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We Salute the Churches

IN transmitting to the constituencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and the Methodist Protestant Church, the Plan of Union, as unanimously adopted by the Joint Commission of the three churches, the chairmen of the three Commissions, and the chairman of the Committee of Fifteen, acting under the vote of their comrades, wish to add some informal words of gratitude, hope, and counsel.

Our gratitude is given to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for His guidance and grace as so manifest in our deliberations. Our sessions have been prayerful and fraternal; unmarred by such visitations and unhindered by such obstinacies as would be displeasing to the Great Head of the church. The spirit of our meetings, scattered throughout our constituencies, would result in the overwhelming adoption of the Plan of Union and would carry forward into the proposed United Church the genuine brotherhood that comes from closer relation with Christ our Lord.

Our hope, as warranted by the reports that come to us from our several churches, is that the Plan now presented will receive the hearty sanction of those who in our General Conferences are given the privilege of voting for the great consummation.

Our counsel relates to the following matters:

1. Let us not expect that the details of union can be worked out in any quick way. The Plan provides for certain vital contacts that will allow our hitherto several churches to grow into the deeper unities. As we go forward in the spirit and patience of Christ, we can trust ourselves and our partners in a merged Methodism to work in the mood of brothers and sisters to achieve, without undue haste, the necessary minor unions within Great Union. Our own experience in working toward a large plan for the whole church convinces us that the smaller, but essential, plans for uniting our Boards and Societies can be successfully carried forward to the glory of God. We exhort the special representatives of the several interests and departments of our hitherto threefold work to pray and work in peace and love for such later developments as the Union may seem to demand for Christ's sake.

2. Let us not hasten any local negotiations for union in such a manner as to embarrass our larger aim. Indeed, we advise that unless there be some utterly exceptional situation that calls for localized merger of our churches, we withhold ourselves from the efforts to produce fragmentary unions, and give our endeavors to achieving the total union of the three great denominations. We can then reorganize our local work by corporate counsel and to greater advantage. Particularly can we arrange for disposal of properties, not merely on a basis of easing an economic situation, but rather on the basis of preventing overlapping of church work in our various towns and villages; of avoiding needless administrative difficulties; and of saving many faithful servants of Christ from unnecessary hardships. Piecemeal mergers that lead to misunderstandings and disappointments might prove grave hindrances to the mighty movement for the union of the three Methodisms.

3. Our final counsel is, that everywhere our hearts be challenged to a new spirit of prayer and devotion. A revival of saving grace in each of our churches would mean that each would carry into the projected Union the increased life and power for which our common heritage of faith has always stood. This experience would also bring us into that spiritual oneness for which the Saviour prayed, even as it would lead us into new fields of service, and would help to convince

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* BUT THOU, BETHLEHEM EPHRATAH, *
* THOUGH THOU BE LITTLE AMONG *
* THE THOUSANDS OF JUDAH, YET OUT *
* OF THEE SHALL HE COME FORTH UN- *
* TO ME THAT IS TO BE RULER *
* IN ISRAEL; WHOSE GOINGS FORTH *
* HAVE BEEN FROM OF OLD, FROM *
* EVERLASTING.—Micah 5:2. *
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the world that Christ, sent of God, was likewise sending the reunited followers of Wesley to have a larger part in winning men to the Redeemer.

As the highest advice, therefore, to the triple Methodisms striving to find the way to Union, we say, Pray! Pray! Pray! that the will of God in this endeavor, as in all things else, may be fully done.

