esteem in which his friends and neighbors held him but I must shorten this.—A Brother in Christ.

**Byrd.**—Mrs. Victoria Byrd, aged 70, pioneer of Chicot County and wife of W. P. Byrd, well-known planter, died at her home on Thursday, November 5. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, Mrs. John Cloy of Eudora, Ark., and Mrs. J. E. Davis of Natchez, Miss.; one son, Clarence Byrd, of Eudora, Ark.; two grandchildren, Miss Johnnie Bell Cloy, of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. C. E. Berry; and three great-grandchildren. Mrs. Byrd was a loyal and faithful member of the Methodist Church and had the welfare of the church at heart. She was active in church work up to the time of her illness and was always ready and willing to have a part in whatever activities she was called upon for. During her long illness she never complained, but always stated that God was good to her. The record of her life and actions will never die and though we have bidden goodbye to her mortal remains, her memory will linger long in the minds of loved ones and friends to whom she ministered during her lifetime. Her remains were laid to rest in Mt. Carmel Cemetery at Eudora, Ark., on November 6, Rev. Claude R. Roy, her pastor, officiating, in the presence of a host of friends and loved ones. Mrs. Byrd was a subscriber to the *Arkansas Methodist* and always enjoyed reading her "church paper." A true and faithful member has left us, but she leaves a memory that will live as long as her survivors and it shall bear fruit.—Claude R. Roy, Pastor.

**Wilkinson.**—It is with a feeling of great loss, by the entire church and community, that we say farewell for a time to our very dear friend and brother, James H. Wilkinson, who lost

his life in an explosion in coal mine No. 14 at Huntington, Arkansas. Brother Wilkinson was known as the most efficient fire boss in this entire coal field, thinking first and always of the safety of the miners under his supervision. Brother Wilkinson was born January 21, 1875, in the Registrar's Sub-District of Hindley, County of Lancaster, England. He left his native land for America May 11, 1907, and came to make his home among the good people of Huntington in September, 1910, where he accepted a position in the mines and was later married to Miss Anna Pinkerton of Lavaca, Arkansas, who is the daughter of a Methodist preacher, now deceased. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. F. E. Dodson, P. E. of the Booneville District, and Rev. W. J. Faust, pastor of our church at Greenwood, Arkansas. Brother Dodson surely gave utterance to the text most suitable to the life lived daily by Brother Wilkinson when he read, "Know ye not that a great man is fallen this day in Israel." Brother Wilkinson was a very valuable member of the board of stewards, also charge lay leader, he was a man who loved the church and in the fullest sense was loyal to its program. He loved and supported his pastor wholeheartedly, always he contended for that which was right and was the type of man who won and held the admiration of all those who knew him best. His influence for good was such that it still lives. His prayers and practices are not forgotten. He leaves to mourn his death his good wife, two children by a former marriage, and a great number of friends from every walk of life. To his companion, relatives and friends, I will say he has left you an immortal legacy, the remembrance of companionship of a life that was beautiful in the Christian graces. The greatest tribute possible could not over-estimate his value to his home, his church and his community.—Kirby H. Bezzo, Pastor.

**Pennington.**—On November 9, Mr. S. P. Pennington passed away, but with the sad news a bright thought is given. While he is dead on earth, he is alive in heaven. Out of the Bible, the book he did love, comes the promise of a heaven above. He has finished the work given him to do, and, though his body has fallen, his works yet remain as fountains of blessings to follow through the years. We know that we shall miss him, but we will cherish his memory while he is at rest and bow in submission to God's will.—A Friend.

**Jones.**—On August 14, 1931, the messenger of death took away from our midst Paul Jones, leaving our hearts sorrowing and his home sad. Paul was born August 8, 1914. His (Continued on Page 16.)

## Sunday School

### Lesson for December 13

#### JOHN'S VISION ON PATMOS

**GOLDEN TEXT**—And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death.

**LESSON TEXT**—Revelation 1:1-20.

**PRIMARY TOPIC**—The Heavenly Home.

**JUNIOR TOPIC**—John's Vision of Heaven.

**INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC**—John Sees the Ever-living Christ.

**YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC**—The Glorified Saviour.

We should be glad that the lesson committee has given us another lesson from the Book of Revelation which contains Christ's last message to man.

