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PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS

Jesus does not retain his disciples as attorneys; but summons them to be witnesses.

The use of spare time is a fair test of character. Faith in God is better than faith in a mere creed.

The unhappy man is he who finds no joy in his work.

One may have a large income and yet live a very little life.

If you would have law enforcement, be zealous about law observance.

Let us not be so diplomatic that we become insincere and untruthful.

May those who attend prayer-meetings be regarded as belonging to an exclusive set?

We can lead men to God when we let God lead us; and when we follow Christ, men will follow us.

Some preachers omit verses of the hymns; but never omit well worn phrases in their announcements.

Do rich church members who keep their pastor poor think that they are thereby enriching his spiritual life?

AN ADDRESS TO THE CHURCH FROM THE COLLEGE OF BISHOPS

ONE hundred and fifty years have passed since the Christmas Conference in Lovely Lane Chapel and the organization of American Methodism. They have been eventful decades in the life of the nation and the church. From a few scattered colonies on the Atlantic seaboard, America has become a compact nation stretching from ocean to ocean. From a little band of young men dedicating themselves by a superb act of faith to the spread of spiritual holiness over these lands and the conversion of a continent, this church has grown into a strong position of commanding leadership in American Protestantism.

It has been a happy experience for us to recall this significant past. In the common gratitude that stirs our hearts we have been more graciously conscious of our essential unity. The past, made resplendent with glorious and devoted achievements, belongs to every branch of American Methodism. The Sesqui-Centennial has also given us a new appreciation of the cost in sacrificial toil and heroic devotion paid by our fathers for this faith which comes to us so often unaccompanied by any conflict. Our Methodism has been bought with a price and today we are increasingly aware that this heritage cannot be preserved inviolate without sacrifice upon the part of the sons of the fathers.

This historical emphasis, however, has left with us an even more significant deposit. We are recapturing the spiritual emphasis. This secret of original Methodism has been imperilled by the materialistic drift of our age. Naturalism and humanism tend to undermine the primacy of the spiritual. But today we are being brought back to our ancient altars that we may once more light our torches from flames that burned in hearts that were afire with a holy enthusiasm for God. In these days we have not been building monuments to the dead past; we have been drinking from old springs the life-giving waters that shall refresh our souls as we enter new and more difficult battles for God and righteousness.

We enter upon this new day with confidence but also with deep concern. It is an hour of widespread bewilderment. The normal securities of life have been shaken. Everywhere there is a large measure of confusion and uncertainty. Economic prostration has not been accompanied, as is so often lightly believed, by spiritual progress. Our people brought out of the depression largely what they carried into it. What through the years they had sown, that also did they reap. Spiritual preparedness led to personal victories; indifference and selfishness in

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AND JUDAS ISCARIOT, ONE OF THE TWELVE, WENT UNTO THE CHIEF PRIESTS, TO BETRAY HIM UNTO THEM. AND WHEN THEY HEARD IT, THEY WERE GLAD, AND PROMISED TO GIVE HIM MONEY. AND HE SOUGHT HOW HE MIGHT CONVENIENTLY BETRAY HIM. —MARK 14:10-11.

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earlier days only hurried men on to despair and moral bankruptcy.

Never was the church so indispensable to the social order. The failure of trusted institutions and accepted theories of economic and social action has served only to reinforce the claims of the Christian ideal. Our breakdown has had all the marks of moral collapse. Intemperance, lust, pride, economic selfishness, racial antagonisms, the superficial pursuit of pleasure have all sapped the moral resources and contributed to the moral flabbiness of our national character. We need above all else a return to God and to the simple elemental Christian virtues.

As members of the Christian Church we rejoice to confess in word and deed our faith in the living God; to reassert our confidence in the transforming power of a living experience of Christ and, with the confession of our sins, to declare our unwavering faith in the adequacy of Christ and his way of love to build here upon earth the Kingdom of Heaven. To bring men into personal fellowship with God in Christ; to guide them, especially through the Scriptures, into ways of personal living which conform to Christ's law of life and love; to help them envision a society in which that law shall be the governing principle and finally to encourage and empower them to work for a far more complete realization of such a society on earth—this seems to us to be the task of the Church for today.

In the light of our history and the present moral and religious condition of American society the call upon us today is for an aggressive and unyielding spiritual advance. No difficulty must be allowed to deter us, no marginal necessities shall divert us. We are called today to such a movement of the Spirit in our membership as we have not witnessed in this generation of our church's life. Such an experience must begin with the leadership of the church itself. We must repair our own altars first. If we have unconsciously drifted into the exaltation of minor issues, we must get back to center once more. Our preaching must be delivered from the tyranny of the trivial, our energies must not be mortgaged by the material interests of a congregation, our personal devotional life must no longer be sacrificed to the exactions of a heedless time schedule which makes no place for quietude and communion. We need to stop, to look and to listen.

Will the revival of which we have spoken and for which we have prayed ever come? As surely as the laws of the spiritual world operate it will follow when the soil is prepared and the seed is planted. Our people must yearn for a revival, must pray unceasingly; must pay a price in spiritual concern before God can open the windows of heaven upon us. We call upon our people everywhere to major upon this one imperative need of our church life today. With the spirit of expectancy and a great faith that will not be refused let every pastor and every church look to this our first and foremost need. A real revival of religion will solve every other important issue before our church today. We do not insist upon the form it shall take in each congregation. There will be diversities of the Spirit but one desired goal. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit may come through an evangelist, through the urgency of the pastor's own message, through the careful planning and execution of a program of personal evangelism, but let us not quench the Spirit by giving no opportunity for His effectual

work upon the hearts of our people. Let our pulpits ring again with the declaration of a salvation from sin in the saving power of Christ; of the witness of the Spirit with our spirits that we are the children of God; of the possibility of a holy life; of the Kingdom of God on earth as the ultimate and attainable goal of our community life. We must return to God before we can go forward. Methodism is called to action in a day like this with a message of complete personal salvation and social redemption through the transforming power of the grace of Christ freely offered to all men. It is a great gospel; let us not withhold it lest the very stones cry out.—Warren A. Candler, Collins Denny, Edwin D. Mouzon, John M. Moore, Urban V. W. Darlington, Horace M. Du Bose, William N. Ainsworth, James Cannon, Jr., Sam R. Hay, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Hiram A. Boaz, Arthur J. Moore, Paul B. Kern, A. Frank Smith.

Memphis, Tennessee, January 8, 1935.

TOO MUCH DEMANDED OF THE CLERGY

RECENTLY addressing the Church Club of New York, a voluntary organization of Episcopal clergymen, Mr. Wickersham, a layman of the Protestant Episcopal Church and chairman of the Commission that had just made its report on Prohibition, is quoted as saying: "We demand too much of the clergy. We expect a church rector to be at the same time a pastor, preacher, social worker, and executive, as well as a good companion, and to be equally satisfactory in all these functions. It seems to me that we have retained too long the traditional organization of the parish with a rector responsible for all these things. I think that we should have an organized body of trained preachers who might be called upon to relieve a weary rector, who, after a strenuous week of parochial work and struggle with the budget, must prepare sermons which not only will satisfy the intellectual requirements of a blasé congregation, but stimulate its members to active and sympathetic interest in the church and its mission."

This will find a response in the heart of almost every hard-worked pastor; but Mr. Wickersham's suggestion will hardly be accepted, because every true preacher enjoys the preparation and delivery of his sermons and would not ask to be freed from the work of preaching, but from many of the petty tasks which a layman might better perform, but which are usually left to the preacher. What is needed is more and more the assumption by laymen of the duties which a layman may just as capably perform. Our people are thinking along these lines, and in many of our larger churches are providing the helpers that the pastor needs. It is in the smaller churches, where it is not possible to pay for these minor services, that the pastor is overloaded and underpaid. In such charges consecrated laymen should freely offer their services for the many minor tasks which they not only can perform, but which would bring blessing to those who undertake them.

"THE SUPREME ADVENTURE OF HISTORY"

THE late Dr. W. W. Pinson, who was our prophet of modern missions, once made the following startling statement: "The missionary enterprise is the supreme adventure of history. It is the challenge of hope and courage in a world of paralyzing fears and demoralizing futilities. It is the sole claimant as a moral substitute for war. It is the only accredited messenger of good news to a bewildered world and lone champion of love and good will in a world of hate and war. Any lowering of its standards or lessening of its power or cheapening of its motives is the betrayal of the race and a yielding of the only fortress that flies the flag of brotherhood."

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Personal and Other Items

PRESIDING ELDER HAROLD D. SADLER reports that the year has started well on Texarkana District and the outlook is splendid.