Very faithfully your servants in Christ,
WILLIAM F. McDOWELL, *Chairman, Methodist Episcopal Commission;*

EDWIN D. MOUZON, *Chairman, Methodist Episcopal, South, Commission;*

JOHN CALVIN BROOMFIELD, *Chairman, Methodist Protestant Commission;*

EDWIN H. HUGHES, *Chairman, Committee of Fifteen.*

Statement By the College of Bishops on the Liquor Problem

TWO YEARS AGO the National Prohibition Law was repealed, and it was widely declared that prohibition was a failure. The opponents of prohibition—the advocates of repeal—from the President of the United States down, assured the country that repeal would put an end to bootlegging, would result in a great decrease of consumption of intoxicants and of drunkenness and crime, would yield large revenues for the support of the Federal Government, and they declared most emphatically that the saloon in any form whatever would never be permitted to return. Now, at the end of two years, it is manifest to all that the pledges of the advocates of repeal have been broken and their predictions have been nullified. Bootlegging and smuggling have not been abolished, but both have increased. The consumption of intoxicating liquors has not decreased but has increased by leaps and bounds. Practically no restrictions whatever have been placed upon the manufacture of intoxicants; the saloon, which was never to return, has returned in various and more dangerous forms in the greater part of the country; and there are more than twice as many drinking places today as there were before prohibition. Advertising of intoxicants, which was forbidden

and was impossible under the National Prohibition Law, is now carried on by every conceivable method; the radio, the press, billboards, circulars, hand-bills, all flaunt some particular brand of intoxicating liquor and endeavor to create, stimulate, and develop the appetite for intoxicants.

Already sufficient time has elapsed for a fair comparison between conditions under National Prohibition and under the legalized traffic as it now exists. The secular press in its news columns records daily the failure of repeal. The life insurance companies publish accurate data setting forth the tragic conditions which prevail throughout the country. The official statistics of police and traffic departments in our great cities show an alarming increase in traffic accidents in which liquor has played a part, in arrests for drunken driving and in arrests for intoxication especially of women and youth.

We would emphasize strongly the great importance of the work which is being done by the General Board of Christian Education and the General Board of Lay Activities of our Church. They are endeavoring to develop such educative programs as will put in the hands of our young people, of the teachers of day schools and church schools, of the professors in colleges and universities, of pastors and public speakers, and of the editors of the secular and religious press, such literature as will demonstrate and emphasize the wisdom of total abstinence and also the necessity for appropriate legislation for the protection of society. For, while fully recognizing the necessity of thorough temperance education and of the teaching of total abstinence, yet we insist that society has the right and duty to legislate to protect itself from the evils of the liquor traffic. We have quarantine, fire, traffic and sanitary laws to protect society. So we must have laws to put the brand of the criminal upon the liquor traffic, which is the enemy of the entire economic, industrial and domestic life of our people.

The historic position of our Methodism on the manufacture, sale and use of intoxicating liquors for beverage purpose is clear and positive. From the beginning it has exacted of all who would be admitted into its Communion an obligation to abstain from "drinking spirituous liquors unless in cases of necessity." It further enjoins upon all its preachers and members that they "abstain from the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage, from signing petitions for their sale, from becoming bondsmen for any person as a candidate for obtaining a license, from acting as a dispenser or voluntarily accepting an appointment or election as such under laws of any state, and from renting property to be used for such sale."

The position of the Methodist Church on this subject for the guidance of the membership is clear and unequivocal. Legislative action may change the legal status of liquor. No action of Congress or state legislature has changed the historic attitude of Methodism to this inveterate enemy of human society, and we would urge upon all our people the observance of these directions in all fidelity. Our presiding elders, pastors, teachers and members should stand fast by the principles of sobriety and Christian conduct incorporated in our Discipline by the unanimous vote of the General Conference.

The pulpits of our Church can be and should be sounding boards to give the truth to our people concerning the evils of the liquor traffic. It is our hope, indeed our expectation, that the pastors and members of our churches will be in the forefront of every battle with this great enemy of the School, the Home and the Church.—Edwin D. Mouzon, John M. Moore, U. V. W. Darlington, W. N. Ainsworth, James Cannon, Jr., Sam R. Hay, Hoyt M. Dobbs, Hiram A. Boaz, Arthur J. Moore, Paul B. Kern, A. Frank Smith. Fort Worth, Texas, December 7, 1935.

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Personal and Other Items

REV. T. C. CHAMBLISS, pastor of West Searcy
Charge, writes: "Our work starts in good
shape, and we are hopeful of a good year. Our
P. E., Rev. E. H. Hook, is on the job."

