

SIDELIGHTS ON THE TROUBLE IN THE ORIENT

By Bishop Paul B. Kern.

The 19th Route Army.

China may not be "an organized state," but she surely has an organized army. The fight that has been put up by the 19th Route Army, composed mainly of Cantonese soldiers, is one of the most heroic acts of resistance that I have ever witnessed. Attacked daily by heavy guns, raided by aerial bombs and faced by soldiers with superior equipment, for four weeks they refused to yield an inch. These soldiers, many of them boys, do not have steel helmets and few large guns. So far as I know this is the first time in modern warfare when an enemy's fleet of airplanes has had complete and unopposed freedom to attack an opposing line. China has a few airplanes, but not enough to put them in the field against the Japanese. In spite of all these handicaps these Chinese soldiers have fought with a gallantry and a determination that is not only a surprise to the Japanese military force but to the whole world. If China should ever turn to become a military nation with modern equipment she would be well nigh invincible.

Be Patient With China.

Many of us have been proud of America's attitude in this Sino-Japanese conflict. While our government has been cautious she has at last made very clear her stand on the integrity of the "open door" policy in the Far East. This program beginning with that superb Christian statesman, John Hay, constitutes China's chief hope for a chance to achieve stability and freedom from international strife. China merits censure, to be sure, but she also deserves very great sympathy as well. An immense population numbering nearly one-fourth of the human race, sprawling out over a gigantic territory, suddenly thrust into a modern world, she has unnumbered difficulties in revising her old methods and taking on the form of a modern state. Someone has characterized this aspect of China in the graphic phrase "China's inarticulate hugeness." To compare her in this respect with Japan is hardly fair. The Japanese people are compact, living in a small area, orderly and militaristic by inheritance and nature, and unified by language, it is quite easy for her to swing into the list of modern nations. China has many dialects. A man from Canton cannot understand a man from Shanghai and the mandarin of Peiping sounds strange to the residents of the Yangtze valley.

There are many encouraging signs of growing solidly and no one who knows Chinese life today intimately shares the pessimism of some outside observers concerning China's future. She has a long way to go but it is most clearly evident that the China of today is not the China of 1905. Twenty-five years have wrought tremendous changes and given birth to a national spirit which during the next quarter of a century will change the whole aspect of her life.

"Die-Hards."

For the first time in my life I have come up squarely against that attitude of selfishness which seeks personal gain and economic advantage regardless of the consequences to the country in which such benefits are gained. There are many business men in China who do not care one flip for the Chinese, but are solely interested in exploiting their resources and piling up for themselves high fortunes. They are the kind of people who would keep all Chinese in the class of coolies. They resent the increasing number of young men and women who insist upon sharing responsibilities and profits in China's economic world. They are not slow to say the missionaries are a nuisance; that they make the Chinese unsatisfied with their old ways and do nothing but

* THEN ISAAC SOWED IN THAT LAND, *
 * AND RECEIVED IN THE SAME YEAR *
 * AN HUNDREDFOLD; AND THE LORD *
 * BLESSED HIM. AND THE MAN WAX- *
 * ED GREAT, AND WENT FORWARD, *
 * AND GREW UNTIL HE BECAME VERY *
 * GREAT; FOR HE HAD POSSESSION OF *
 * FLOCKS, AND POSSESSION OF HERDS, *
 * AND GREAT STORE OF SERVANTS; *
 * AND THE PHILISTINES ENVIED HIM. *

* —Gen. 26:12-14. *

cause trouble for the foreigners. Their popular slogan is that "all Chinese are rice Christians." In this present conflict they seem concerned with only one interest, namely the protection of their business. They care nothing for the integrity of China's life or who rules her; the only question is shall we have free access to her raw materials, to her cheap labor and to her lucrative markets? I do not wonder that oftentimes there flames up in this country a bitter resentment against foreigners and I am not surprised, if in the heat of resentment, lack of discrimination sometimes includes missionaries as well as business folks in this program of anti-foreign bitterness. The attitude of Secretary Stimson and the American press at this time is a great reinforcement to those of us who are anxious to prove to thoughtful Chinese that there are many of us here not for personal gain but for friendly help and sacrificial service in building the true Chinese nation.

The Hope of Japan.

Let no one think that there is not in Japan a group of true Christian men and women who hate this war business as much as we do. It takes courage to speak out in a country where the military mind dominates as it does in Japan. Our own Bishop Akazawa has been among that courageous group of Japanese Christians who have sought a peaceful solution to this conflict. The following cable was sent on February 8 to Geneva: "Secretariats Christian World Organizations Geneva, urge you use influence convince authorities and public of growing volume moral world opinion against Japan's increasing use military measures. Our love for Japan and respect for her moral standing in world affairs impels this message." Some day this group will dominate Japan and the military autocracy of today will be driven out of power by an enraged public sentiment waiting to be mobilized in Japan.

Got Their Start With Us.

It is interesting to note the increasing part being played in China's life by Christian men. Many of her official and unofficial leaders are followers of Christ, products of our Christian missionary enterprise. Dr. Wellington Koo, recently foreign minister and now adviser to the Foreign Department, and Dr. W. W. Yen, the Chinese representative in Geneva, were both students of our old Anglo-Chinese College on Quinsan Road. Later both of them graduated from St. John's University, an Episcopal School in Shanghai. The heaven works and Christ is not without witness.

The Devil Mode War.

This experience in Shanghai during the past six weeks simply brings to light again the dark and ugly face of war. It is always the same, whether in France or China. Propaganda and camouflage cannot conceal the leering brutality that it is. If you could have gone with me last Saturday over the devastated, burning areas of Chapei, the Chinese portion of the city of Shanghai, and seen the charred and wrecked mass of ruins that once marked the home of a half-million happy people, your imagination could easily fill in the picture. More than 1,000 civilians dead; 800,000 refugees driven from their homes; a

property loss, exclusive of war expenditures, amounting to over one hundred million gold dollars—that's war as we have seen it here since January 28.

How piercing and unanswerable are these words of Bishop Brent at the Stockholm Conference when he said, "It is for the Church to determine in what circumstances, if any, killing and maiming, lying and guile, destruction and rapine—in short, the declaration of a moratorium of the moral law—cease to be an offense against God and man and become a praiseworthy virtue and a patriotic duty. Dare we do less than hold that war as an institution for the settlement of international disputes by brute force—is incompatible with the mind of Christ and therefore incompatible with His Church?"

The Gospel Still Saves.

Once again Dr. and Mrs. Sherwood Eddy have blessed China with an extended visit and vigorous evangelistic campaign. He was heard by 300 audiences in 21 cities of 11 provinces, the numbers hearing him aggregating approximately 200,000 people. Of these several thousand signed cards signifying a willingness to study the Christian way of living. A bit of local color is given in the following brief extract of a report of the meetings in one city: "We have just finished a wonderful week in Foochow. One lawyer, Mr. Gong, organized 800 personal workers. He himself brought 300 friends to the meetings, 50 lawyers coming to one meeting. He has led 42 of his friends to join the Church. Over 11,000 different persons, mostly non-Christian students, attended five series of meetings. There was a total of 354 decisions to enter the Christian life, while 309 enquirers enrolled in special Bible classes to make a study of Christianity." One secret of his power is his fearlessness in denouncing sin not only in private life but also in public life. He flays the corruption of public officials and the indifference of the wealthy to the sufferings of the poor. I gather from a conference with him that he feels that only Christianity can save China from the grim alternatives of Communism on the one hand and of vassalage to Japan on the other. You can begin to see why our Christian program is needed now in China as never before.

Right on the Job to Stay.

Some people write me as if we were about to close shop and get out of China. Well, hardly. Nobody over here feels that way. Our work in Shanghai has been interfered with somewhat, but in reality we have had unusual opportunities during the past weeks to render testimony for Christ. The protest of the missionaries against the use of military force has been a strong factor in arousing international indignation. Our Moore Memorial Church has cared for nearly 1,000 refugees, holding two religious services a day. Every Sunday its great auditorium has been packed to standing room. Our missionary workers at McTycire School have given days and days of service to the big refugee camp, housing 3,000 people, on Nanking Road. These experiences draw us closer to the Chinese heart and open many doors that might otherwise be closed.