HENDRIX COLLEGE is again the recipient of a fine gift, this time from the Carnegie Corporation. Turn to page 5 and read the story of the Music Study Equipment.

REV. J. M. TALKINGTON, pastor of Griffithville. Charge, called last week and brought a nice list of subscribers. His work starts well and prospects for the year are good.

REV. W. L. ARNOLD, our pastor at Hazen, visited this office last week with a good list of subscribers and hopeful report of work in his charge. He is beginning a good year.

MARRIED in the home of her foster grandmother, Jan. 13, at Weldon, Ark., Miss Jane Beatrice Ketner to Kenneth Pearson Brown, in the presence of the families of both the bride and groom, J. G. Ditterline officiating.

REV. HOY M. LEWIS, pastor of Houston-Bigelow Charge, reports that Bigelow has already paid Benevolences in full for the year. He has had a good meeting at Bigelow with Presiding Elder E. B. Williams doing the preaching. He expects to get his 100 per cent paper club soon.

REV. EARL S. WALKER, our pastor at Carthage and Tulip, writes: "Our people have received us royally. We are laying our plans for a great year. There is an attitude of interest and loyalty to every phase of the great program of our church. We are going to 'attempt great things for God' in the year of 1935."

SHREVEPORT is a fine city and our First Church there, under the leadership of Rev. Dana Dawson, recently of First Church, Ft. Smith, believes in doing things right. This is exemplified in its Christmas offering of \$964.85 to the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage at Ruston. That is an example worthy of emulation.

DR. REYNOLDS reports that he has received a letter from the Head of the Department of History of Columbia University, stating that Prof. Wm. Buthman, a member of the Hendrix College faculty, who is doing graduate work there, had just passed his oral examination for the doctorate in a distinguished and brilliant manner. Prof. and

Mrs. Buthman will sail for Paris Jan. 25, to spend the next six months in collecting material for his thesis.

IT IS GRATIFYING to see the fine spirit of co-operation the membership is giving to Dr. Dana Dawson, the pastor. The large congregations at the services, the willingness on the part of the membership to serve on the different committees and the response to his requests for leadership in the work of the church assure us of a successful year. The fine group of young people last Sunday morning in the organization of the Young People's Department of the Church School, was indeed an inspiration. Mrs. Andrew Thomas will be the superintendent of this happy group. A very large number worshipped in the mid-week prayer-meeting service last Wednesday evening.—Bulletin of First Church Shreveport, La.

OUR READERS should not be critical, if, as this week, the paper is only an eight-page issue. At the present subscription price, the income from subscriptions simply pays the printer. Other expenses must be paid by advertising. When advertising can not be had in sufficient amount, we reduce the size. However, we have good hope that most of our issues will be 16-page size. Our subscribers can help by remitting promptly when their address date indicates that their subscription has expired. Unless you know that your pastor expects to have you in a 100 per cent club, we urge you to remit immediately. If your pastor has not mentioned the paper to you, will you, please, mention it to him? In his multiplicity of duties, he may have overlooked the paper and your subscription.

ATTENTION!!

OUR LEGISLATURE is now in session, and, as anticipated, bills have been introduced to repeal our prohibition laws and to legalize pari-mutuel race-track gambling. If our readers think these things would be wrong and injurious to the best interests of our citizenship, they should immediately indicate their opposition to their senators and representatives. Get action of churches and groups and also write individual letters to those whom you know. There are many good men in the Legislature who need the backing and encouragement of their people at home. It would also be well to organize at once County Citizens' Protective Leagues. Get information about organizing from Dr. J. M. Williams, Searcy, who is president.

THE EDITOR'S EXPERIENCES

DURING the past year the Anti-Saloon League of America has been seeking the sympathetic and constructive criticism of the Protestant church leaders. They met for discussion at Philadelphia last February and then in Washington in October. As a result the Executive Committee of the League met in Washington on Jan. 15 and the Board met the two following days. They were good meetings, well attended. Bishop Richardson (Methodist Episcopal Church), president, a capable parliamentarian, fair, democratic, brotherly, presided. Dr. A. J. Barton, Southern Baptist, also a fine presiding officer, as chairman of the Executive Committee, rendered fine service. Our own Bishops Cannon and Ainsworth were valuable members and Drs. Cherrington and McBride were helpful with suggestions. After full and free discussion the Church leaders were again requested to meet our Executive Committee to reach final agreements on points yet under review. It is believed that, within a few months, there will be a complete understanding that will enable the League to be far more effective either as an autonomous body closely affiliated with the Churches, or as a part of a larger body. While these prohibition leaders recognize the difficulties of the present situation, they also believe that there is a rising tide of resentment against the enormities of the unloosed liquor traffic, and that, rightly guided, this will ultimately again give us the 18th Amendment or its equivalent. Senator Sheppard delivered his anniversary address in the Senate and his stand and services were recognized by the League.

From Tuesday to Thursday evening, I was busy in the hotel with the League meetings. Thursday I enjoyed dinner with my good friend, Hon. Seth C. Reynolds, of Ashdown, who is an attorney in government service. Friday morning I made brief calls at the offices of Senators Caraway and Sheppard, and at noon, having been introduced by Hon. D. D. Terry to the chaplain, Dr. J. S. Montgomery, a fine Methodist minister, who has been chaplain for 14 years, I had the privilege of offering the prayer in

the House. This gave me the privilege of sitting in the House, where I enjoyed hearing Republican Leader Snell and several Democrats engage in a little sparring for political advantage, and heard several other interesting short speeches. Lunch with Mr. Terry and Representatives Driver, Miller, Fuller, and McClellan was a pleasant interlude.

A glimpse of the Supreme Court in action was informing, since practically all of the Judges were questioning the attorney who was addressing them. The Court will soon move into its magnificent new building, which, looking like a great Greek temple, is just east of the Capitol. I was in the Senate gallery only long enough to hear Senator Logan of Kentucky make a fine address, from manuscript, to empty seats, on the World Court. Huey Long was not in sight at that time.

Then I took a taxi across to the White House office to attend the press conference which the President has with reporters of the metropolitan press on Wednesdays and Fridays. Through the kindly introduction of a personal friend, and the helpful courtesies, of Miss Wilma Meredith, secretary to one of the President's secretaries, I had a position of advantage near the President, and was detained after the Conference and introduced to President Roosevelt, who, evidently informed that I would be a visitor, was ready to inquire about his projects in Arkansas. With about 100 of the brightest reporters in the world surrounding him, the President, apparently knowing each one and on easy terms with all, is perfectly at ease and asks and answers questions with absolute freedom. This opportunity to see the President in action was worth the whole trip. It confirms the opinion that his is a wonderfully fertile and alert mind and that he has full confidence in his ability to take care of himself.

Returning, I stopped off 24 hours at Emory University, the guest of my confrere, Dr. W. T. Watkins, who, although a full-time member of the Candler School of Theology Faculty, is also editing the Wesleyan Christian Advocate without salary to help it in its emergency. His is a delightful home and he is a charming companion. With his business manager, Mr. J. W. Pickett, we sat up to the "wee sma' hours," discussing the problems of denominational newspaperdom. Dr. Watkins is proving to be an exceedingly fine editor and with the strong personal backing of Bishop Ainsworth the circulation is increasing rapidly. The Emory campus, with its wealth of native trees and the marble buildings, is attractive. The Glenn Memorial Chapel, used both by the University and community, is a striking example of elegant colonial architecture. In spite of some loss of revenue, the University is holding up well. I had time only for a few words with President Cox and Dean Parker. The visit was exceedingly enjoyed.—A. C. M.

CIRCULATION REPORT

THE following charges, that have not been previously reported, have sent in subscriptions as indicated: Clinton, J. R. Jordan, 1; Gravette, O. M. Campbell, by L. A. Baughn, 6; Charleston, J. McCormack, 1; Hackett, W. F. Shell, 2; Rowell, C. E. Burdette, 1; Swifton, J. M. Hughes, 1; Judsonia, W. E. Benbrook, 1; Dodson Ave., F. R. Hamilton, 1; Richmond, W. C. Lewis, 1; Hermitage, J. R. Sewell, 10; Centerville Church, W. M. Adcock, 8; Ogden, W. C. Lewis, 5; War Eagle, J. H. Henson, by Dora Hoover, 8; Harrisburg, J. J. Decker, 1; Geyer Springs, G. D. Meyer, 7, 100 per cent; Cotter, Eli Craig, 22; DeQueen, A. W. Waddill, 1; Mann's Chapel, W. T. Hopkins, 14; 100 per cent; Hazen, W. L. Arnold, 15; Griffithville, J. W. Talkington, 12; Cedar Grove Church, Pleasant Plains Ct., M. L. Edgington, 4, 100 per cent; Sherrill-Tucker, Earle Lewis, 19; Branch, 19; Ratcliff, 6, 100 per cent; J. C. Cofer; Plummerville, B. L. Harris, 29, 100 per cent; Hope, F. R. Harrison, 13; First Church, Little Rock, C. M. Reves, 415, 100 per cent. This is a fine report and indicates some unusually good work. The 100 per cent report of First Church is especially appreciated. As the work of the year is well started, it is hoped that all pastors will, without delay, take care of the circulation problem. It can be done, and if done properly will mean greatly increased interest in church affairs. Let those pastors who have in the past thought that they could not circulate the paper, take as their motto, "We specialize in the wholly impossible," and they will find that it can be done. Let us make this a triumphant year in all departments of church activity. The paper will help pastors to do it. Other Conferences are now looking toward Arkansas to see what we are going to do this year. Let us not disappoint them.