REV. C. M. THOMPSON, superannuate of the
Little Rock Conference, has moved to Park-
dale. He was slightly injured in a train wreck
about a month ago, but is recovering satisfactorily.

DR. IVAN LEE HOLT, president of the Federal
Council of Churches and pastor of our St.
John's Church, St. Louis, recently was honored
by the Ohio Wesleyan University with the de-
gree of Doctor of Letters.

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY is to
have a \$400,000 library building as a gift
from Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Fondren of St. Paul's
Church, Houston, Texas. It will be erected as
soon as plans can be prepared.

REV. J. F. CARTER, superannuate of North
Arkansas Conference, called last week. He
expects to remain in the state during the winter
and spring, and can be reached at Pocahontas.
His permanent address is 141 W. 88th St., Los
Angeles, Calif.

LOCAL option elections held recently resulted
in voting out the liquor stores in Nevada
County and in Strong, Melbourne, and Augusta,
in the towns by decisive majorities. Thus the
people are registering their protest against this
nefarious traffic.

THE HENDRIX COLLEGE BULLETIN No. 7,
recently issued, is a masterly statement of
the status and objectives of that great "small
College" of which Arkansas Methodism may
justly be proud. It should be widely read and
preserved for future reference.

THE UPPER ROOM, edited by Grever C. Em-
mons, is a booklet of Daily Devotions for
family and individual use during the first quar-
ter of 1936. It should be in every Methodist
home, and may well serve as the guide for fam-
ily devotions for one prayer period each day.
It brings elevating meditations and variety into
the devotions. The price is five cents a copy
when ordered in multiples of ten. Single sub-
scriptions by mail 30 cents for the year. Order
of The Upper Room, 650 Doctors' Building, Nash-
ville, Tenn.

IF the taxpayers ever become as concerned with
"balancing the budget" as the office-seekers
pretend to be, there won't be any money in poli-
tics.—Nuggets.

REV. J. H. ROBINSON, pastor of Roland Cir-
cuit, reports that he has been graciously re-
ceived all around the charge. The "pounding"
made the parsonage look like a grocery store.
While the membership is small all seem to be in
fine spirits. He expects a happy and successful
year.

**SCARRITT COLLEGE FOR CHRISTIAN
WORKERS**, Nashville, Tenn., is offering a
six-weeks course for rural missionaries, deacon-
esses, rural pastors, teachers, and other rural
workers, beginning Jan. 1 and ending Feb. 8.
For full information address Prof. Albert E. Bar-
nett in care of the College.

REV. FRED A. MEAD, our pastor at Amity,
writes: "Mother and I are settled in the par-
sonage. On Thanksgiving evening the good peo-
ple gave us a great "pounding" along with a fel-
lowship supper. The people are very friendly
and the prospects for the year seem good. We
are expecting a great year with these people."

REV. J. W. MOORE, pastor of Nettleton and
Bay Charge, reports that he and Mrs. Moore
have been cordially received and honored with
a liberal "pounding". He expects Benedic-
tiones to be paid in full by Christmas. The second
week in January will be ARKANSAS METHODIST
week. Prospects are fine for a happy year's
work.

HON. SAM A. GALLOWAY, Lay Leader of
Fort Smith District, while attending a meet-
ing of the State Real Estate Commission of which
he is a member, called last week. During the
past Conference year he made 28 addresses in
his District. He reports a fine spirit among both
preachers and laymen in that District and
"brags" mightily, and properly, about the P. E.,
Rev. H. H. Griffin.

**ALCOHOL EDUCATION IN THE LOCAL
CHURCH**, by Dr. J. Q. Schisler, is a pamph-
let furnishing very full information about the
plans of our Church to fight the liquor traffic.
It gives a rich list of pamphlets, periodicals, and
books which may be used in studying and teach-
ing on this subject. It should be in the hands of
every pastor and church worker for reference.
It is published by the General Board of Christian
Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

CREATIVE MOODS is a beautiful booklet of
poems by Mrs. Josie Frazee Cappleman, well
known in Arkansas and beyond as a poetess of
charm and talent. These lovely little poems,
which grow out of her creative moods, make ap-
propriate Christmas presents to friends who ap-
preciate real poetry. One of these poems, "Youth
—Not Everything," was copied in the English
magazine, Bozarth-Westminster. The price is
35 cents, including postage. The address is 2317
S. Main St., Little Rock.