Here are some excerpts from letters from missionaries working in interior points: "You will be glad to hear that our work has been going on in a way that makes us thankful. We had the best week of meetings we have had at the holiday season for seven years. We are not expecting or anticipating any trouble," writes Wesley M. Smith from Changshu. "We are busy with our regular work and are now helping with the refugees and wounded soldiers," says John E. Stroud from Hong Kong Institutional Church, Soochow. "Changchow continues to be the same peaceful spot. Our

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METHODIST CALENDAR

Camden Dist. Conf., at El Dorado, April 28-29.
Ft. Smith Dist. Conf., at Clarksville, May 2-3.
Prescott Dist. Conf., at Nashville, May 2-3.
Pine Bluff Dist. Conf., at Sheridan, May 3-4.
Texarkana Dist. Conf., at Lewisville, May 4-5.
Paragould Dist. Conf., at Pocahontas, May 5-6.
Arkadelphia Dist. Conf., at Benton, May 5-6.
Monticello Dist. Conf., at Hermitage, May 12-13.
Conway Dist. Conf., at Pottsville, May 17-18.
Helena Dist. Conf., at Holly Grove, May 19-20.
Little Rock Dist. Conf., at 28th St., May 20.
Searcy Dist. Conf., at McCrory, May 26-27.

Personal and Other Items

REV. HENRY GOODLOE, our pastor at Kensett, preached the closing sermon for the Kensett High School.

REV. AUBREY WALTON, our pastor at Calico Rock, preached the sermon for the class of the local High School last Sunday.

REV. G. C. TAYLOR, pastor of the Marmaduke Methodist Church, preached the closing sermon for the Marmaduke High School.

REV. W. C. HILLIARD, our pastor at Altheimer, while in our city on business, called and brought in a nice list of renewals. He reports fair conditions in his charge and a hopeful outlook.

REV. R. G. ROWLAND, beloved superannuate of Little Rock Conference, who lives at Ashdown, called and reported that Rev. R. A. Teeter, his pastor, is doing fine work and his people are greatly pleased.

REV. J. C. GLENN, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, will preach the baccalaureate sermon at Galloway College, June 5, and Dr. J. M. Wood, president of Stephens College, Columbia, Mo., will on June 6 deliver the address to the graduates.

REV. M. T. WORKMAN, our pastor at Gurdon, and Rev. M. A. Boggs, pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Hot Springs, exchanged pulpits Sunday, April 17, Rev. Mr. Workman broadcasting over KTHS. They were fellow pastors in Dermott some years ago.

REV. H. C. HANKINS, evangelist, who has recently had good revivals in Colorado and Missouri, will begin a two weeks' meeting with Rev. J. E. Lark at Jonesboro May 1, and will have an open date after May 15. He may be reached by letter at Springdale, Ark.

THE EDITOR, representing the Hospital Board of the Little Rock Conference, attended the meeting of the Hospital Association of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at Memphis last week. The attendance was good and the addresses and papers fine. Dr. C. C. Jarrell, General Secretary of our Hospital Board, delivered an especially strong and illuminating address and publication was requested. Dr. Ivan Lee Holt, pastor of St. John's Church, St. Louis, conducted the worship services and his meditations were inspiring and suggestive. While our hospital work, like all activities of the Church, has suffered from the effects of the depression, still the outlook was distinctly hopeful. The next meeting will be at St. Louis. The following Arkansas people were present: Revs. W. T. Thompson, J. T. Wilcoxon, W. J. Spicer, and W. L. Oliver and wife.

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REV. M. R. LARK, our pastor at Eureka, Mo., is rejoicing because his son, who has been in Barnes Hospital for a serious operation, is rapidly recovering. Bro. Lark highly appreciates the service rendered by the Hospital and the loving sympathy and prayers of many friends.

REV. W. V. WOMACK, our pastor at First Church, Batesville, sending in 46 appreciated subscriptions, writes: "Our work is progressing favorably. The Sunday School is making a splendid growth, showing a marked increase over the past five years. Our mid-week services are the best we have ever had anywhere."

ANYONE possessing the New Analytical Bible with the determination of studying it will find it a tremendous help, and a continuous, diligent study of this volume will lead to a very full knowledge of God's revelation of Himself, as revealed in His Holy Word.—Wm. T. Capers, Episcopal Bishop of West Texas.

DR. W. C. WATSON, P. E. Texarkana District, writes: "The parsonage for the Richmond Circuit was destroyed by fire Sunday, April 17. It was occupied by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Pickering, and family. Some of the household goods were saved. We hope the brethren and friends will remember this good man and his family."

ANNOUNCEMENT is made that at the coming commencement Hendrix College will confer the LL. D. degree upon Prof. W. E. Hogan, formerly head of the Department of Mathematics, but now treasurer of the General Board of Christian Education, and the D. D. degree upon Rev. J. Q. Schisler, secretary of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education.

REV. J. C. GLENN, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, preached the closing sermon for the Watson Chapel Consolidated Schools, April 17, and on April 24 preached the sermon for the Whitehall Consolidated Schools. He will deliver the commencement address for the Arkansas Haygood Industrial Institute, May 3. This is the school of the C. M. E. Church of which Rev. C. C. Neal is president.

THE NATION COMMENTS ON TWO POLITICIANS

THE NATION, a progressive journal, which seeks to throw light on all political issues, is running a series of articles on candidates for the presidency. In the article on Speaker J. N. Garner of Texas, occurs this statement: "Many experts regard him as the soundest and most correct drinker in Washington. He prefers rye, but can use a little corn if it is extra good. He voted against the 18th Amendment, but voted for the Volstead and Jones laws. I cannot be certain how he would face that issue in a presidential campaign, but I entertain no doubt about how he feels. He feels that suppression or control of the liquor traffic should be left to the respective states."

In the article on Newton D. Baker may be found the following: "There is no subject on earth, apart from my relations to my God and to my family, which compares remotely with me with the League of Nations. . . . I served Woodrow Wilson for five years. He is standing at the throne of God whose approval he won and has received. As he looks down from there, I say to him, 'I did my best. I am doing it now. You are still the captain of my soul.'" (June 28, 1924.) January 28, 1932, he is quoted as saying: "I would not take the United States into the

League, if I had the power to do so, until there is an informed and convinced majority sentiment in favor of that action by the United States. I do not think that the Democrats should advocate our entrance into the League just because Woodrow Wilson favored it." The editor comments: "Just another politician and orator without fixed principles, veering to the winds if the necessity arises or there is an opportunity to take office or make money."

BOOK REVIEWS

When All Drank and Thereafter; by Conrad H. Moehlman; published by The Alcohol Information Committee, 150 Fifth Ave., New York City; price \$1.50.

This book traces the history of intoxicants from the beginning of authentic records and enables the reader to understand how Prohibition came and its results, and also to venture to predict what may be the outcome of the efforts to modify or repeal the 18th Amendment. With its full index and bibliography it brings a vast amount of valuable information within easy reach. Consequently it should be a book of reference on the table of every "dry" who wishes to be ready to meet the arguments of the opponents of the 18th Amendment. When you learn that humanity has been drunk for thousands of years, and until within the last century many good church people drank, it is easy to understand why it is so difficult to abate all the evils of strong drink in a day.

CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN BY CHURCHES

Since last report the following subscriptions have been received from churches: Ashdown—R. A. Teeter, by Mrs. S. C. Reynolds, 3; McCrory Ct.—R. A. Bevis, 2; DeWitt—A. W. Waddill, 3; Winfield—P. W. Quillian, 4; Newark—I. L. Claud, 11; Lockesburg—Earle Lewis, 11; Pangburn—E. Miller, 1; Altheimer—Wabbaseka—W. C. Hilliard, 11; Humphrey—G. W. Robertson, 3; Des Arc—K. L. Spore, 1; Colt—W. F. Shell, 2; Forest Park—J. B. Hefley, 10; Wilcox—D. T. Rowe, 1; El Dorado—First Church, J. L. Hoover, 14; Batesville—W. V. Womack, 46; Marion—E. K. Sewell, 7; Prairie Grove—E. E. Stevenson, 5; Hawley—L. W. Evans, 11; First Church, 4; Pine Bluff, all by L. W. Evans; Harrison—J. A. Reynolds, 3; Holly Springs Ct.—E. S. Walker, 6; Okolona—S. B. Mann, 2. This represents some fine work and is appreciated. Let it continue and become contagious.

CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN BY DISTRICTS

North Arkansas Conference	
Batesville District	108
Booneville District	65
Conway District	59
Fayetteville District	60
Ft. Smith District	41
Helena District	79
Jonesboro District	34
Paragould District	1
Searcy District	35
Total	477
Little Rock Conference	
Arkadelphia District	107
Camden District	97
Little Rock District	69
Monticello District	57
Pine Bluff	119
Prescott District	110
Texarkana	67
Total	619

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hospital was never busier than this winter," writes Dr. R. M. Paty. Hubert Stone from Huchow writes enthusiastically of the work in his church. Bigger crowds than ever before, more decisions for Christ, larger attendance at Bible classes. "The best year we have ever had" doesn't sound like the word of a despairing missionary who has about decided to quit and go home. Our group out here is staying on the job and asks the Church at home to do the same.