THE ITINERANT DAUGHTER: HER STORY

(By Susie McKinnon Millar)
(Continued)

The weather continued bad. A month passed. The road seemed to grow more and more impassable. I have a faint memory picture of my pretty little mother standing by a great white column on a wide porch. She was looking up at the clouds which seemed to promise more rain. She turned quickly to Mr. Norton and said:

"Oh! When can I ever finish this move and get settled down to helping my husband with his new work? You are so kind; but it is not right that you should have to take care of us so long."

Mr. Norton laughed and stooped and picked me up as he said: "Dear Sister Mitchell, don't bother about our part of it for one minute. Having you and these dear little children with us is a blessed privilege and a pleasure for which we are deeply thankful. You know from your experience as our pastor's wife that we are able to take care of you."

Mother said: "That's true; but you have another pastor and his family to care for now. You ought not to do so much for us."

"Don't let that worry you," said Mr. Norton. "I know, though, that you are eager to get to your new home and get settled where you can look after Bro. Mitchell as well as all these little ones. We'll arrange for you to go as soon as a team can safely get through to Madison."

"Oh dear!" sighed mother. "Can't we get a team and driver soon who will take us there?"

"Dear little lady," answered Mr. Norton, "there is almost no chance of getting through that river bottom. I doubt if there's a team here that could make the trip even if the drivers were willing to undertake it."

"Yet," said mother, "I believe we could make the trip safely, and I really believe we ought to go. Can't you think of anyone who'd take us?"

"Yes," said Mr. Norton, "there is one team that could get through the bogs with you and it is the only team in the country that could."

"Whose team is that?" asked mother. "Why don't you get it for me?"

"That is Mr. Hugh Barton's ox team," said Mr. Norton. "Would you be willing to use it?"

"Indeed, yes," said mother, "if Mr. Barton will be so kind as to let us have it and a driver."

"All right, Sister Mitchell," said Mr. Norton, "I'll arrange for you to get the team and make the trip as soon as possible; but you'll please leave this little lady with me. How about it Jane? We need a little girl."

I remember digging my heels into his side and saying, "No! No!" just as emphatically as such a very young lady could.

In a few days everything had been arranged for the journey. All the Wheeler friends felt that the trip would be too hard on mother and tried to persuade her to wait a little longer. When they found that she had her heart set on going they thought of many things they could do to make her more comfortable. One lady had made a new, warm outfit for the baby and each of the four little girls had gifts of warm, new stockings and gloves and dresses. For mother there was a good warm shawl that wrapped her from top to toe when she was finally tucked into the wagon with the baby in her lap and a warm brick at her feet.

The morning we left was full of excitement for us. We had to leave early, for it would take us nearly all day to make the short trip over the bad roads.

I remember we were all wrapped and ready. Somebody called: "There's the team!"

We children nearly fell over each other in our eagerness to get out on the front porch to see the team that was to take us. I fell and rolled right down the steps, and, my! wasn't I frightened? There came a big wagon drawn by cows, four great big red and white cows or, at least they looked like what I had been taught to call "Cow, Cow." I backed up the steps as fast as I could, saying, "Cow! Cow!" Everybody laughed, but I did not mind that for Mr. Norton picked me up and on his shoulder I felt quite safe. I held to him until my turn came to be put into the wagon. We four little girls were tucked snugly into the bed of the wagon where we could lie down and go to sleep if we wished, or, we could sit up and look at the wonders along the way. At first I could not look at anything but the oxen. They were very big and they had long horns and swung their heads from side to side and let their tongues hang out; and they pulled and tugged so, and steam came out of their mouths just like the steam from mother's tea kettle at home, and when they got into a bog they would stop and lift up their heads and make so much noise.

Mr. Barton said: "Just hear them low."

Margaret said: "Do they low when their heads are high?"

Mr. Barton laughed and said: "Just you watch them and see what you think about it, Margaret."

I held to Beth just as hard as I could, because she didn't seem the least bit afraid of that strange team in front of us. They called the cows oxen, but they looked like cows.

We were all glad to have Mr. Hugh Barton, mounted on his big horse, riding along by the side of the wagon, talking to us and making us laugh, or riding ahead to find the best road for the oxen to take, then helping the driver make them take that road. He had a special name for each of the oxen and scolded them and encouraged them. He said you couldn't drive oxen like you drove horses and mules; that you and your oxen had to understand each other and stop from time to time and talk things over. I wondered how a cow could talk to a man. Just after the oxen had pulled us through a bad bog, Mr. Barton stopped, kindled a fire, made coffee, broiled bacon, and gave us all a nice lunch. He had the driver feed and water the oxen. Then we were on the way again, and soon came to the river. We had to ford it. Mr. Barton rode ahead to show the driver where to drive. I held on with all my might to Beth and Sarah, and I think Margaret did too, for the river had such a lot of water in it. Away out in the river the oxen stopped and sniffed at the water and raised their heads and stretched their necks and began to low.

Finally we got across and saw father riding to meet us. We were all glad to see him, and he rode close to the wagon and smiled at us and said funny things to make us laugh; but most of the time he looked at mother and looked so glad. Mr. Barton rode with us a little longer, then turned and went back to Wheeler. Father rode on with us and talked to mother until finally we got to Madison and rode right up into the heart of the town. Madison is a quaint old town. The homes are scattered about on the hills and up and down shady streets; but the business part of the town was built in a square around the court house. Never had I seen so many stores. The town looked very large to me. The court house was the biggest building I had ever seen and it had such a very tall tower on it. I thought it must reach almost to

the sky. On this tower was a big clock that struck as loud as a church bell could ring. It was striking as our wagon rolled up and stopped on the square. Father got down from his horse and shook hands with the many people who came crowding about the wagon, eager to meet us and welcome us and make us feel at home. One man stands out clearer in my memory than any of the others. That was Mr. Johns. He came toward us across the square smiling and bringing a huge steaming coffee pot and a basket of cookies and cups and saucers. He went with us to the parsonage, which was just a little distance from the public square. He ran in ahead of us at the parsonage where fires had been lit and things made ready to welcome us. When Mr. Johns had put down his basket and coffee pot, he came back and helped to unload us. He tossed us up in the air and pretended to think that Margaret and I were dolls and might break. He looked all about for a place to put us down and pretended that he couldn't find any safe enough for new dolls, so he ran into the house with us in his arms and put us down in front of a fire. He ran back and forth helping everybody until we were comfortably settled for the night. Then, smiling, was gone, and we never saw him again. He had pneumonia and died suddenly leaving the whole town as well as his church and family saddened.

The parsonage looked very large and grand to me. It had a big yard in front of it and this yard seemed to go all around the sides, both sides, and come out together again behind the house. In the front yard were many tall oak trees. These trees went all around one side of the house and there was one large tree in the back yard standing near the garden gate. I remember the front gate seemed to be such a long way from the front steps. When you got to the top step you went straight into the hall and you had to go through such a big door. Father told me they called it a double door, because it took two of them to make one. There were steps in the back of the hall that went up somewhere, but I was too tired and sleepy to try to find out where they went. I have a dim picture of the family at supper and at prayers, but I must have fallen asleep at prayers for I have no memory of having been put to bed, nor have I very much recollection of that first winter, just here and there a picture of father coming home from some point on his District, and all of us children running to meet him and swarming all over his buggy for a ride into the lot which was behind the church. The church made almost one side of our garden fence and had a lovely wide lawn in front of it. The parsonage sat further forward on its lot, but had quite a large front yard full of tall trees. It was an ideal place to play. For several years we had a chance to test it as a play ground and many of my happiest hours were spent in that dear old place. If it were possible for the idea of home to be centered in a place, that dear old spot might mean home to me. But almost the first lesson an itinerant preacher's child learns is that it is not the place, but the people that make the home.