THE PLAN OF UNION of the three Methodist
Churches is published in full on pages 5 and
6. It is in small type on account of space limi-
tations. As it will be before our Church for the
next four years, it should be preserved for
reference. We do not wish to cut off discussion;
but, as the Plan must be considered next year
by two other General Conferences before it
comes to ours, we suggest that it would be well
to wait until the other Conferences have acted.
Even then it will be two years before it comes
before our own General Conference. If any one
thinks that he should discuss it earlier, let it be
understood that articles should be brief and void
of personalities or questioning of motives. It is
to be hoped that we shall all have the spirit of
the address, "We Salute the Churches", on the
front page.

THE paragraph in our Discipline requiring
preachers, when joining the Conference, to
promise to refrain from the use of tobacco, was
adopted in 1914. Consequently all who have
joined since that year have taken this pledge.
If those who are using it could only know how
the laymen regard this violation of a solemn
pledge, they would certainly quit it. Out of
deference, it is probable that few laymen ever
mention it to their pastors; but they do speak of
it to this editor, and many of our women are

unwilling to entertain preachers who use tobacco, and they are troubled about the effect of the
example upon their boys and girls. Even in the
Carolinas, where much of the tobacco is raised,
the Conferences are insisting that the preachers
should keep their pledges; because it is argued
that the people know that the preachers have
promised to abstain, and, when they break their
promise, confidence in their integrity is under-
mined. Then in these days when the poorer
members are finding it exceedingly difficult to
meet their church obligations, some of them feel
that the cost of tobacco is a waste of money that
is needed for a better purpose. As New Year's
Day is the traditional time to quit bad habits and
form good resolutions it might be profitable for
tobacco users, laymen as well as preachers, to
resolve to quit this habit which is wasteful and
in some cases stands in the way of the greatest
usefulness.

MAKING GIVING A JOY

IF we could make our giving to the Church and
to other good causes a source of joy and
satisfaction to ourselves instead of, as it often is,
a bit of a trial and weariness, it would be an
excellent achievement, would it not? The thing
would be splendidly worth doing, for one rea-
son, since a gift that isn't freely and generously
made seems to lose a very great deal of its value
and freshness. If you were a good cause, you
wouldn't like to be kept going by money that
people gave with a sour face and an unwilling
heart.

And then, we ought to get pleasure out of our
giving, and if we are not we are being robbed
of a very real satisfaction that ought to be ours.
It might almost be said that the things that we
do feel enthusiastic enough about to give to with
real pleasure and satisfaction we ought not to
give to at all, but that, possibly, might furnish
us with an alibi that we would turn to too often.
No, it is probably better that we should give,
even if it does hurt and disturb and worry us to
do it, than not to give at all; but what a pity it
is to turn what ought to be a genuine pleasure
into a heavy and sore task!

We have no ready-made and easily-worked
rule for making giving a joyous and pleasurable
experience, but we thoroughly believe that the
thing can be done, and that, if it can be, it ought
to be. It is an achievement well worth attempt-
ing at any rate.—The New Outlook.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK

FOLLOWING our usual custom, in order to
give those who make the paper time to en-
joy the holidays, we shall have no paper. The
next issue will be on January 2.

It is our purpose to have next year much mat-
ter bearing on Evangelism, Methodist History,
and Education, since our Conferences have de-
cided to emphasize those things. Consequently
our readers are urged to continue to take the
paper so that they may keep up with the pro-
gram of the Church; and they are urged to co-
operate with their pastors in increasing the cir-
culation. As there will be several continued
articles and stories, it is very desirable that all
should begin with the first number of the year.