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N. ARK. MINUTES OUT

Again a record has been broken by the efficient Rec. Sec'y. of N. Arkansas Conf., Mrs. Henry Hanesworth. The minutes were being mailed after April 16, just one week after adjournment. For 19 years Mrs. Hanesworth has rendered this important and difficult service, each time better than the last. Beloved by all, she has been entrusted with a Conference office for 38 years.—Ethel K. Millar, Supt. Pub.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE ANNUAL MEETING AND SPRING

By Mrs. F. M. Williams.

Spring with all its beauty and hope was the motif of the 20th Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Woman's Missionary Society in Little Rock April 5-7.

From the initial beautiful incident to the close those in attendance felt the exuberance of the well planned and well executed program, also a new infilling of spiritual and missionary meaning.

The home of the president, Mrs. W. P. McDermott, was like a veritable spring garden with blossoms everywhere for the exquisite luncheon attended by the executive board, after which an executive meeting was held.

The evening shades had fallen, spring was still the evident motif of the banquet held at the church at 6 p. m. Butterflies were everywhere sipping sweets from spring flowers,

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alighted on curtains and hand painted programs and dark table covers, the delicious menu of spring viands, happy greetings and interesting program.

Throughout each day beautiful lilies graced the altar, the Elizabeth Rimmel class room blossomed in sweet flowers, the messages each day and evening were vital, inspiring and far reaching, music charmed the ear of the soul, opportunity for social hour in a bower of beauty, and we came away enriched in spirit, enheartened in purpose and refreshed by the fellowship of friend with friend and a closer relation with Him whom we serve, in the spring meeting of our Conference.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY

Mrs. B. E. Snetser

In summing up the year's work of the Northern Arkansas Woman's Missionary Society, we find that in spite of the depression and numerous bank failures, causing a deficit in our pledge to Council, officers and figures gathered from officers and district secretaries reports show a splendid spirit on the part of our Missionary Women and an excellent quality of work done during 1931.

Officers Training day was observed in nine districts and eight Mission Study institutes held. Beginning almost immediately after the annual meeting District meetings were held with well planned programs and good attendance, followed throughout the year with zone meetings disseminating information and inspiration to hundreds of women.

The Spiritual Life Groups were given a large place on the programs. You will have a full report of this important work from the Conference Chairman, Mrs. Alice Graham.

As a result of active cultivation we report 48 new societies. Adult 17, Boys and Girls World Club 17, World Children's Circles 7, Baby Division 7.

Paragould District leads with six new adult auxiliaries, and is 100 per cent in reports, every auxiliary in the district reported on time each quarter.

Conway District is first in number of study classes for Council credit, also has the largest number of individual credits for Mission Study. Booneville is a close second in Council Credits and they have two new Adult Auxiliaries, with ten societies making the Honor Roll.

Helena, Jonesboro, Conway and Searcy also report new auxiliaries.

Batesville, Conway, Jonesboro and Ft. Smith have new adult life members.

Searcy District had one Memorial member.

Conway, Fayetteville, Jonesboro and Searcy District over-paid their quota on Edith Martin's salary.

Fayetteville District paid \$5.38 per capita (Adult Dept.) to Conference Treasurer.

Mrs. J. H. Zellner, secretary of Fayetteville District, has made a splendid record during her nine months in office and wins the trip to Council, having made the highest percentage on the District Standard of Excellence.

Christian Stewardship was presented 408 times. Fayetteville and Paragould District report 100 per cent in this.

There are 1,177 subscribers to Missionary Voice and 175 subscribers to World Friends.

Week of Prayer was observed by 128 Auxiliaries, Conway District and

Cabot Auxiliary again lead in Week of Prayer offering.

Nine Auxiliaries have attained the Council Standard of Excellence on Christian Social relations.

Fayetteville Auxiliary made a most unusual record, that of paying more to connectional funds than to local work.

As usual under the capable leadership of Mrs. Jno. W. Bell, the study department has made marked progress, as you will hear from her report.

Strangers Home, Batesville District, made 100 per cent on the Standard of Excellence, and wins the Conference Loving Cup.

Ninety-Five auxiliaries paid on Scarritt Maintenance Fund.

There are 55 auxiliaries reported on the Honor Roll, 29 Adults, 10 Boys and Girls World Clubs, 9 World Children's Circles, 7 Baby Divisions.

There are five adult life members, one member and five baby life members.

The Conference supports three Foreign and One Home Missionary, Six scholarships and five Bible Women.

We now have 260 auxiliaries with a membership of 5,266 as follows:

Adults—177 auxiliaries, 4,218 members, 17 new auxiliaries, 690 new members.

Boys and Girls World Clubs—42 auxiliaries, 624 members, 17 new auxiliaries, 365 new members.

World Children's Circles—23 auxiliaries, 279 members, 7 new auxiliaries, 185 new members.

Baby Division—18 auxiliaries, 145 members, 7 new auxiliaries, 63 new members.

Total sent to Conference Treasurer (including Young People and Children)—\$16,186.25, \$22,827.23.

BIBLE AND MISSION STUDY

Mrs. Jno. W. Bell, Supt. North Arkansas Conference

The work of 1931 has receded into history. It has been a good year with us, in our study, and we feel that we can claim that its record of achievement in numbers and credits, means progress.

There has been a fine spirit of co-operation and appreciation in this department and because of this we have been able to put over a real challenging worth while program. There has been a stream of correspondence between your Conference Superintendents and the Auxiliary Superintendents which has kept us delightfully busy.

A District Training Day, for the Superintendents of study, was held in each District.

About 100 Auxiliaries made the Standard of Excellence by the study of three books. The outstanding item in my report is the increased number of special classes that studied for Council recognition. This proves that our women are intensely interested in raising their study to a higher standard.

The many opportunities offered for development in Leadership Training through the Cokesbury and Standard Training and the Mission School at Mt. Sequoyah are proving of great benefit to those who will avail themselves of these opportunities.

In 1930 we presented 30 Council Certificates to the Auxiliaries that met the requirement. For 1931 we are happy to report we will present eighty-six.

Statistics

Number of reports received.....387
Number of Adults Bible Classes.143

Number of members in classes 2,377
Number Young People's Bible

Classes 5
Number members in classes.....102
Number adult mission classes.....252
Number members in classes.....3,920
Number Young People's Mission

Classes 8
Number members in classes.....153
Number Council classes..... 86
Number members in Council

Classes1,052
Number Individual credits.....350

Leading books: "Methodism and Kingdom Extension," "The Turn Toward Peace," "The Challenge of Change," "Great Souls at Prayer."

THE ALICIA AUXILIARY

The Society met at the home of Mrs. W. B. Bottorff, April 14. The following program was rendered:

Prayer Service Conducted by Mrs. Virginia Owens.

Leader: Mrs. G. G. Owens.

Scripture Reading: Matt. 9:10-15.
Mrs. Florence Cross.

Talk on Love: Leader.

Prayer: Mrs. J. T. Bottorff.

Topic Discussion: Moving Pictures and Lawlessness, Mrs. W. H. Whitlow, Mrs. Katie Byrd and Mrs. E. J. Cox.

Moving Pictures and the Wesley House: A reading, by Mrs. W. S. Parrish.

Report on Conference: Mrs. Virginia Owens.

Seventeen members and four visitors were present and after a chain prayer, delicious refreshments were served by the hostess and enjoyed by all.

OAKLEY CHAPEL MISSIONARY SOCIETY

A very interesting discussion on the Post Diluvian Period was led by Miss Della German, Thursday afternoon when the society met with Mrs. W. C. Russell. The mystery package was received by Miss Hugh Britt.

In the business session plans were discussed and adopted for raising funds for local and general work.

Besides the sixteen members present there were two guests, Mrs. Emma Jackson and Miss Esther Maberry.

Dainty refreshments were served by the hostess and an all day meeting with Mrs. R. D. German was planned for next month.—Reporter.

A NOTE OF THANKS

In the name of the membership of the North Arkansas Conference, Woman's Missionary Society, I wish to thank Mr. Robins, Mr. Riedmaten and the "boys" of the Conway Printing Co. for the early getting out of the Minutes.

Just seven (working) days after our meeting adjourned, I received a package by special delivery, and in nine (working) days every copy was in the postoffice.

If there was any delay in receiving these, the fault was not with the printing company.

Our thanks are also due Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Smith who looked after my every comfort while getting up and supervising the printing.—Mrs. Henry Hanesworth, Rec. Sec.

A NOTE FROM MISS ESTHER CASE

Mrs. Henry Hanesworth, Augusta, Arkansas:

Dear Mrs. Hanesworth: Your telegram on behalf of the North Arkansas Woman's Missionary Society came as a surprise and a joy. I am delighted to know that the women are so much interested in the work in Africa that they propose to sup-

port a scholarship in that field in my honor. I am sure this will be pleasing to Miss Edith Martin, too, our Arkansas girl who has made such a splendid beginning in her work at Wembo Nyama. When you have a chance, please express to the women of the Conference my appreciation.