(To Be Continued)

RETHINKING METHODISM

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II. ENGLAND IN THE 18 CENTURY

In order to appreciate this it is necessary to understand the condition of England and of society just before Wesley began his titanic career.

It was the eighteenth century. Read Lecky's seven volumes on this century in England, then his two on European Morals. Note Prof. E. Halevy's three volumes on England in the nineteenth century and see how he traces the success of England over Napoleon to John Wesley! Shut your eyes and try to visualize conditions. Says Fitchett: "England's ideals were gross; its sports brutal; its public life corrupt; its vice unashamed. Cruelty fermented in the pleasure of the crowd; foulness stained the general speech; judges swore on the bench; Chaplains cursed the sailors to make them listen to their sermons; the king swore incessantly and at the top of his voice. Ferocious laws still lingered on the statute books. Justice itself was cruel. Men were put to death for minor offenses. Women were publicly flogged or burned at the stake. It was the age of the pillory and whipping post. Human heads were hung from public places. Drunkenness was the familiar and unrebuked habit of ministers of state. Adultery was a sport and the shame lay not on the false wife or the smiling gallant—but on the betrayed husband—so dull and stupid."

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frequently men who were declared innocent lingered yet for months in foul cells until some friend could raise money to pay the jailors fees for board—such as it was! Although thousands were executed for the slightest offense still more died from prison fevers caused from unsanitary conditions.

Gambling was the universal pastime. Lotteries prevailed everywhere—even in the churches. Sundays were desecrated by bull baiting, cock fighting, rat hunting and other repulsive sports. Sunday Schools? There were none. Prize fights were with clubs, sticks, knives and swords too brutal and revolting to be described.

Roads and Travel

There were no railroads and the best highways were full of ruts and chuck-holes and precipitous slopes and hills. Coaches were often unable to pass each other and many a quarrel and fight ensued. For days and weeks there could be no travel whatsoever. Often two to three yoke of oxen were sent for to drag vehicles from the mire. Wesley's friend in going eighteen miles broke and smashed three different wagons—all on a main thoroughfare!

Robbers infested these bogs and preyed unmercifully upon the unfortunate travelers. Taverns and inns along the way were in league with these hijackers and would send advance information about passengers and guests who had money, thus sharing in the profits!

London with 500,000 people had few paved streets—no sewers—no system of lighting, no sanitation. Wagons mired in its streets. Coaches splashed the beautiful dresses of ladies on foot—much to the merriment of the drivers. From hotel windows buckets were emptied upon the innocent pedestrians below—while street urchins yelled with glee. No woman ventured out at night and few men unarmed.

Conditions in the rural sections were worse. Nearly half of the land was uncultivated. Great tracts of waste, vast forests full of game were withheld from cultivation in order that some noble might have his hunting ground. Large sections in sight of London were useless. The people were extremely poor—yet tax ridden. There were, of course, two classes, the extremely rich and the extremely poor. Farm laborers received four cents per day with board or six cents to eight cents without. In some parts wages were a dollar per week without board! In towns and factories pay was a little more. Small children were employed in factories and paid a miserable pittance, growing up dwarfs, ignorant, degraded and of course dying young. All this within the law and every effort at reform vigorously opposed by even leading citizens and the church itself! The Wesleyan revival alone turned the searchlight onto these conditions and even forced Parliament to legislate for amelioration—as we shall see later.

Home conditions were despicable, no conveniences; few comforts. Good wheathen bread was unknown save in cities among the rich. Farmers lived on bread made of oats, rye and barley. Sugar, salt and soap were so expensive as to be luxuries. One out of every five who lived to old age died in the poor house.

There were no free schools—save a few charity schools. Popular education was unknown. Yet there were private schools for the rich and a few universities for the sons of the noblemen.

Slavery abounded in the colonies and wherever it was profitable in England. We must drop the curtain, staying only long enough to say that Wesley touched every one of these conditions, and Methodism has been a factor in abating every phase of these ills. All

Woman's Missionary Dept.

MRS. A. C. MILLAR, Editor

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ALTHEIMER AUXILIARY

The Society of Altheimer held its social meeting in the home of Mrs. J. R. Walt, Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was opened by singing, "Help Somebody Today." Roll call and minutes of last meeting read by the secretary, Mrs. V. D. Duke.

Scripture reading by the president, Mrs. S. I. Garrett. "President's Letter" read by Mrs. J. R. Richmond. Reading by Mrs. L. K. Hawkins. Song, "Am I A Soldier of the Cross?" Talk, "The Aim of Missions," by Mrs. Robert Bowen. Piano solo, Miss Mary Louise Davis. Talk, "Children's Work," by Mrs. M. W. Miller.

Mrs. J. R. Walt gave an interesting talk on "Plans for the Year." Mrs. A. W. Leake was program leader. The meeting was called to order with a prayer by Mrs. Miller. After the close of the meeting, Mrs. Walt assisted by Mrs. Nan Quattlebaum, served a dainty salad course.

PARKIN AUXILIARY

The Parkin Society has met regularly each week during the past year and we have accomplished a good deal in the year. We covered our parsonage at a cost of \$200, and paid for it along with our other expenses. In August we purchased new furniture for our parsonage at a cost of \$261 and we only owe \$100 balance on that.

We have a new minister, and with his leadership we are looking forward to great things. We had our annual election of officers and made changes in the two circles, have all officers in them placed and now the battle is on for the best Circle work for this year. We have many of the old officers in the Circles, and the race will be a heated one.

We have 34 members in each Circle. The Circles meet every other week; the Society meets first and third Tuesdays. We plan great work too in our study this year with our capable leader, Mrs. J. Paul.—Mrs. W. C. Drummond, Pub. Supt.

RISON AUXILIARY

The Society of Rison entertained with a two-course buffet luncheon on January 10 at the home of Mrs. R. C. Carmical, president. Thirty-five members were present, with Mrs. J. M. Workman of Fordyce and daughter, Mrs. J. A. Markham of Conway, honor guests. The serving table was lovely

social reform has good precedent and fathered in John Wesley.

Into this darkened age came the torch-bearer of Methodism. Lest any one should think the 18th Century void of great men and that Wesley shines because of lack of competition—we should remember it was the time of such men as Walpole and Pitt, Elder and Younger, Fox, Bolingbroke, Hastings, Necker, Clive, Marlborough, Newton and Wilberforce, Frederick the Great and Washington, Napoleon, Nelson, Danton, Robespierre and Marat, Voltaire. Thos. Paine, Rousseau. Dr. Johnson, Wordsworth, Gibbon and Goldsmith, Cowper, Adam Smith, Immanuel Kant, Hume, Bentham, Butler, Berkley and Law.

No, there were giants in those days and Wesley stood neck to neck—yes, head and shoulders above them!

(To Be Continued)

with its cut work linen cover and centerpiece of sugar plum tree.

Immediately after luncheon the president called the Society to order and Mrs. L. F. Williams gave the devotional using for her scripture a portion of the 12th chapter of Hebrews. Mrs. Guy M. Sadler then introduced Mrs. J. M. Workman, who gave us a short inspirational talk and installed the following officers:

President, Mrs. R. C. Carmical; Vice-President, Mrs. Craig Sadler; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Martin Wilson; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Norton Robertson; Local Treasurer, Mrs. J. R. Simmons; Treasurer, Mrs. Guy M. Sadler; Supt. Study, Mrs. L. C. Ackerman; Supt. Bible, Mrs. Roy Wilson; Supt. Social Service, Mrs. L. F. Williams; Supt. Supplies, Mrs. Ari Powers; Supt. Local Work, Mrs. Robert Searcy; Supt. World Outlook, Mrs. W. G. Hancock; Supt. Publicity, Mrs. L. W. Knowles.

This meeting was thoroughly enjoyed by all.—Mrs. L. W. Knowles, Supt. Pub.

MAGNET GROVE AUXILIARY

The Society enjoyed the first chapter of the Missionary study course, "Suzuki Looks at Japan," at its January meeting at the home of Mrs. Jas. Kimzey.

Seated on the floor in true Japanese fashion, the members of the Society drank tea served in the native fashion by Miss Hazel Kimzey, attired in a pink kimono as a maid of old Nippon. Mrs. James Kimzey presented the lesson as a lecture.

The Society received the thanks of Rev. and Mrs. Robison for a quilt top presented them at Christmas.

The purchase of a piano for the church is the Society's chief project for the year. As a part of this project a play will be given in February.

Officers elected are: President, Mrs. C. M. Whitman; Secretary, Miss Hazel Kimzey; Treasurer, Mrs. Arthur Greer; Vice-President, Miss Genevieve Lawrence.