Our pastors are earnestly invited to make up
their clubs at the beginning of the year so that
their people may be fully informed about the
program adopted by the Conference. It will
pay to put the paper into the hands of all the
Methodist people, as, when they are informed,
they will be better and more useful members.
Stewards should make it possible to have the
paper in every Methodist home, as it will help
our people to conform to the requirements of the
Discipline.

The year closing has been a very happy one
for our Church in Arkansas. Our membership
has been considerably increased; the collections
were better than they have been for several
years; and the spirit of our people has been fine.
However, there is no reason why our progress
should not be better next year. A great pro-
gram has been adopted. Let us all try to carry it
out. If we pray earnestly and work diligently,
there should be a revival in every community,
and thousands should be converted and brought
into the Church. By careful planning and faith-
ful execution the finances of the Church may be
improved. Let us close this year with a full de-
termination to make the next a far better one.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

By W. T. MARTIN

"He prayeth best who loveth best."
 "For God so loved the world that he gave
 His Son."

Thou Christ, whose Natal Day we celebrate
 Round warm hearthstones, at laden festal
 boards,
 Beneath the lighted green of Yuletide
 trees,
 Where caroled hymns or organ's swelling
 tones
 Uplift the waiting worshippers with hope,
 Attune our hearts in thoughtful consonance
 With raptured songs of peace, good-will
 on earth.

May rays of Bethlehem's bright Star
 shine down
 And light the murk of deepest poverty
 And blackest sin. And may the ones
 sunk low
 In want and lecherousness lift up their
 eyes
 Of dying hope to see the Star's bright
 gleam
 And know that he is not a pauper who
 Still loves his fellowmen and thrills to
 praise
 With hope of peace on earth, good-will
 toward men.

May love, the soul of brotherhood, attest
 The gifts which we to others bring, O
 Christ,
 In Thy great name to this glad Festival,
 For Thou, who love incarnated, God's gift
 To needy men. May we not heed the
 sting
 Of poverty, save as our gifts shall lack
 The leavening of love, the guiding Star
 To peace on earth, good-will among all
 men.
 Conway, Arkansas.

IS HIS GIFT READY?

Will the wonder of it ever cease—the wonder of the angel's message: There is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord. And the shepherds came with haste to Bethlehem to receive their gift—the greatest gift received by mankind because He is the supreme expression of the Father's perfect love. So the gift-day had its beginning. And because the good tidings of great joy were to all the people, the day—Christmas—is ours too, nineteen hundred years later and thousands of miles from Bethlehem.

Gift-day's approach is rapid. It will soon be here. The spirit of preparation is in the air. We are reminded that there is much about the day's observance that is misguided and calculating and perfunctory and even sordid. Commerce "plays up" the season, ostensibly to "serve" the people, but primarily for "profit." Alas, that it is so!

But we assume that readers of this page are far removed from such gross misuse of so sacred a festival. We will honor the Christ's birthday by giving gifts that are not tainted with either mercenary hope of getting more than we give or selfish pride in outdoing in generosity those who remember us. We will see to it that our gifts express the real Christmas spirit. So shall it be if our fellowship with the Master is what we confidently believe it to be.

And so, during these days of preparation, we are going about the every-day task as usual, but our thoughts are engrossed with the choosing of the gifts which shall be the vehicles to carry our love to those who are bound to us by human ties and our regard to friends. Surely this is the best part of Christmas, and can be even approached in joy only by the assurance, yet to come, that those who receive have opened the door of the vehicle and found that which is within. One by one, the gifts are acquired and laid away until the time of delivery.

But is His gift among them? The star-following Wise-men from the East had it—a gift for Him. Oh, yes, the best was that they fell down and worshipped the new-born King

of the Jews, but that lost none of its worth-whileness—rather it gained virtue—because, opening their treasures, they offered unto him gifts, gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Is His gift ready? Does it bear His name? In the family circle on Christmas morning, will it appear when the tree is unloaded or the piles of gifts are distributed? Other gifts will be plainly marked for daughter, son, wife, husband, mother, father, sister, brother. Will there be those bearing the name Jesus? Strange? Not at all. Too great to delight in receiving? No mere human being ever had the power that Jesus has to enjoy receiving a gift. And, after all, it is his birthday.