With love and best wishes for you and for all the work of the Conference, I am, yours sincerely, Esther Case.

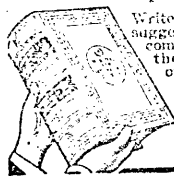


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Taxicab is an abbreviation of *taximeter-cabriolet*—a vehicle carrying an instrument for automatically registering the fare. The name *cabriolet* is the diminutive of the French *cabriole*, meaning "a leap" like that of a goat, and was applied to this type of carriage because of its light, bounding motion. *Cabriolet* came from the Italian *capriola* meaning "a somersault," from Latin *capra* "a he-goat," *capra* "a she-goat." There are thousands of such stories about the origins of English words in

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HENDRIX COLLEGE NEWS

Fraternities and sororities are to be organized conditional upon students and members of the faculty agreeing on plans for their inception and operation. There is a committee of the faculty headed by Dr. T. S. Staples, dean of the college, and a committee of students headed by Werner Trieschman, Little Rock senior, working toward the organization of Greek-letter societies, and another committee of co-eds to be formed immediately.

The Board of Trustees, when it met last week, authorized the organization of fraternities and sororities with the condition mentioned above. If plans are effected, local fraternities and sororities will be formed at first and later these may gain membership with national societies.

"The interest of the college," said Dr. C. J. Greene, vice-president of Hendrix, "is not at all in affiliation with national organizations. The object of present discussion is to determine whether or not local groups can be formed which will add value to the educational and social life of the campus. Affiliation with national groups would be, I am sure, valuable and desirable, but we must first go through a period of probation, and show ourselves worthy of such affiliation."

The Trustees voted to confer the honorary degree of LL. D. on W. E. Hogan, Treasurer of the General Board of Christian Education and the degree of D. D. on Rev. J. Q. Schisler, Executive Secretary of the Department of the Local Church of the General Board of Education. Both men are Hendrix alumni.

Mu Sigma Chi, local chapter of Scholarship Societies of the South,

took part in the installation program of a new chapter of the organization at the College of the Ozarks this week, when Dr. O. T. Gooden, past president of the National Society, and four students went to Clarksville. With him on the program were Martha Jackman, Pine Bluff; Robert Miller, Conway; Lula Garland, Emmett; and Walter Moffatt, Monticello, all seniors.

Sixty-eight seniors make up the class of 1932: January graduates: Eleanor Garrett, Beebe; Mildred Johnson, Judsonia; Hope Raney, Conway; and Margaret Whaley, Paris. June graduates: Martha Jackman, Pine Bluff; Ella Elliott, Harris Hogue, Harvey A. Nelson, and J. Werner Trieschman, Little Rock; Mildred Alewyne, Frances Brummett, W. Vervian Hinkle, Clyde Hughes, Guy H. Jones, Robert Miller, Mildred Mosley, Donald S. Nelson, Raymond Price, Eva Raney, Arlo Smith, Mary Wyatt, and Nellie Wyatt, Conway; Paul Acuman, Texarkana; Henry Arney, Flippin; Marion Atkinson, Lake Village; Elizabeth Blanks, Jimmie Wynne, and Jimmie McKenzie, Dermott; Rolland Bradley, Helena; Nell Brummett, Fordyce; Munn Forrest, Hot Springs; Willine Forrest and Mary Jane Smith, Cabot; Lula and Ramy Garland, Emmett; Elaine Swaffer, Marianna; Lucibelle Workman, Glenwood; Percy Goynne, Clarkdale, Miss.; Neille Shoemaker, Yellville; Elizabeth Stewart, New Edinburg; Graydon Griffin, Camden; McFerrin Stowe, Winchester, Tenn.; Lawrence Harris, Rogers; Frank Haynes, Walter Moffatt, and Elizabeth Wells, Monticello; George Holmes, Benton, La.; Lucille Jacobs, Searcy; Roger Mills, Kensett; Mary Lawson and Thomas Sparks, Crossett; Virginia Sprague, Corning; George Meyer, Dumas; J. Fred Morris, Eudora; Faye Owens, Judsonia; Emily Hatton Peyton, Batesville; Margaret Sue Nugent and Geraldine Sawyer, Russellville; Robert Rhea, Waldo; Ardis Russell, El Dorado; and H. K. Smith, Wheatley.

July graduates include: Pauline Galloway, Little Rock; Alice Proctor Martin, Warren; Virginia Robins, Conway; Marjem Ward, England; Clyde Wilson, Pine Bluff; and Margaret Wilford, Swifton.

Miss Clyde Wilson takes the degree of Bachelor of Music, the first ever to receive that degree at Hendrix. The College of Music was opened three years ago, and Miss Wilson, finishing her work in three years is the first to earn a degree from the new college.

Martha Jackman, first woman to edit the student newspaper, The College Profile, climaxed her year's work by winning second among fifteen contesting papers at the Arkansas College Press Association meet at College of the Ozarks this year. The College Chatter, Little Rock Junior College paper, won first. President of the Association the past year was Graydon Griffin, Camden senior, business manager of publications at Hendrix.

Scholarship grades for the quarter, posted by G. A. Simmons, registrar: Nina Ruth Turney, Conway, seven A's; Eula Jean Cherry, Altus, six A's; Walter Moffatt of Monticello and Ruth Simmons, Conway, five A's; Catherine Bahlau, Pine Bluff; Sam Bratton, Virginia Grinstead, W. T. Martin, Jr., Conway; R. N. Hill, Blytheville; and Randolph Cannon, Fordyce, four A's. Three A's went to Catherine Brooks, Pine Bluff; Opal Hughes, Conway; Ramy Gar-

land, Emmett; Roger Mills, Kensett; Fontaine Reves, Piggott; Sam Richmond, Russellville; and Ardis Russell, El Dorado.

Two-A students included Mildred Alewyne, Ruth Browning, Josephine Cole, Sarah Cole, Sarah Daugherty, Elizabeth Douglass, Leah Rose Hicks, Gordon Holl, Nan Estelle McHenry, Naomi Simmons, and Jane Smith, Conway; Rolland Bradley, Helena; William Bundy, Hope; Margaret Adelle Cooper, Crossett; Munn Forrest, Hot Springs; Winifred Goodrich, Blytheville; Harvey Nelson, Little Rock; Margaret Sue Nugent, Russellville; Verla Pickering, Bentonville; Clyde Wilson, Pine Bluff; Mary Sue Wood, Augusta; Lucibelle Workman, Glenwood; and James Wynne, Dermott.

One "A" apiece was earned by John Daugherty, Mary Harton, Cyril Holmes, Clyde Hughes, Miriam Hulien, Elizabeth McHenry, Paul McHenry, Nell McMahon, Robert Miller, Irene Robins, Virginia Robins, Donald Nelson, Mary Louise Rogers, and Arlo Smith, Conway; Louise Acuman, Texarkana; Runyan Albright, Searcy; Julius Barnett, Augusta; Virginia Bledsoe, Atkins; Nell Brummett, Fordyce; Elizabeth Burke, Winter Cannon, Hope; Kirke Couch, Martha Jackman, James Fisackerly, George Talbot, and Margery Talbot, Pine Bluff; Myron Dean, North Little Rock; Milton Crawford, McGehee; Fern Houston, Harris Hogue, and John Ruff, Little Rock; Lula Garland, Emmett; Percy Goynne, Clarkdale, Miss.; Leslie Hale, Hot Springs; Gregg Hamilton and Elizabeth Wells, Monticello; Lawrence Harris, Rogers; Oliver Higginbotham, Mary Sue Hutchinson, Nashville; Richard Jones, Hamburg; Mary Lawson, and Thomas Sparks, Crossett; William Lowe, Helena; Gladys Martin, Harrison; Fred Morris, Eudora; Robert Rhea, Waldo; Neille Shoemaker, Yellville; and Marjem Ward, England.

Ninety students earned a total of 170 A's.

Sunday the Choristers, directed by Prof. Clem A. Towner, head of the College of Music, went to Stuttgart, and, after singing in the various churches at the morning services, rendered an oratorio called "The Holy City," by Gaul, in the Methodist Church in the afternoon. Soloists on the program included Walter Moffatt, Monticello, senior and president of the organization; Miss Catherine Gaw, instructor in voice at Hendrix and Galloway; Mrs. R. L. Campbell and Dr. W. H. Kamp of Conway; Oscar Fenn of Stuttgart, and Gregg Hamilton of Monticello. They were invited to Stuttgart by five ministers there.