Standing committee chairmen for the year are: Program, Mrs. James Kim-

zey; Membership, Mrs. H. B. Griffith; Finance, Miss Hazel Kimzey; Local Social Service, Mrs. H. J. Sorrels; World Outlook Agent, Mrs. W. A. Greer.

LAKE VILLAGE AUXILIARY

The Society spent a very pleasant and profitable day at the home of Mrs. J. T. Hammond, January 15. Twenty-one members were present and the day was spent in quilting a quilt to be sent to St. Marks Hall in New Orleans, which is one of their projects for the year. At twelve o'clock a bounteous covered dish luncheon was served.

At two o'clock the 4th chapter of "Orientals in American Life" was given under the able leadership of Mrs. T. A. Summerhill. Mrs. A. G. Thompson, who is the newly elected president, is putting much time and thought into the work and has mapped out some very complete and workable plans for the year, which promises to be a very successful one.—Pub. Supt.

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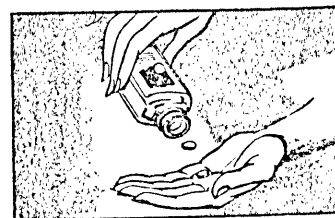
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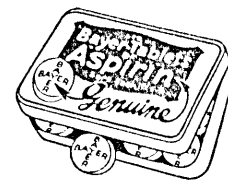
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FOR SUNDAY, JANUARY 27

Next Sunday is Missionary Day in the Church School. The theme is: "The Trust That Triumphs." Persons responsible for preparing and rendering this program will find a splendid outline and suggestions on page 55 of The Church School Magazine, for January.

If we are to have a missionary-minded church, we must teach our people the spirit and purpose of Missions as the Methodist Church understands it, and presents it.

These Missionary Days in the Church School, each fourth Sunday, can be made high days in the life of our people. Let's do it. We are counting upon you.—S. T. Baugh.

FRIENDSHIP CIRCUIT INSTITUTE

Wednesday, January 16, was a high day for the pastor and the people of Friendship Circuit.

Rev. O. C. Robison, pastor and his people of that circuit instituted monthly meetings of their officials last year. It was such an inspiration to them that they have decided to continue like meetings this year.

Their first meeting was held at Friendship last week. Rev. Roy E. Fawcett, Presiding Elder, Rev. Robert B. Moore, pastor at Arkadelphia, Miss Fay McRae, Conference Director Children's Work, Mrs. W. L. Huie, District Director Children's Work, Mrs. Charles A. Evans, District Secretary W. M. S., Prof. J. P. Womack, District Lay Leader, Mrs. R. E. Fawcett, Mrs. S. T. Baugh, representatives of all the churches except one, were present.

The program was led by Bro. Robison which was of an inspirational nature, hearing reports from each church, with plans for the year's work, etc. It was a fine meeting and we can expect great things from the Friendship Circuit this year.

Last year Brother Robison and his people led the Arkadelphia District in the number of accessions on profession of faith. They reached their financial goals by paying out all apportionments, plus. They expect to do as well this year.

At noon the ladies served a wonderful meal in the parsonage. The fellowship was most delightful and the spirit fine, all of which points to a great year.—S. T. Baugh.

MUSIC STUDY EQUIPMENT

President Reynolds has just received notice from the Carnegie Corporation of a gift of music study equipment to the College, valued at \$2,500. This equipment consists of 824 records, classified and in albums, 251 scores, 129 volumes—historical, biographical, technical, 1 Capehart phonograph—special design with automatic record changing device. The gift includes cabinets for records and scores and a printed descriptive catalog.

This music equipment is accompanied by the best cabinets, and they will probably be kept in the library and issued just as other library service is rendered. This Capehart record changer is housed in a beautiful cabinet, is continuous and fully automatic. It will play each record on one side, each record on both sides successively, repeat or reject any record as desired. No reloading or restacking is necessary. It handles from three to twenty records of any make, 10-inch and 12-inch, intermixed. For playing the records the set includes the finest phonograph there is. For instance, the average phonograph producing tones only up to approximately 5,000 cycles does not reproduce the full range of harmonics above ap-

CHURCH NEWS

SEARCY DISTRICT MEETING

The Searcy District Missionary and Evangelistic Institute was held at First Church, Searcy, January 11.

The meeting was called to order by Brother Hook, the Presiding Elder, after which E. G. Kaetzell was elected Secretary. Brother Hutton, evangelistic singer, led the singing. Rev. J. R. Jordan, pastor of our church at Clinton, led the opening prayer.

Brother Hook brought a very interesting and inspiring message in which he exhorted everyone to look forward to new goals this year, forgetting the heights we had attained in past labors.

Rev. A. W. Wasson, Secretary of Foreign Missions, brought a gratifying message. He stressed the fact that the greatest days of missionary achievements were not reached during the Centenary period but that they are yet ahead.

Brother Ira Brumley, Conference Extension Secretary, brought us a message on missionary finance, acquainting the congregation with the fact that the great mass of our churches are not acquainted with the needs of the missionary cause. This is true of our churches of the district and conference. All of America is the product of bygone foreign missionary work. The need of spiritual sharing is very prevalent as shown us by the fact that the Conference Boards are handicapped by the lack of funds with which to carry out the program of the church. Brother Hook spoke to Brother Brumley's message in regard to the necessity of every church taking up regularly the fourth Sunday Missionary offering and sending it to the treasurer.

Brother J. L. Rowland, Conference Missionary Secretary, presented the Missionary Study books, distributing them among the ministers present.

At noon we were served with a splendid luncheon by the ladies of the church and our genial host, Rev. W. C. Davidson.

Immediately following luncheon, all gathered to burn a note of long standing against the District parsonage. Bro. Hook stated that he would light the note with a match given him by the first minister of the Searcy District who paid his district fund in full for this year. He also stated that this church was not only the first to pay its district fund by the first to pay its Conference Benevolences in full, being the third in the North Arkansas Conference. This church was the Marshall Church.

At 1:30 all gathered in the church and after singing a hymn, Rev. Wm. Sherman led in prayer.

Brother Glenn Sanford spoke on the possibility of evangelism in the rural sections of our work throughout the Conference.

Brother Rowland brought the closing message on missions and evangelism within the local church, pointing out the alarming fact that many churches have not been instrumental in leading anyone to Christ during the past year

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and admonishing us as a church people to live a more spirit-filled life through which the church may have a great growth during the present quadrennium.—Secretary.

EVANGELISM IN LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE, 1934

At the Preachers' Meeting in Pine Bluff, Jan. 2, Bro. Baugh brought some startling statistics. He brought to our attention that there were 2,640 additions on profession of faith in the Little Rock Conference last year, an increase over 1933 of 53, and a total increase in membership of the Conference of 2,026 members. While we were thankful for this increase we were astonished when he made the statement that there were 66 churches in the Conference that had not even one addition on profession of faith.

Being elected Chairman of the Committee on Evangelism of the Little Rock Conference for the next quadrennium, I determined to study these statistics more carefully. As a result of this study I find that these churches that had no additions on profession of faith were distributed throughout the several districts in the following manner:

Arkadelphia District	26
Camden District	12
Little Rock District	19
Monticello District	19
Pine Bluff District	18
Prescott District	26
Texarkana District	46

Further study revealed the fact that there were a few whole circuits and even stations that had no additions on profession of faith, also that there were 32 churches which had only one addition on profession of faith.

My brethren, these facts should bring to each of us a spirit of humility. I am not writing this to criticize preachers of these churches nor the churches themselves, but rather to stir our hearts which may cause us to have greater zeal since the General Commission on Evangelism has set as a goal for the quadrennium of 750,000 additions to the membership of our churches. I do not believe it would be putting our goal too high in the Little Rock Conference at 5,000 additions this year on profession of faith.

Using the words of the General Committee on Evangelism, I beg of the preachers and our people "Let us attempt great things for God, let us kindle afresh the fires of our Evangelical zeal on the ancient altars of self-surrender and faith, let us tarry in prayer and expectancy until once more the fires fall, let us look for the power from on high that shall send us out as it did our fathers," to tell all around what a dear Saviour we have found.

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Methodism's future life depends upon the spiritual fervor of both preacher and people. These times demand high order of spiritual life. Let us pray.—J. D. Baker, DeWitt.

JUDSONIA

The work is moving along well. We were given a hearty welcome back for our second year with a gracious pounding. The church building at Bradford is still progressing. Although the building will not be completed we will have our first service in it, Sunday, Jan. 27. When completed we will have a stucco building that will meet the needs of the community, with four Sunday School rooms. The cost will be about \$1,400. We lack about \$100 of having money to complete the building. Our people have given about all they can. If anyone could help us out it certainly would be appreciated.