Perhaps His gifts have already been started on their way that they may reach their destination before the joyous morn. That is better. We can not deliver them into His own hands, it is true, but then he removed that difficulty when he said: Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me. And so the gifts may be for Christmas seals, World Service, some local home which is in poverty or distress, and what not, and they will none the less reach the Christ and help to fill up his joy.

But, stop a minute! What about the gifts for Him? Is this the vehicle commensurate in value with the vehicles which carry our Christmas greetings to our human loved ones? Yet it is His birthday, and he should be first. It will not do to give him a leftover, a makeshift gift of which we may think, "It isn't what I'd like it to be, but I have so many insistent demands on me."

And, finally, when Jesus opens the door of the vehicle—my gift and yours—will he find it empty? Will he have to search with a light in the corner to find the real gift—our love? Or will love for him on his joyous natal day be so rich and full and precious that it will mock the container to hold it? Our gift can not be too great; He deserves the best always.

Is His gift ready?—Christian Advocate.

THIS GENERATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE

By C. O. Ransford, Associate Editor,
 The Christian Advocate

Time for the mature is measured by generations, but youth learns and moves more rapidly, and for them we reckon time by decades. The child of five, who enters the kindergarten, in ten years may be ready to enter high school or college. He has in ten years laid the foundation of his life's education and really attained and knows more than the average adult of his generation.

The transitions of customs, inventions, education, social modes, industrial realms and political areas in a decade may be very significant. God and men raise up and put down much good that is surpassed by the better. Our fathers knew few inventions. Agricultural and domestic utilities were few. The industrial world was slow-moving. Now a great industrial plant may be dismantled and supplanted by a larger and better in a few years. Human kind in living and thinking is very much affected by industrial and domestic transitions. Our youths with open minds and eager spirits, having no past to conserve nor old thoughts to forget, think only of the new.

No child comes into this world born a degenerate. That may seem too strong a statement for some folk, but I am speaking only of the normal parent and the normal child. There are degenerate parents and

they do beget of their kind. God's law is inexorable, he does visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

But this world for the most part is normal and the greater portion of the children born into this world are born with a fair chance. Those who unfortunately are not, if rescued soon enough and taken out of their environment, may experience a transformation, in mind and character that may overcome their ill breeding.

The Church has one task, the making of a better race of men. God had an evil brood to begin with when the infant race, without tutelage, went astray. The centuries have not undone the evil.

It is no disparagement of church service to say we are winning few converts from the adult world. We are doing a much better work in saving childhood and preventing human wreckage. "An adult saved," said one, "is a unit, but a child saved is a whole multiplication table."

The work in all mission fields, after a century of trial, has been found to be much more efficient in child training and conversion than in adult evangelization. The sons and daughters of the second and third generations of our converts are now giving a permanency in service and support prophetic of nations as well as families born into the kingdom in a day.

The Church needs a new perspective that, with youth's clearer vision, we may see Christ's new day. It always has been true that "out of the mouth of babes and sucklings God has perfected praise." The building of Christ's new kingdom rests with the teachers who shall train our youth in his new ways of righteousness.

It is difficult for old men to put away their old things and old ways, but only those who do divest themselves of the archaic can march in company with our youths of swift feet.

Such awakenings have come to few church leaders in this day. God has kept their thoughts fresh and their hearts warm with the pulsations of youth. They see the need and realize their opportunities and they seek to capture and train these precious youths for God and his Church.

The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is fortunate in this leadership in Christian education. We have a choice group of workers in the official and associated workers. They are striving for the Kingdom. The problems that have arisen and the greater opportunities that present themselves sometimes almost afright and sometimes almost overwhelm, but they are neither discouraged nor dismayed. The task compels new girdings for the new responsibilities.