#### I. The Preface (1:1-3).

1. The title of the book (v. 1). The Revelation (unveiling) of Jesus Christ. The revelation of Jesus Christ refers to his personal appearing in glory to judge the world and to establish his kingdom. The word "apocalypse," translated "revelation," signifies according to New Testament usage the unveiling of a person (II Thess. 1:6-10; I Pet. 1:7). The theme of the book is Christ's second coming, his personal, visible appearance in glory (vv. 1, 7, 10).

2. To whom made known (vv. 1, 2). To his servant John—"To show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass."

3. A benediction to those who read, hear, and keep the sayings of the book (v. 3). It must be possible to understand these sayings, or the promise is meaningless.

#### II. The Salutation (vv. 4-8).

1. To whom (v. 4). The seven churches then existing in Asia Minor. Seven, the number of completeness, suggests a symbolism of the Church throughout her course.

#### 2. From whom (v. 4).

a. From him which was, and is, and is to come.

b. From the seven spirits which are before the throne—the Holy Spirit in his seven-fold plenitude as set forth in Isaiah 11:2, also in the Gospel of John.

c. From Jesus Christ (vv. 5-7). While presenting Christ as the glorious Redeemer, John's prophetic eye caught the vision of the Coming One in glory, exclaiming, "Behold he cometh" (v. 7), the Alpha and Omega (v. 8).

#### III. The Vision of Glory (vv. 9-18).

1. The seven golden lamp stands (v. 12). These candlesticks are the churches (v. 20), thus presented because they are the light holders in this world's darkness.

2. The Son of man in the midst of the candlesticks (vv. 13-18). Christ in the midst of the churches indicates that they give forth light only when Christ is the central figure.

a. "Clothed with a garment down to the foot" (v. 13). This is a royal as well as a priestly robe (Isa. 22:21), and signifies his right to judge and to rule, as well as to offer sacrifice.

b. His head and hair white as wool (v. 14, cf. Dan. 7:19, 20). This has a twofold significance—purity and eternity.

c. Eyes as a flame of fire (v. 14). This suggests his infallible knowledge.

d. Feet like burnished brass (v. 15). This indicates that he comes as Judge and King, with irresistible power.

e. His voice as the sound of many

waters (v. 15). His voice of judgment will be outside of man's control. All excuses will be swept aside by his resistless word.

f. Seven stars in his right hand (v. 16). According to verse twenty, stars mean the messengers of the churches, perhaps pastors or representatives sent forth to comfort John in his lonely exile. The minister lies in the right hand of Jesus Christ, hears his message, and speaks it out.

g. Out of his mouth was a sharp two-edged sword (v. 16). Observe that this is a sword. "The word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him" (John 12:48). "The word of God is sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb. 4:12). The two edges indicate its double action, condemning the evil and approving the good and excellent.

h. His countenance was as the sun shining in his strength (v. 16). The effect of sunshine is healthful and joyous to some things, while it is death dealing to others. The sunshine of God's love cheers some while it hardens others. The manifestation of the glorified king will be hailed with delight by those who love him, and will create dismay in those who do not love him.

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life was short, but lived long enough to make it hard to give him up, for his lovable disposition and sweet spirit made everyone love him. Paul was a grandson of the late Rev. A. G. Cason, his mother, who was Miss Zenia Cason, having married Mr. Grover Jones, near Watson, where Paul was born, lived and died. He leaves his parents and several brothers and sisters here in sorrow. The body was buried in the family cemetery, the funeral being conducted by Rev. O. L. Cole, of McGehee, the pastor being away at the time. Paul was converted and joined the Methodist Church at Watson, in 1930, and

died in the faith he professed. It is sad to have to give up such boys as Paul, who was so hopeful, trustful, and patient.—W. C. Lewis, Pastor.

**Middleton.**—W. J. Middleton was born April 15, 1859, in the hills near Natchez, Miss. Most of his life was spent in Louisiana and Arkansas. He came to Arkansas City about 1872, and resided there until 1904, at which time he moved to McGehee, Ark., where he resided till his departure, on March 15, 1931. He was converted and joined the church in early manhood, but lost his path for a good part of his life until 1921, when under the ministry of Frank Musser he was reclaimed, and came into the

church again, after which he was a most faithful Christian, and a highly devoted member of the Church, attending practically all the services, and praying and paying. Brother Middleton was here in McGehee during the open saloon and gambling days, and had all the reasons any one need to have to know the moral conditions with and without the open saloon, his verdict was that "moral conditions were 50 times worse with the open saloon than without them." He viewed the future with a bright prospect, was conscious of his approaching departure, and was sure of his peace, calling and election. We miss him, but we know where to meet him.—O. L. Cole, Pastor.

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