We extend an invitation to all who can to be with us Sunday, Jan. 27, for our first service in the new building.—W. E. Benbrook, P. C.

SPECIAL SERVICE AT HARRISBURG

A most impressive service was held at the Methodist Church Wednesday evening at the regular prayer service, Mr. I. M. Greer was in charge and made a splendid leader through the regular part of the meeting.

Mr. M. D. Simmons, chairman of the Board of Stewards, in a very touching way presented Miss Lillian Nelms with a beautiful diamond ring as a token

WARNING ORDER

In the Pulaski Circuit Court

State of Arkansas, County of Pulaski—ss.

In the Matter of the Last Will and Testament of Mabel Lee McCallum, deceased.

The following parties, Ed Connerly, Preston Connerly, Miss Jane Connerly, and Mrs. Phillip Cimo are warned to appear in this Court within thirty days and answer the motion of the Proponents, Martha Jane Frazier and Mary McCallum Cloud nee Mary Lavinia McCallum.

January 12, 1935.

J. R. GLADDEN, Clerk.

By V. S. O'NEAL, D. C.

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of appreciation from the church and board for her loyalty and faithfulness to the church and Sunday School work. The ring was placed on her finger and Miss Lillian was very grateful in her response.

Miss Lillian has been an untiring worker for the church and is very deserving. Her activities were praised by various members, and are known to everyone who attends church.—Reporter.

ELM SPRINGS

Sunday, January 13 our people of Elm Springs had the opportunity of listening to an address on Foreign Missions, forceably presented by Dr. A. W. Wasson, now Secretary of the Board of Missions of our Church. Alfred, as he is better known here, is a product of northwest Arkansas, having been born and reared near Elm Springs. After graduating from the University of Arkansas, he served 21 years in Korea as missionary and teacher. Both his children were born while in Korea. His son, Houston, is now a student in Oxford University, England, having won a scholarship in that institution.

Under the pastorate of Rev. H. H. Hunt the church at this place is beginning the new year's work with high ideals. We have a splendid Sunday School, a Wednesday night prayer meeting, a Woman's Missionary Society, and an Epworth League..

ARKANSAS METHODIST ORPHANAGE

I make my fourth report of the receipts of the Christmas Offerings for the Home, as follows. I hope that the pastors will see to it that the offerings that have not been sent in will be sent in at once.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

Arkadelphia District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 337.12
First Church, Hot Spgs., additional by Mrs. E. L. Bryant	3.00
Carthage S. S.	6.53
Ebenezer S. S.—Traskwood Ct.	1.43
Dalark S. S.	5.25
Total	\$ 353.38

Camden District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 511.41
Logan's Chapel, Magnolia Ct.	1.40
Magnolia S. S.	50.00
Buena Vista S. S.	
Buena Vista Ct.	3.16
Ogmaw S. S., Buena Vista Ct.	2.35
Total	\$ 568.32

Little Rock District	
Amount previously reported	\$1,229.47
Smyrna S. S., Austin Ct.	1.45
Carlisle Ct., Shiloh S. S.	1.75
Carlisle Ct., Walter's	
Chapel S. S.	.61
Roland Circuit	3.48
Winfield Church, Little Rock, additional	1.35
Total	\$1,238.11

Monticello District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 380.63
Winchester S. S.	5.00
Warren S. S.	60.00
Total	\$ 445.63

Pine Bluff District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 542.45
Grady S. S.	10.00
Ulm S. S., Roe Ct.	7.27
Rowell Circuit—	
Shady Grove S. S.	1.85
Mt. Olivet S. S.	.75
Center S. S., additional	.25
Total	\$ 562.57

Prescott District	
Amount previously reported	\$ 170.49
Blevins Ct., McCaskill S. S.	3.56
Emmett-Bierne Ct.—	
Emmett S. S.	10.88
Emmett League	2.50
Bovd's Chapel	4.00
Bierne	3.70
Total	\$ 195.13

Texarkana District

Amount previously reported	\$ 484.52
Gravelly S. S., Foreman Ct.	1.00
Total	\$ 485.52

Personal Gifts

Amount previously reported	\$ 8.00
Total from Little Rock Conf.	\$3,856.66

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

Batesville District

Amount previously reported	\$ 108.76
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Booneville District

Amount previously reported	\$ 117.66
Mansfield S. S.	5.00
Dardanelle Circuit—	
Stubbs S. S.	1.62
Oak Grove	1.12
Pisgah S. S.	.69
Chickalah S. S.	1.00
Total	\$ 127.09

Conway District

Amount previously reported	\$ 220.96
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Fayetteville District

Amount previously reported	\$ 149.26
Gentry S. S.	6.00
Total	\$ 155.26

Fort Smith District

Amount previously reported	\$ 136.74
Hackett Ct., Midland S. S.	1.02
Huntington S. S.	5.00
Hartman Circuit—	
Hartman W. M. S.	5.00
Spadra S. S.	1.50
Mt. Zion S. S.	1.55
Total	\$ 150.81

Helena District

Amount previously reported	\$ 170.90
Parkin S. S.	5.00
Wynne S. S.	10.00
Total	\$ 185.90

Jonesboro District

Amount previously reported	\$ 70.99
First Ch., Blytheville	30.00
Total	\$ 100.99

Paragould District

Amount previously reported	\$ 104.44
Pocahontas S. S.	10.00
Total	\$ 114.44

Searcy District

Amount previously reported	\$ 97.98
Personal Gifts, previously reported	6.00
Total from North Arkansas Conference	\$1,268.19
Grand Total Received from Both Conferences to date	\$5,124.85
—James Thomas, Supt.	

WHAT YOU CAN DO

A few months ago School Life published a list of things that anyone who earnestly wants a good school for her children can interest herself in. If you have a neighborhood club and are looking for a project, here is one most worthy.

You can help your school by seeing that:

1. There is heat from a properly jacketed stove.
2. There is a thermometer in every room.
3. There is good ventilation—68 is the desired temperature.
4. There is good light from the left or rear.
5. The buildings are clean.
6. The seats and desks are healthful, comfortable, separate, and adjustable.
7. Books are clean, sanitary, and attractive.
8. There is pure drinking water with sanitary water cups.
9. There is water for washing the hands and also that there are paper towels and liquid or shaved soap.
10. The toilets are sanitary and clean.
11. The building is in good repair.
12. The playgrounds are adequate.
13. There is medical inspection early in the year.
14. You visit the school occasionally and show an interest in the health of the pupils and teacher.—Lucy Thompson in Hoard's Dairyman.

For the Children

THE SURPRISE

David lay in his little white bed on the sun porch and watched the sun go down. David was ill but he was getting better now. Far, far away in the west he bade the sun good night.

Soon the shadows began to creep here and there. David became restless. He was tired of being sick. He was tired of his little white bed. He wanted to get out and run and play with the other children.

A gay little bird flew by the long row of windows. David raised his head to watch it, but the bird was too swift for him. David fretted because the bird did not stop, but then another bird lighted in the apple tree by the garden gate and began to warble forth his merry song. David was sorry when the warbler flew away.

Through the open windows flowed the sweet fragrance of the freshly blooming roses just outside the sun parlor. David looked at them and wished that he could but touch the soft petals. He looked at all the flowers until he became tired and worn. A sweet smile played over his face now and he brightened up quickly. Why? Because he saw his nurse coming with his evening meal.

The nurse brought a large white tray. And on the tray she had a surprise for David. Can you guess what it was?

"Hello, Davy, Boy!" said the nurse. "You have been a dear, good boy for a long time. I am going to reward you with a nice surprise for your supper."

David's eyes sparkled with gratitude. The nurse held the tray high so that David could not peep. "Guess what it is?" she said.

David began to wonder. He was so tickled he couldn't think.

"The surprise that I have on this tray," began the nurse, "was once no bigger than my two thumbs."

"Ice cream," guessed David.

The nurse shook her head.

David shut his eyes right tight then blared them quickly.

"It's a pickle," he said laughing.

"Wrong again," smiled the nurse. "I will describe it now and then you can guess what it is."

"The surprise that I have on this tray was able to run as soon as it came into the world. In fact it has been known to jump out of its cradle and run. Many people have seen it run with its cradle hanging on its back. It can sail, but cannot swim. It can sing, but cannot talk. It can scratch, but cannot write. It can drink, but cannot chew. It can reap, but cannot sow. It can travel fast or slow. What it thinks no one can know, for it dwells both high and low. It can hop, but cannot skip. It has a mouth, but not a lip. It has two feet, a few small toes, but nary finger ever grows. Now you can guess it without fail."