The Methodist Young People's Conference at Memphis, Tenn., December 27-31, now in preparation, is the answer of the Board of Christian Education to this need. The program has been more than a year in the preparation and is the conservation of their best thinking and observations of youth in both the Church School and all institutions of learning.

The Board members have been open-minded and friendly to all suggestions. The program is a comprehensive preparation. It is all guidance in inspiration and guidance. Its goal is the divine life revealed in God's Son Jesus.

Arguments are unnecessary in the presentation. The needs of youth, the responsibilities of the Church,

the loves of parents and the call of the world helplessness demand a new consideration of every problem affecting our youth, our homes, our churches and Christian society.

This great Conference for our Methodist young people, is an answer to the Kingdom's needs for such a time as this. A church-wide response in participation in this epochal spiritual assembly is confidently expected.

THE ARKANSAS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

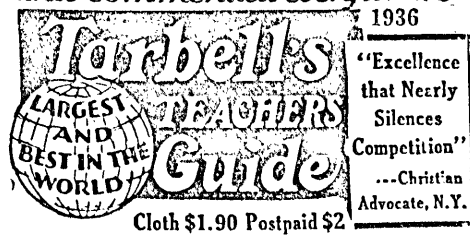
Intense organization of the State for the Arkansas Centennial Celebration is now actively under way by A. R. Rogers, Director. County units are being created with branches in every community, and a committee in every organization. Particularly are the schools being emphasized, a committee being established in every school room. A Speakers' Bureau has been created, under the leadership of H. L. Ponder of Walnut Ridge, and speakers will be supplied upon request for any meeting. There is a member of the Commission in every county, and in some counties, several. Initial meetings will be held under their direction.

The scope of the Centennial Celebration is state-wide, without centralization in any degree. Plans call for activities in every community and in every school room. Arkansas has two advantages to be stressed, climate and scenery, which cannot be transplanted, and tourists visiting the State in 1936 will be attracted to the various sections through special events arranged so as to keep the program continuous during the celebration. Committees are now working upon historical data which will form the nucleus for pageants and local celebrations in every section.

Texas, with a Centennial Exposition in 1936; and Mexico, completing a national highway to Mexico City, will conduct nation-wide advertising campaigns to attract tourist travel to the Southwest in that year. The logical and natural route for this travel is through Arkansas. Statistics show that less than 20 per cent of the automobile travel today passes through Arkansas. The Arkansas Centennial Commission plans an educational campaign in the North, Northwest, and East, to send millions of these cars through Arkansas in 1936, by showing paved highways, instead of the gravel gaps, as in others. One million cars passing through Arkansas, computed on the shortest distance across the State, will yield an additional annual gasoline tax of not less than \$1,500,000, and if these tourists are induced to travel over the State, this amount will be doubled. Travel bureaus estimate the daily expenditure of each motor party at \$10 per car, which should make the 1936 season quite profitable for Arkansas—an additional cotton crop for the year.

Approved plans to date make the visit of President Roosevelt only one of the Centennial high lights. Heads of other governments will be

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invited for special events, and governors of all States included in the Louisiana purchase will gather in Arkansas for a series of entertainments. They will be accompanied by their staffs and military escorts. A national aviation meet is planned and special provisions are being made to have Arkansas many times upon national radio programs. This will be done on the President's address, with radios in all schools of the United States, and the pupils of every school joining with the school children of Arkansas in the singing of America. Director Rogers has already arranged for the printing of several millions of pamphlets giving the history of Arkansas. These will be printed by the government and distributed to all schools of the United States for study in 1936. Home-comings will be arranged for all sections, as special events are staged in the different localities. The president of every corporation or business operating in Arkansas will be brought to the State sometime in 1936, and taken for a tour of the points of interest. Negro choruses will be organized over the State and then brought together to sing spirituals over a national radio hookup. Over 1000 voices will be assembled for this big event. Athletic contests will be encouraged in all sections, with a state meet to follow. Many other forms of entertainment are being proposed, and are yet to be passed upon.