A survey made by Prof. G. A. Simmons indicates that 35 of the class of 68 this year intend to enter the profession of teaching. Eight

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will go to graduate school and eight more into business; three desire to enter law school, and one into banking, commercial chemistry, civil service, journalism, and library work. Nine were undecided.

FIRST SUNDAY MEETING OF THE PARAGOULD EASTERN DISTRICT UNION AT THE PARAGOULD EAST SIDE CHURCH, April 3

Rev. Mr. Boyles gave the welcome address and introduced Rev. Mr. Hill who is holding a union revival at the First Church, Jonesboro.

The program as follows was rendered by the young people of Paragould East Side Church.

Song—Living for Jesus, congregation.

Scripture—John 15, 1-15.

Prayer—Rev. F. A. Lark, Piggott. Vocal Solo—Charles McNealy.

Trombone Solo—Ray McAlaster, accompanied by Miss Elmo Freeman, at the Piano.

Reading—Alverda Gibson.

Vocal Solo—Helen Steel, accompanied by Miss Fayrene Boyles at Piano.

Piano Solo—Mrs. Ruth Mitchell. Vocal Duet—Charles McNealy and Miss Alverda Gibson.

Piano Solo—Miss Fyrene Boyles. Prayer (read)—Miss Anita Miller.

Business Meeting

Miss McKelvey took charge and the names of the newly elected officers were read. The installation began by the reading of the Object of the Union Meetings and the Duties of their office. Miss Lark of Piggott, district Secretary, took charge and installed the officers: President, Anderson Sage, Corning; Secretary, Miss Lena Mae Fisher, Paragould First Church; and Reporter, A. L. Mathias, Piggott.

The new president took charge. Those present were 157. The next meeting was voted to go to Marmaduke, and to begin at 2:30 p. m. Rev. Mr. Sage suggested that a debate or lecture on some out-standing event would be of interest and would create interest for the Young People in the Union. No conclusion was reached on this or the outing that was suggested. The president asked that each League Chapter report at our next meeting.

The Secretaries reported that the Loving Cup went to the Rector Senior League with 427.6 points and the Hi-League Banner went to the Marmaduke Hi-League with 422.1 points. Members of the Paragould East

Side Leagues served ice cold pop on the church lawn immediately after the meeting.

Come on, every Leaguer, and let's get behind our new president and help him to push our work.

The next meeting will be at Marmaduke Sunday, May 1, at 2:30 p. m.

"In order for a League to get the most points at the First Sunday meeting they are to be represented when the Secretaries meet to count up the points, and to have their book filled in up to date with the Business and Council Meetings in their proper places, and the report of the Departments in their proper place, and the Treasurer's book is to be filled out up to date."

We welcome visitors and like for them to come to our meetings. See your pastor and let him know whether you can take some Leaguers. Bring all you are able.

To the Leagues of the other Districts, come and meet with us and see what you think of our meetings. —Alvin L. Mathias, Young People District Reporter.

EASTERN LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Y. P. UNION

The Eastern Little Rock District Young People's Union met at England the evening of April 15. It had been formed in a temporary organization a month earlier at Lonoke. The meeting opened with a "pot-luck supper," followed by a program rendered by the young people of England Church. In the business session the following officers were elected: Pres., E. L. White, Lonoke; Vice-Pres., J. F. Norman, Jr., England; Sec., Miss Mildred Stastney, Lonoke; Treas., Miss Lola Mae Perkins, Carlisle; and Publicity Supt., Mr. Ben Rice, Austin Circuit.

This union is made up of the young people of the following charges: Lonoke, Carlisle, Des Arc, Hazen, DeValls Bluff, England, Keo-Tomberlin, Hickory Plains Ct., Austin Ct., and Carlisle Ct. It has been under the direction of Rev. Harold D. Sadler, who besides being pastor at England serves on a voluntary basis as Conference Director of Young People's work.

Our presiding elder, Rev. J. A. Henderson, was with us and we were delighted with his words of greeting and his genial disposition toward the young people. We were also glad to have with us Rev. S. T. Baugh, our rural extension secretary, who has done so much for the young people of the Conference, also the following pastors: Rev. R. B. Moore of Lonoke, Rev. L. O. Lee of Keo, Rev. W. R. Boyd of Carlisle and Rev. James Simpson of Carlisle Circuit. The next meeting will be at Carlisle on May 27.—Reporter.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE FOURTH SUNDAY OFFERING REPORT FOR MARCH

Batesville District	
Batesville First Ch. (2 mo.)	\$ 33.33
Yellville (2 mo.)	1.14
Newport, Umsted Mem.	1.23
Newark	1.24
Calico Rock	1.53
Mt. Home	8.60
Previously reported	\$161.11
Booneville District	
Ola	1.50
Mansfield	4.15
Adona	.72
Booneville (2 mo.)	11.50
Huntington	2.35
Paris	6.23
Pisgah	.77
Bigelow	1.00
Perry Houston	1.00
Branch	.72
Hartford	1.76

Previously reported	\$118.64
Conway District	
Pottsville	1.02
London (2 mo.)	1.92
Atkins	5.25
Mt. Carmel	1.00
Previously reported	

Fayetteville District	
Oakley's Chapel (2 mo.)	2.16
Prairie Grove	20.17
Morrow (3 mo.)	2.14
Pea Ridge	1.03
Springdale	9.91
Rhea (2 mo.)	2.13
Springtown	2.50
Centerton	1.36
Rest Water	1.00
Central	3.80
Bentonville	9.50
Gentry (2 mo.)	6.37
Fayetteville	12.82
Cincinnati	.85
Green Forest	2.00
Winslow	3.74
Previously reported	\$298.54

Ft. Smith District	
Clarksville (2 mo.)	12.00
Van Buren, First	1.87
Alma	1.90
Ft. Smith, First	9.82
Ft. Smith, Midland Ht.	2.00
Mulberry	.61
Previously reported	\$113.15

Helena District	
Cherry Valley (2 mo.)	3.46
Marianna (2 mo.)	11.11
Weiner (3 mo.)	4.30
Vandale	1.00
Wheatley	3.56
Clarendon	5.50
Hughes	5.00
Colt	2.32
Crawfordsville	1.44
Helena	19.39
Aubrey	.75
West Helena	5.00
Holly Grove	3.16
Hulbert-W. Memphis	2.49
Lexa (3 mo.)	3.15
Haynes (2 mo.)	2.25
Previously reported	\$286.09

Jonesboro District	
Yarbro	.75
Nettleton	1.00
Lepanto	1.25
Leachville	2.00
Plytheville, First	20.00
Rosa (2 mo.)	1.00
Marion (2 mo.)	16.81
Previously reported	\$276.10

Paragould District	
Corning (2 mo.)	10.33
Rector (3 mo.)	12.00
Walnut Ridge	8.75
Mammoth Spring	2.97
Portia	.50
Hoxie (3 mo.)	5.87
Marmaduke	.80
Camp Ground	.50
Emmons' Chapel (3 mo.)	.50
Previously reported	\$123.28

Searcy District	
Mt. Zion	3.59
Clinton	1.00
Bergman (3 mo.)	1.55
Augusta	4.42
McCrory	6.00
Weldon	1.08
Previously reported	\$148.93

STANDING BY DISTRICTS	
Fayetteville	\$380.02
Helena	\$59.97
Jonesboro	\$18.91
Batesville	\$208.18
Conway	\$192.55
Searcy	\$166.57
Paragould	\$163.00
Booneville	\$150.34
Ft. Smith	\$141.35
Total	\$2,080.89
—G. G. Davidson, Executive Sec'y.	

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE Sunday School Day Offerings Complete to Saturday, April 23

Little Rock District	
Walter's Chapel	\$ 3.00
28th Street	16.00
England	50.00
Carlisle	20.43
Total	\$89.43

Monticello District	
Arkansas City	9.00
Lake Village	12.50
Total	\$21.50

Pine Bluff District	
Hawley Memorial	\$20.00

Texarkana District	
Highland	\$ 2.50

Standing by Districts	
Little Rock	\$89.43
Monticello	21.50
Pine Bluff	20.00
Texarkana	2.50
Total	\$133.43
Out in Full and on Conference Honor Roll	
28th Street	E. T. Miller
England	H. D. Sadler
Lake Village	J. A. Coleman
Hawley Memorial	Arthur Terry
—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.	