"Of course I can," said David, "Quail!"

And a quail it was all crisp and brown with cream gravy.

"Yum, Yum!" said David as the nurse slipped another pillow under his head.

David ate the tender breast and slept sound and well for hours and hours. When he waked up again it was a nice new day. The gentle beams of the sun fell softly upon his little white bed. David felt much better. When the nurse came in to give David his morning bath can you guess what he asked her?

Yes, he asked her for another surprise. The nurse assured him that a bigger and better surprise awaited him. After his bath he was allowed to sit in a chair while he ate his breakfast. When he had finished eating, the tray

was removed and the sun parlor was put in perfect order. Fresh roses replaced the old ones in the vases. David's hair was brushed to a brilliant luster. The little white bed was rolled back into the corner. The little medicine table disappeared suddenly.

David looked happy leaning against fluffy, snowy-white pillows in the easy chair. The bright sunlight streamed through the tall windows casting a healthful and pinkish glow on David's pale cheeks. He was contented sitting there waiting for the big surprise. But he did not have long to wait.

The nurse nodded to some one and the folding doors opened slowly. Into the parlor marched twenty boys and girls. They were members of David's Sunday School class. Each boy and each girl brought David a little gift. They marched around his chair dropping their gifts into his lap as they passed by. When the last one had passed out, David was almost covered head and ears with packages of all sizes, shapes and colors. They showered him with marbles, balls, pencils, knives, handkerchiefs, tops, balloons, fruits, candies and flowers.

"Oh, Happy Day!" sang David the rest of the day.—Mary L. Ballew, Hollywood, Arkansas.

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RACE RELATIONS SUNDAY

The twelfth annual observance of Race Relations Sunday falls on February 10, 1935. The special Message for the Day, issued by the Department of Race Relations of the Federal Council of Churches, through whom the Day was initiated, emphasizes justice to racial minority groups in national recovery plans. "The spiritual and moral values so essential to national recovery cannot be realized when the material advantages are offered to members of one race and denied to those of another," states the keynote of the Message.

A special call to the Christian churches urges them to foster advancement in race relations by the prevention of discriminations threatened or taking place under any of the recovery measures and to work for an unequivocal demand for equal opportunity for all without regard to race, creed or color. This theme will be carried by radio stations throughout the country, in the interracial exchanges of pulpits, speakers and choirs in hundreds of churches and other religious organizations. Special mass meetings, interracial dinners and exhibits will be featured in many communities during a week of special interracial events.

A leaflet has been issued by the Department giving helpful suggestions for a church service, programs for women's societies, for students, young people, and children's groups. Up-to-date information on Negroes, Indians, Mexicans and Orientals furnishes data for speakers.

"With the resurgence of lynching and mob violence," said Dr. George E. Haynes, Executive Secretary of the Department, "and the many human injustices which are perpetrated against racial minority groups including discriminations in economic and social life the observance of this Day in 1935 by churches and other religious agencies is a time for special emphasis on the power of Good and the forces of law to overcome evil and lawlessness."

REV. E. J. SLAUGHTER: AN APPRECIATION

I am not writing an obituary but a note of appreciation of one of God's noblemen. A servant of the church and of humanity who wrought well for thirty years and finished his course with victory crowning his labors to the end. Brother Slaughter had rare native ability, which was enriched by close application of mind and heart to his chosen task. His passion for service, his love for the church, his loyalty to the total program of the church and to the constituted authorities of the church, and his love and esteem for his brethren in the ministry, made it a great delight to serve with him in the common task of Methodism.

I speak as his Presiding Elder; it was a great privilege and delight to be in his pastoral charge and in his home. His life was not embittered by suspicions and petty jealousies. He had the forward and upward look. His concern was to be efficient in the task given into his hands.

As I have talked with him for hours at a time about his own program, about the work of the district, about the interests of the Conference, about appointments, and about his brethren I found him helpful, discerning, sympathetic, and void of destructive criticism. The more intimately I knew him

the more I came to appreciate his moral worth and his ability to do the work of the church. I have gone over many of the fields in which he labored in the Helena District. I have met many of his former officials, members and friends, but I have not heard a single utterance which discredited him in any of his relations in life. "Servant of God well done." The end came rather unexpectedly to us all, but it found him ready. In my last interview with him as he faced the hospital experience, he said, "I ought to have twenty years ahead of me, but if this is the end it will be just as well."

He had done a monumental work at Harrisburg last year and wanted so much to carry forward the comprehensive program which he had launched for this year and which had in it such promise of success. But it was not to be so. The church at Harrisburg has lost its shepherd whom they had learned to love and trust. Our Conference has lost a laborer who was worthy of his hire. I have lost a friend whom I could ill afford to spare. I shall not speak of his home relations. That precinct is too sacred for me to enter. May his stricken family be constantly under the conscious protection of our blessed Lord, and may the father's mantle of service fall upon his noble children. —G. G. Davidson.

COUCH'S RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PLAN

Harvey Couch's announcement that the Arkansas Power and Light company is prepared immediately to undertake a rural electrification program that will make electric service available to 15,000 additional homes in farming communities and farming areas adjacent to the company's transmission system, providing necessary funds for the program can be borrowed from some governmental agency, has created nation-wide attention, and general approval.

The plan, as outlined by Mr. Couch, is to extend lines to neighborhoods and sections wherever as many as three customers to the mile of line can be obtained. Surveys of areas adjacent to the transmission system in 55 counties of Arkansas show that to make electricity available to some 15,000 additional rural and farm homes it will be necessary to construct some 3,000 miles of lines. This will require several millions of dollars.

Experience has shown that because of the abnormally large cost per customer and the small use of the facilities at the disposal of each customer such lines are not profitable. Under present conditions financing through the usual method of selling securities on the open market, is not possible. This makes cooperation of some governmental agency necessary.

Mr. Couch's plan is to seek a government loan at a low rate of interest. Part of the funds thus obtained would be used to build the extensions necessary, install transformer stations, and build distribution systems. The other part would be used to finance the wiring of homes of farm-owners and other home-owners who become customers, and the purchase of lamps, irons, water pumps and such other equipment which would be sold on a five-year monthly payment plan.

Should government cooperation be obtained, the virtually state-wide electrification program would be started immediately, Mr. Couch said. This extensive construction would provide employment for several thousand men in getting out and treating the thousands of poles, cross arms, etc., and in the actual building of the lines and transformer stations, and wiring houses. Mr. Couch said that in building these lines it would be the plan of the com-

pany to give those home and farm owners who do not desire to make first payments on house wiring and appliances in cash enough work to enable them to earn sufficient to meet the first payment.

Mr. Couch suggested that funds to meet other payments and to pay for the electricity used each month could easily be obtained by adding a few good laying hens to each flock. He estimated that 10 or 12 good laying hens would produce enough eggs to pay for the electric service, and 10 or 12 more would meet the monthly payments on wiring and equipment. The power company, Mr. Couch said, will assist the customers in marketing the eggs, as well as chickens, butter and possibly other farm products.

Pending completion of arrangements for the state-wide rural electrification program, the plan is being put into effect in three farming neighborhoods. These are Magnet Cove, Hot Spring County; Prattville, Grant County; and the Calhoun-Village-Ebenezer section in Columbia County. Mr. Couch met with residents of each of these communities on December 31. The proposal to extend the lines to provide service, to give home-owners five years to pay for equipment, and to assist in marketing eggs, chickens and butter was received with enthusiasm. Committees were named at each of the meetings to cooperate with the power company representatives so that work may be started and service inaugurated as soon as possible.

Newspaper editorials cordially commend the Couch plan. The Memphis Commercial Appeal, discussing the project, says:

"It is a new method of approach to the problem of giving rural people the benefits of electric light and power, but there is no question about that problem's needing sanely original treatment. If Mr. Couch can demonstrate the validity of his plan, he will have some yardstick making of a kind far more desirable than otherwise."

"At first glance and at second, Mr. Couch's idea seems to make available all the social, economic benefits of the TVA without partaking of any of its obviously undesirable qualities. It will bring the farmer the opportunity to obtain the values of electric power and light without calling on him for any large sums of money, which he hasn't, and in general it will help the farmer to help himself which is the most desirable condition under which any man can exist. It does not involve anything even faintly Socialistic or at odds with the best American tradition. It is designed for a people by a man who knows them, their needs, desires, and, above all, their possibilities. It ought to bring on more talk and saner."

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES
TEXARKANA DISTRICT: SECOND ROUND

Doddridge Ct., at Olive Branch, Feb. 17, 11 a. m.
Texarkana Ct., at Pleasant Hill, Feb. 24, 11 a. m.
College Hill-Texarkana, Feb. 24, p. m.
Gillham Ct., at Wofford's, March 3, 11 a. m.
Lockesburg Ct., at Rock Hill, March 3, 2:30 p. m.
Richmond Ct., at Wade's Chapel, Mar. 10, 11 a. m.
Ashdown, March 10, p. m.
Dierks-Green's Chapel at D., March 17, 11 a. m.
Umpire Ct., at U., Mar. 17, 2 p. m.
Fairview-Texarkana, Mar. 17, p. m.
Lewisville-Bradley at L., Mar. 24, p. m.
Stamps-Garland City at S., Mar. 24, 11 a. m.
DeQueen, Mar. 31, 11 a. m.
Winthrop Ct., at Allene, Mar. 31, 2:30 p. m.
First Church, Texarkana, April 7, 11 a. m.
Cherry Hill Ct., at C. H., April 14, 11 a. m.
Horatio Ct., at H., April 21, 11 a. m.
Foreman Ct., at Climax, Apr. 21, 3 p. m.
Foreman Station, April 21, p. m.
Hatfield Ct., at Wickes, Apr. 28, 11 a. m.
Mena, April 28, p. m.

—Harold D. Sadler, P. E.

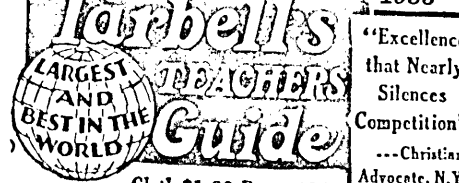
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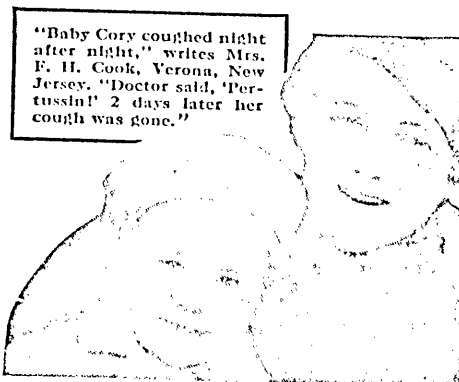
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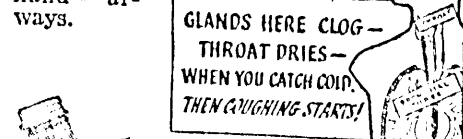
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There was a considerable increase in attendance at the prayer meeting service for the first discussion in the new series on "The Christian Message." Your pastor was quite interested in the expressions of different members of the group as they commented on the meeting. "Exciting," "stimulating," "interesting," "lively," "I don't agree," etc. were common expressions.

Next Wednesday evening we will be considering the question, "Is Man Naturally Good or Bad?" This mid-week discussion group is one of the most valuable services we are having at Winfield. We expect to see continued growth in the size of the group.

MUSIC NOTES

For the past four Sundays Mrs. R. E. Overman has been playing the organ on account of Miss Bossinger's illness. Winfield members are always happy to have Mrs. Overman at the organ for they love her and her music. We are also very happy in Miss Bossinger's recovery of health and in her return to her regular work at the organ. She will play at both services next Sunday.

Next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service the Junior Choir will sing one of the anthems. The Junior and Primary Departments of the Church School will be in the service.

The Young People's Choir will furnish the special music for the service next Sunday evening.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Senior High Department will meet Sunday evening at six o'clock for their devotional and expressional meeting. The program will be in charge of Miss Sarah Massenberg.

The Young People's Department will have a recreational and fellowship program Sunday at 5:30, followed by the devotional service at 6:30 in charge of Miss Florence Morris.

The Wesley Fellowship meeting at 6:30 will be in charge of Miss Mary Kimball. Bro. Steel will lead the discussion.

The Council meeting of the Women of Winfield has been postponed. They will meet next Tuesday morning at ten o'clock at the church.

ABOUT OUR FOLK

Mrs. Ora Cole is critically ill at the Baptist Hospital.

Virginia Arnold has been ill at her home, 207 E. 21st, for the past week, with the mumps.

Mr. W. G. McDaniel, 2219 Cumberland, is ill with pneumonia.

A wedding of interest to Winfield Church is that of Miss Laura Stuart and Harold Dickinson, of Nashville, which took place December 8. Mr. and Mrs. Dickinson will be at home in Nashville. We wish them every happiness.

Another wedding of interest to our congregation is that of Mr. Walter Keaton and Miss Margaret Calhoun of Clarendon, which took place on December 25th. To them, also, we extend best wishes.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sympathy of Winfield congregation is extended to Mr. C. R. Jackson in the death of his wife and infant twin sons, on December 18th.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

11:00 A. M.—Rev. Marshall T. Steel will preach.
7:30 P. M.—Mr. John G. Pipkin will speak.



JOHN G. PIPKIN

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE TO BE CONSIDERED

John G. Pipkin Will Speak

Sunday evening at seven-thirty Mr. John G. Pipkin, who is Business Manager of Little Rock Public Schools, will speak at Winfield Church on "Should We Have Unemployment Insurance?" Mr. Pipkin is Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Arkansas Conference of Social Work; and in that office has made an extensive study of proposed methods and benefits of the insurance. On this subject he is one of the best informed citizens of our State.

We are a generation which has witnessed as no other one has the tragedies of unemployment. Our entire civilization has been shaken by it. The estimates of present day unemployment vary from five to ten million. There is abundant evidence that our economic order is one which will continue to produce recurring periods of unemployment. Therefore we are vitally interested in any proposal to prepare for those periods and to make their coming less tragic. We believe our God is as greatly interested in efforts to stabilize the economic life of man as He is in efforts to stabilize man's moral life.

Mr. Pipkin will explain the proposed legislation concerning unemployment insurance. By whom and how will the insurance be financed and administered, and what are its direct benefits, are the type of questions he will answer. I believe you will be interested in this sort of service and I hope you will give it your enthusiastic support.

MARSHALL T. STEEL.

Adult Division Plans Special Service

Next Sunday morning at ten o'clock all of the classes of the Adult Division of the Church School will meet in the main auditorium of the church for a brief divisional service. It is their regular quarterly union meeting. Mrs. I. J. Steed who is director of Music at Winfield will have charge of the first part of the service which will be devoted to hymn appreciation. Miss Lila Ashby, divisional superintendent, will make a talk on "The Adults at Work in 1935."

There are ten classes in the division. Their quarterly report up to January 1 was very fine. At the beginning of the quarter they had 188 members and at its end they had 374. The classes carried on interesting activities at Thanksgiving and Christmas; and are working steadily on some special projects such as helping to care for a boy in the Valley Springs School, a girl in our Methodist Orphanage, and regular contributions to the T. B. Milk Fund. For such special projects they raised \$136 during the quarter.

The adults of Winfield Church are on the march. If you are not active in one of these ten classes you are missing a worthy part of your church's ministry.

MINISTERS ENDORSE Y. M. C. A. DRIVE

At the January meeting of the Ministerial Alliance of Greater Little Rock, after commending the leadership of Mr. J. B. Withee who is Secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. and the fine character building work of that institution, the following resolution was adopted:

"Be it resolved: That the Ministerial Alliance of Little Rock give full endorsement to the program which is being carried on by the Y. M. C. A. and urge the citizenship of Little Rock to cooperate in the campaign which is now being carried on to raise \$16,418 for the Institution's activities during the year."

Winfield members appreciate the fine work of this institution and will give it their support.

ORTHODOX INFIDELS

I love this crisp paragraph from Studdert-Kennedy's "I Believe":

"Our supremest need is real faith in the omnipotence of Love. Thousands talk of God Almighty, and have no faith in Love at all; to them the real powers are force, wealth, competition, and self-interest. They only believe that God made Heaven and Earth because if He didn't, then they don't know who the devil did. God to them is just the conventional name for The Great Unknown, about whom nothing is or can be certain. Orthodox infidels, they say their Creed and never base an action upon it, because they don't believe in Love. But this orthodox infidelity has no power to save the world. God is Love, the Spirit of Unity, Brotherhood, Co-operation, Peace, and when we say our creed we pledge ourselves to live, to think, act, and speak upon our faith in that spirit and in its power. It is impossible to prove that Love is almighty now; it does not reveal itself as supreme, but as struggling, striving, and conquering, calling us to fling ourselves in faith upon it, and prove it almighty in our lives."

The reason Jesus ascended into heaven was because He belonged there. If we ever get to heaven that will be our reason too.—Ex.

"Our military power is an exact index of our spiritual and moral impotence."