MISSIONARY OFFERINGS BY YOUNG PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION, LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE MARCH, 1932

Following is list of Missionary offerings sent in by Epworth Leagues, Young People's Classes and Departments of Sunday Schools, Little Rock Conference, for March:

Arkadelphia District	
First Ch., Hot Springs, S. S.	\$ 5.00
Camden District	
Smackover, E. L.	\$ 2.50
Fredonia, S. S.	.30
Parker's Chapel, E. L.	5.00
Thornton, E. L.	1.00
Fordey, E. L.	3.00
Nordphlet, E. L.	2.00
Louann, S. S.	.90
First Ch., El Dorado, E. L.	7.50
Total	\$ 22.20

Little Rock District	
Lonoke, E. L., in full	\$ 7.00
Asbury, S. S.	18.96
Total	\$ 25.06

Pine Bluff District	
DeWitt, E. L.	\$ 1.00
DeWitt, S. S.	1.04
First Ch., P. B., S. S.	3.10
First Ch., P. B., E. L.	15.00
Total	\$ 20.14

Prescott District	
Gurdon, S. S.	\$ 1.00

Texarkana District	
Lockesburg, E. L., in full	\$ 10.00
Bradley, S. S.	1.00
Ashdown, E. L.	1.00
Total	\$ 12.00

Standing by Districts	
Arkadelphia, 1 Church	\$ 5.00
Camden, 8 Churches	22.20
Little Rock, 2 Churches	25.06
Monticello, 0 Churches	
Pine Bluff, 2 Churches	20.14
Prescott, 1 Church	1.00
Texarkana, 3 Churches	12.00
Totals, 17 Churches	\$ 85.40
—Alleene Wakley, Treas.	

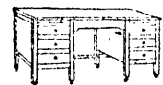
DUAL MISSION OFFERINGS LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, FOR MARCH

The following schools in Little Rock Conference report an offering for the Home and Foreign Missionary Enterprise, for March. This is the fifth report since Conference.

Arkadelphia District	
Arkadelphia	\$ 10.00
Dalark	.52
Manchester (2 mo.)	.70
First Church, Hot Springs	15.00

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Camden District.	
Boarden	\$ 3.00
Fairview	1.36
Camden	12.65
First Ch., El Dorado	42.15
Wesley's Chapel	.25
Parker's Chapel	.87
Fordyce	8.00
Fredonia (3 mo.)	2.80
Hampton	1.13
Harrell	.80
Junction City	1.45
Norphet	1.21
Magnolia	10.00
Smackover	5.00
Stephens	2.50
Rhodes Chapel	1.00
Waldo	4.04
Total	\$ 98.21

Little Rock District.	
Mt. Tabor	.10
Austin	.05
Mt. Zion	.05
Concord	.25
South Bend	.75
Smyrna	.05
Bauxite	3.00
Carlisle	4.18
Shiloh	.60
Walter's Chapel	1.00
Douglasville (4 mo.)	4.96
England	7.45
Tomberlin	1.22
First Ch., L. R.	27.99
Forest Park	1.00
Henderson	2.10
Hunter Mem.	2.50
28th Street	3.85
Lonoke	1.92
Mabelvale	.75
Roland	.60
Total	\$ 64.37

Monticello District.	
Arkansas City	2.25
Watson	1.00
Dumas	2.83
Hamburg	5.00
Hermitage	1.85
Lake Village	4.50
Montrose (2 mo.)	4.86
Winchester	1.00
Total	\$ 22.79

Pine Bluff District	
Alzheimer	\$ 3.38
Wabbaseka	7.25
DeWitt	5.07
Swan Lake	1.12
Bayou Meto	1.18
Gould	1.10
Sunshine	.63
Carr Mem. (2 mo.)	2.50
First Ch., P. B.	5.25
Lakeside	10.61
Sherrill	2.00
Star City (3 mo.)	6.87
Pleasant Grove (2 mo.)	.77
Prairie Union	1.00
Total	\$ 48.73

Prescott District.	
Bingen	\$ 2.00
Blevins	4.46
Friendship	.14
Center Point	.46
Emmet (3 mo.)	10.60
Gurdon	3.00
Hope	26.07
Mineral Springs	3.06
Mt. Ida	6.22
Washington	1.00
Ozan	.75
St. Paul	1.00
Total	\$ 58.76

Texarkana District.	
DeQueen (2 mo.)	\$ 10.00
Dierks	2.00
Green's Chapel	.25
Doddridge	.30
Sylvarino	1.30
Cove	.78
Dallas	.41
Vandervoort	1.00
Horatio (2 mo.)	4.63
Lockesburg	1.89
Mena	5.00
Wilton	.80
Fairview	6.22
Total	\$ 34.58

Standing by Districts.	
Arkadelphia, 5 Schools	\$ 36.22
Camden, 17 Schools	98.21
Little Rock, 21 Schools	64.37
Monticello, 8 Schools	22.79
Pine Bluff, 14 Schools	48.73
Prescott, 12 Schools	58.76
Texarkana, 13 Schools	34.58
Totals, 90 Schools	\$363.66

—C. E. Hayes, Chairman.

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Church News**NEW CHURCH DEDICATED AT HICKORY PLAINS**

Last Sunday was a momentous occasion at Hickory Plains. One year ago the pastor called into conference Rev. J. A. Henderson, Mr. G. W. Pardee, Rev. S. T. Baugh and the writer, at which time plans were made for erecting a new church. The old building was nearly 75 years old and practically worn out.

During the twelve months that have intervened as beautiful a new church as can be found in the Conference, consisting of auditorium and Sunday School annex, has been completed and paid for. Sunday the church was opened and dedicated at the same time. The crowd that came from all over the Circuit and from half a dozen surrounding towns reminded one of the good old days.

The program began at 10 o'clock with Rev. S. T. Baugh in charge of a model Sunday School program. At this hour the writer spoke to Mrs. Colclasure's Young People's Class, which literally filled to overflowing the large room dedicated to their department. At 11 o'clock the pastor, Rev. Chas. A. Simpson, led the devotion and gave a very appropriate address, giving the history of the church and expressing appreciation to those who had made it possible. Following Brother Simpson's talk our presiding elder, Brother Henderson, preached as I have never heard him preach before. His subject was "The Value of the Church to the Community."

At the noon hour the spread of good things to eat on the ground dispelled all thoughts of a depression. There is no danger of anyone starving on the Hickory Plains Circuit.

The afternoon program consisted of Communion Services, led by the Elder, the second Quarterly Conference and an address by the Conference Secretary. The Elder and I had to leave at four o'clock, but when we left the house was still full of folks, joining in an old-fashioned singing.

It was one of the happiest occasions of the year. Great credit belongs to Brother Simpson, who has led in this movement and carried his people to victory in spite of all difficulties.—Clem Baker.

HELENA, FIRST CHURCH

We have closed our revival in First Church. Mr. A. M. Hutton, evangelistic singer and Christian worker of Clarksville, Ark., assisted. The meeting began Easter Sunday and ran two weeks. We feel that it was really a great meeting. The church was revived, a new spirit has come into many, large numbers determined upon a better grade of Christian living for themselves, and twenty-three were received into the membership of the church. Eight of these came by letter and fifteen on profession of faith.

Bro. Hutton is a splendid gospel singer, a good director of song, and a safe and effective worker with children and young people. We liked him very much for his work here.

There are many very earnest and fine Christian workers among the membership of this church. They rendered effective work and with their co-operation and the blessing of the Lord the meeting was a success.

Forty members have been received since Conference. The outstanding

features of the year's work up to this time are, two pageants presented on special occasions, the Kingdom Extension Cultivation, the plan of the Board of Stewards to secure in cash and subscriptions our Kingdom Extension and Conference Claims apportionments this spring, a Standard Training School with four courses offered and thirty-two credits earned. pre-Easter evangelistic campaign in the Sunday School, and our fine revival meeting which closed Sunday, April 10.—C. W. Lester, P. C.

LAVACA CIRCUIT

Lavaca Circuit has done some remarkable work during this Conference year. The old parsonage, which was located at Barling, has been sold and a new one bought at Lavaca. The new parsonage is a desirable piece of property. There is a good six room house with about an acre of ground. The house is being re-finished inside and out and when the work is completed will be a better parsonage than is found in the average small station.

Much interest has been taken in the choir which is being developed at Lavaca. Already it is doing work of good quality and is furnishing special music for the church services. Every preacher knows the value of good music in a church service.

The men deserve praise for the organization of a Men's Club which meets the last Thursday evening in each month. At these meetings "eats" are in abundance, games are played and sometimes a speaker is invited. While the organization is young an increasing interest has been manifested and the attendance at the second meeting was considerably better than the first. We are looking forward to great things from this Club.

Plans are being laid for the collection of the Benevolences and we hope a good report will be turned in when this campaign is over.

Last but not least is the Vacation Church School which is being planned for the last two weeks in May. We are expecting a large per cent of the children in the community to be in attendance.—Elmus C. Brown, P. C.

WEST HELENA

We have recently closed a good meeting in West Helena. Rev. S. G. Watson, our pastor at Clarendon, did the preaching. He gave us a series of fine sermons and made many friends while here. His services were appreciated very much by the church membership and all others who had the privilege of attending the meeting.

A class of twenty-eight was received into the Church, seventeen on profession of faith and eleven by letter.—George E. Patchell.

WILMAR CIRCUIT

Things are moving along fairly well. Owing to high waters and bad roads we were not able to meet the congregations at Mt. Tabor Church till the third Sunday in March, but we met a fine congregation at the 11 o'clock hour, and almost twice as many at the 7:30 hour. This church has been getting only one service a month, but owing to Selma being put back with the Tillar charge we are able to give them a whole day.

We found some very fine people at Mt. Tabor and a splendid Sunday School and a very fine prayer meeting run principally by the young people.

Our congregations at Mt. Pleasant, better known as the camp

ground, are not so good, but there is an increase at each service. We have no Sunday School at this place nor prayer meetings either, but we hope to get both going before the year is gone. There seems to be a group of fine people living near the church.

At Rock Springs, we have fine congregations and a splendid Sunday School, but no prayer meeting. This church gets a whole day of preaching service and the young people organized and asked for a Saturday night preaching service. This was granted, since we are preaching to the young people Saturday night before our preaching day. The young folks voted for this service to be called the Young People's Service, so we are directing our messages to the young people and the services are fine. The elder people are there and all seem to take great interest.

At Andrews Chapel we have a good Sunday School and fine congregations. This is a three o'clock appointment. It should have two services a month, but the geography is such that it is impossible to do better. These are fine people.

At Wilmar we have good congregations and give them one whole day and one night service. Our Woman's Missionary Society is doing fine work under the head of Mrs. W. S. Anderson. We have a good League at this place and a real prayer meeting. Our programs are interesting and the attendance is good. We have a different leader for each prayer meeting.

Everything is pointing to splendid revivals on the Wilmar Charge. Our people have little cash, but all seem to have plenty of food for both man and beast, and we have quit talking about hard times and are getting down to level-headed work. The Spiritual condition of the church is improving. It is a common sight now to see half dozen wagons and a num-

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ber of saddle horses hitched on the church ground. It reminds one of the days past when people used to travel exclusively this way.

With the blessing of the good Lord we are expecting one of the best years of our ministry in the vesting of souls and hope to be in a position to make a good financial report at Conference.—J. Cyclone Williams, P. C.

MEETING AT ATLANTA, TEXAS

Rev. Sam M. Yancey, Supt. Western Methodist Assembly, closed a meeting of two weeks' duration at Atlanta, Texas, on Easter Sunday. An epidemic of influenza struck the town during the last week of the meeting, but in spite of the fact that there was sickness in nearly every home some time during the meeting, the interest held to the end. The visible results were eighteen additions on profession of faith and several by certificate and restoration. It is the consensus of opinion among the citizens of Atlanta that it was one of the greatest meetings ever held in the city. The deepening and quickening of the spiritual life of the church was manifest in the attendance and personal work. The results of the earnest, eloquent, gospel preaching of Brother Yancey will abide. Rev. D. D. McGaughy of Jacksonville led in the song service and did fine work with the children and young people.—John W. Goodwin, P. C.

PIGGOTT

The Annual Conference assigned us to this delightful people and church. After two very pleasant years at Augusta, which we were sorry to leave, because we had learned to love the church and community there, yet we came in from the Conference and began to move the next day. Augusta was not our pastorate, but Piggott, so we hastened to our home over there, for that was where our heart was, our place of service. This has been our custom always in the ministry.

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through the years by others; we have entered into the work of others. No one of these pastors has wrought better than our friend of the years, Rev. J. F. Glover, who is making a good beginning at Augusta, and we rejoice in his success there. He is clean, efficient, Christian. We like to follow a man like Glover.

The reception here has been perfect, and we have worked every minute of the time, it seems, since we came. This is a church with a good membership, one of the best Boards of Stewards we have ever had, a working Sunday School and League and Missionary Society; something doing all the time. We have a well equipped new church building. I never saw a better constructed house, and the grounds are a thing of beauty, the parsonage a real home of joy to us. This heroic church and community are fighting mighty hard to pay off a large debt, that is crushing at times, but there is a spirit to do it, a love that will not let go. It belongs to the church, it belongs to the whole community. They say the debt shall not crush us, and it will not, by the help of God, and the Conference, church and this community.

We have had a pre-Easter revival in the church, by the church and the pastor, and took thirteen into the church by vows and two by letter. Organized the Board of Religious Education, the Young People's Department, and the Boys' and Girls' World Club. Are meeting our obligation.

This is an attractive little city, well kept and clean, a city of good homes and fine family spirit. The young people are a delight to us, a real tribute to the good spirit of their fathers and mothers. It has a future of healthy growth and life. Our congregations are good, and the people listen to our programs and sermons with a living interest. We like the people, the church, and community, and are working hard, with them, and for them.—F. A. Lark, P. C.

PRESCOTT DISTRICT CONFERENCE

The Prescott District Conference will meet at Nashville, May 2, at 7:30 p. m., with opening sermon by Rev. M. T. Workman, pastor at Gurdon. Pastors, please see that Quarterly Conference Journals are at the Conference for examination. The Conference will be organized Monday evening following the sermon. Tuesday will be given to Conference work entirely, beginning at 8:30 a. m. and closing when the work is finished. We shall give courteous attention to all Connectional and local Conference representatives by according them time for their various interest.—L. E. N. Hundley, P. E.

HAWLEY MEMORIAL PINE BLUFF

Beginning with the Christmas offering for the Orphanage Hawley Memorial has met every special offering on time and in full. When we knew what amount we were to raise on Kingdom Extension we prorated it among the departments of the Sunday School and had the amount raised by the middle of February. Our young people observed Anniversary Day with a program at the appointed time and remitted their apportionment in full the following Monday. Church School Day was observed April 17th, with fitting services throughout the day and climaxed with the presentation of the pageant, "The Good Shepherd." The house was packed to overflowing. The ap-

portionment was paid in full the next morning.

We are financing our church through the Sunday School, allotting so much to each department per week. This plan was inaugurated the last Sunday in February and has met with splendid success. Not only is it making our financing easier, but it is also tending to unite the Church and the School.

We are having some organization of the church, from the Primary Department to the Board of Stewards, conduct the mid-week service.

Our revival campaign was conducted the week prior to Easter, our pastor doing the preaching. The interest and attendance were good and the results were gratifying.

We are all working hard at Hawley and are hopeful for a happy and successful year.—Fred Ursery, Chairman of Board.

BISHOP DOBBS AT IMBODEN

Bishop Dobbs, accompanied by Presiding Elder E. T. Wayland and his wife were very welcome guests of the Imboden Methodist Church, Sunday evening, April 17. Bishop Dobbs preached a helpful sermon from the text "This is None Other Than the House of God, and this is the Gate of Heaven." Immediately after the Sermon the house was presented for dedication by the official board, and was dedicated by the Bishop.

The entire auditorium of this church has recently been redecorated. The Woman's Missionary Society is responsible for this movement. The church was built in 1922 at a cost of approximately \$25,000, under the leadership of Rev. J. F. Glover. Since the pastorate of Brother Glover, Rev. C. E. Holifield served the church one year and Rev. G. A. Burr served it four years. The indebtedness for the church was nearly all paid off during these pastorates. The present pastor, now in his third year, raised the small remaining balance during the first few months of his pastorate. The congregation has waited patiently for a Bishop to dedicate. Of the last five Bishops serving this territory, four have preached in Imboden, Mouzon, Atkins, Boaz, and Dobbs. During all the years the church was paying the building indebtedness, it never failed to pay all its Budget in full. In 1931 there was a deficit, but it was due to other conditions than the usual excuse that "we have a church debt," because the building debt was already paid.

The visit by the Bishop was thoroughly enjoyed by the church.—S. B. Wilford, P. C.

CHERRY HILL CIRCUIT

Our second quarterly Conference was a great occasion.

Bro. W. C. Watson, our much beloved presiding elder preached one of his inspiring sermons Friday night at Highland Church. Two back-slidden young men were reclaimed and the church seemed to take on new life Saturday. The presiding elder assisted in a funeral at Mena. Saturday night he preached again at Old Dallas and Sunday morning he preached one of the best sermons of his life, after which the Sacrament was administered the women had prepared a great feast, which was enjoyed by all. At 2 p. m. Bro. Baugh preached a fine sermon, after which the quarterly Conference was convened and the reports began coming in, and the presiding elder said, "I want money enough for your preacher to go to

the summer School," and it was secured in five minutes.

Then one church said that they were not represented at the first quarterly Conference, but would make up for that. So they went \$5 over half way out. All the other churches did well and the presiding elder stated that it was the best quarterly Conference he had had this year.—A. J. Bearden, P. E.

OKLAHOMA LETTER

Methodism in the Ardmore District is feeling the pinch of recent months, but Dr. R. E. L. Morgan, our genial presiding elder and his bunch of co-laborers are bucking the line. We recently carried on a simultaneous revival campaign in the whole District which resulted in splendid revivals and a substantial increase of membership. Our finances are on a par with last year regardless of depression. There seems to be a wide-spread feeling that better spiritual times are ahead, and a deepening of the spiritual life of the church is evident.

May we not hope that a united effort in prayer, sacrifice, and consecration may be put forth to bring back the days of early Methodism in this country, when family altars were conspicuous, God occupied His rightful place in Methodism homes and interests, and the church stood out prominent in the thinking of church going folk. We believe that now is the time for the Church to assert her spiritual power and call the entire nation back to "The ancient landmarks of American," honor, honesty and sacrificial living. The spirit that fired the souls of our pioneers is the only way back to normalcy. We are bewildered, lost in the mazes of this complicated modern life and like the Jews of old are turning back into the wilderness of doubt and despair, when as a matter of fact we stand on the very border-land of a great change for the better and greater achievement. We Oklahoma pastors and workers are with you to a man for raising the flag of peace—the flag of the Church high above the forts of righteous endeavor.—R. M. Holland.

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 May 1, Central Ave., Batesville, 8 p. m.
 May 8, Charlotte Ct., at Walnut Ridge, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 May 8, Sulphur Rock-Moorefield, at S. R., 8 p. m.
 May 14, Calico Rock Ct., at Iuka, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 May 15, Bexar-Viola, at Mt. Calm, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 May 15, Salem, 8 p. m.
 May 22, Bethesda Ct., at Cushman, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 May 22, Elmo-Oil Trough, at O. T., 8 p. m.
 May 28-29, Pleasant Plains Ct., at Oak Grove, Conf. 2:30 p. m., 28.
 May 29, Newark, 8 p. m.
 June 5, Tuckerman Ct., at Hope, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 June 5, Newport, First Church, 8 p. m.
 June 18-19, Melbourne Ct., at Wiseman, Conf. 2:30 p. m., 29.

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 June 26, Swifton-Allecia, at A., 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 June 26, Tuckerman, 8 p. m.
 June 29, Stranger's Home, at Lauratown, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 June 29, Umsted Mem., 8 p. m.
 July 3, Desha Ct., 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 July 3, Batesville, First Church, 8 p. m.
 July 10, Mountain Home at Gasville, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 July 10, Cotter, 8 p. m.
 July 17, Yellville, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 July 17, Mountain View, 8 p. m.
 —Jefferson Sherman, P. E.

CAMDEN DISTRICT: THIRD ROUND

Taylor Ct., at Philadelphia, May 15, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
 Magnolia, May 15, 8 p. m.
 Buckner Ct., at Mt. Ida, May 29, 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.
 Stephens, at Mt. Prospect, May 29, 7:30 p. m.
 Vantage Mem., at Wesley, June 5, 11 a. m. Huttig, June 5, 8 p. m.
 Strong, at Bolding, June 12, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 Emmerson, at Atlanta, June 19, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 Waldo, June 19, 8 p. m.
 Kingsland, at Grace, June 25-6.
 Fordyce, June 26, 8 p. m.
 Junction City at Fredonia, July 3, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 Louann-Norphlet, at Calion, July 3, 8 p. m.
 Hampton-Harrell, at Faustina, July 10, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 Buena Vista Ct., at Buena Vista, July 17, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 Smackover, July 17, 8 p. m.
 Chidester, July 24, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 Camden, July 24, 7:30 p. m.
 Thornton Ct., July 31, 11 a. m.
 Bearden, July 31, 8 p. m.
 El Dorado Ct., Aug. 7, 11 a. m., 2 p. m.
 El Dorado, First Ch., Aug. 7, 8 p. m.
 —J. L. Dedman, P. E.

Sunday School

Lesson for May 1

ISAAC AND HIS WELLS

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 26:12-25.
 GOLDEN TEXT—A soft answer turneth away wrath: but grievous words stir up anger.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Isaac Follows His Father's Example.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Isaac Follows His Father's Example.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—How to Stop Quarrels.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—How World Peace Is to Be Established.

Isaac was a child of the covenant and was given in the time of the old age of Abraham and Sarah, in fulfillment of God's promise. His name means "laughter." As to character, he was gentle, meek, meditative and peace-loving. He was a remarkable contrast to his father Abraham. Two things may have affected him to his disadvantage:

1. The shadow of an illustrious father. Sons of great and rich men commonly do not make much of life. The necessity of struggle is not forced upon them.

2. He was brought up as the only child of his mother. The tendency in such a case would be to shield him from the necessity of self-effort, so that he would be unable to meet life's stern realities. Every child should be compelled to think for himself and to fight his own battles.

1. Isaac in Gerar (vv. 12-17).

1. The appearance of the Lord unto him (vv. 1-5). Because of famine in the land, Isaac went into the country of the Philistines. The distress upon the land should have moved him to call upon the Lord (James 5:13). It were better to suffer in the land than to go among the enemies of God's people. The Lord graciously appeared to him there and directed him not to go into Egypt, thus avoiding the error of his father. He was permitted to sojourn in this land because it ultimately was to belong to his seed.

2. His lapse (vv. 7-11). He yielded to the same temptation as did Abraham many years before (Gen. 20:12, 13). This proves that it is not a good thing to dwell among the enemies of God's people. It was when Peter warmed himself at the fire of the enemy that he was tempted to deny his Lord.

3. His prosperity (vv. 12-17). Isaac did not intend to make Gerar his permanent place of abode. He intended only to sojourn there. While there he sowed and reaped bountifully. This prosperity was no proof that God approved of his course. God sends his rain upon the just and the unjust.

II. Isaac's Enemies (vv. 18-22).

He was not permitted long to enjoy this fruitful land. His prosperity incited the envy of the Philistines. They could not stand to see his increase in flocks, herds, and servants. Success in any calling of life will provoke envy. They demanded that Isaac should leave them. Wherever envy has begun its deadly work, there must be separation. The Philistines took as their method of getting rid of Isaac the stopping up of the wells. Isaac did not contend for them but peaceably withdrew to another place where he proceeded again to dig the wells of his father. He called them by the same names as his father had given them.

1. Esek, which means "strife" or "contention." Instead of struggling with them, he removed from them and dug another well.

2. Sitnah, which means "enmity." The Philistines strove for this well

also. The name given shows that there was increased bitterness of feeling.

3. Rehoboth. Because of the bitter opposition, Isaac removed from them and dug another well which he called "Rehoboth," meaning "there is room." The third time he dug wells there was no strife. The way to have peace is to wear out our enemies with patience.

III. Isaac in Beer-sheba (vv. 23-25).

Immediately following Isaac's going up from among the Philistines, the Lord appeared to him. Our fellowship and privileges as sons and daughters of God are dependent upon our separation from the world (II Cor. 6:14-18). Following this visitation, Isaac built an altar and called upon the name of the Lord. As soon as a meeting place with Jehovah was established, Isaac pitched his tent there. Following this Isaac's servants dug a well. There is no use of going among the Philistines to get water.

After Isaac was established in Beer-sheba, Abimelech came desiring to make an alliance with him. This shows that he gained influence by peaceably withdrawing from the Philistines. His behavior proved to them that he was the friend of God.

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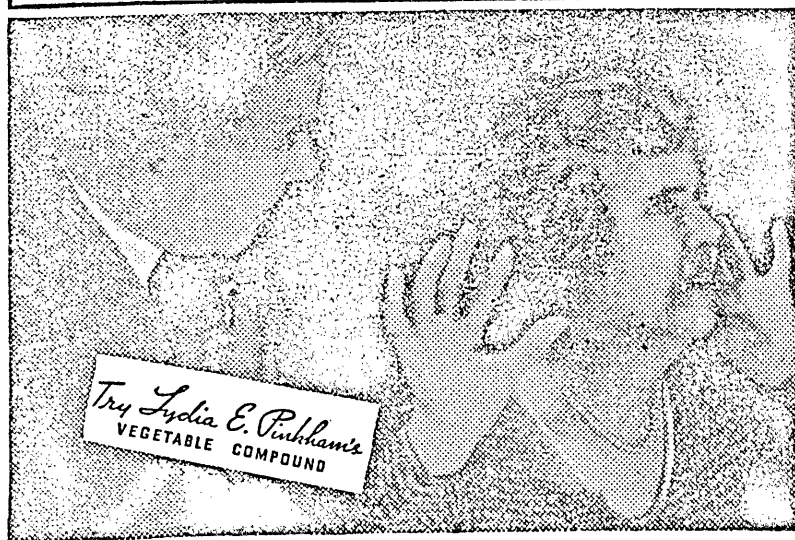
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