Arkansas artists are requested by the Arkansas Centennial Commission to submit sketches for a Centennial postage stamp. The Postal Department of the government has approved the issuance of an Arkansas stamp, and awaits an approved design, immediately upon the receipt of which the stamps will be printed and put in circulation. Arkansas artists who covet the honor of having designed this stamp are requested to send in their drawings to the Arkansas Centennial Commission, War Memorial Building, Little Rock. These artists are also invited to compete for the honor of creating an official design, or insignia, for general use in decorations during the Celebration. It is the intention of the Commission to have this design copyrighted and appear upon all decorations. In this manner a uniform decoration will be used throughout the entire State, and Arkansas manufacturing concerns will supply the entire field. Arkansas manufacturers alone will be permitted to use the design, thus giving employment to Arkansas workmen, and excluding out-of-state competition.

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THE ITINERANT DAUGHTER: HER STORY

By Mrs. Susie McKinnon Millar
(Continued)

Fall came. School opened and I enjoyed once again all the old school activities as well as the many new ones that went with the dignity of being a senior. Added to my new importance at school was an increased number of duties at home for Beth was teaching in a college in Kentucky, Sarah in a college in Texas and Margaret in a college in the Indian Territory.

Beth had a splendid position, but we hated to have her leave home, especially as her position in our home college had been made very uncomfortable through the ill will of our pastor at Andersonville. Dr. Godfrey, who was vain, pompous and small-minded as well as self-seeking. He hated it that as presiding elder father had more weight in church councils than he had. His wife was dressy and extravagant and cared nothing for the work of the church or the welfare of the community. The church and the community paid no attention to her, but turned more than ever to mother for help and leadership. His daughter, Belle, had been Sarah's classmate at college and they were still great friends, but Dr. Godfrey could not forget that Sarah had won honors over Belle. His daughter Clara was very pretty, as well as smart and talented. She went to school at the college with me. She never studied. She cared only for fun and was by nature a trouble-maker. It was in trying to check one of Clara's wild escapades that Beth incurred Dr. Godfrey's displeasure. Father persuaded her to accept the place in the distant college.

Margaret was teaching in a college too, and it was very amusing how she got in touch with the place. Bishop Douglas, haughty, crabbed and dictatorial, had been our guest at Conference the year before when Margaret was a senior. She waited on him and talked to him about her ambitions. He enjoyed her and she liked and admired him in spite of his sour disposition and abrupt and snappy manner. During the Conference we had a special dinner for the Bishop and it happened that Professor Hines, Margaret's old high-school teacher, was present. He admired himself very much, also admired Margaret, and was fired with a desire to show off before the Bishop. So he talked a great deal and sought to use Margaret to help him out. He started to quote: "Our acts our angels are"—How is that, Miss Margaret? "Our acts our angels," Miss Margaret. "Our acts our angels are"—Miss Margaret what is the rest of that line?"

Without giving Margaret a chance to answer Bishop Douglas broke in abruptly: "Acts of the Apostles, brother, take the Acts of the Apostles. They are the only acts I know anything about, and you'll find them good enough for anybody."

Then he turned and looked at Margaret and winked and everybody just had to laugh. When the Bishop started to leave he said: "Miss Margaret, you'll hear from me again before the year is out."

Soon after she graduated from Howell College the following June, she got a telegram from Bishop Douglas saying: "In memory of our acts and the Acts of the Apostles, I have recommended you as a teacher of English Literature in Hastings College. Apply at once."

Margaret applied and got the place.

The parsonage seemed almost empty with Beth, Sarah, and Margaret all away; but I was too busy to be very lonely. We were all counting on the Conference moving us this fall. That added an element of uncertainty to our plans; but the days were so full of interest and moved so swiftly that we did not speculate much on the possible outcome of the Conference. We realized that a group of self-seeking preachers were gaining more and more power in the management of the affairs of the Conference and that they cared more for their own advancement than they did for the cause of Christ. Since father had on more than one occasion opposed their schemes, they were anxious to get him off the District. Father never sought personal advancement. His and Mother's love for the cause, their unselfishness and their faith that all things would work out for the glory of God and for good to them that love the Lord, gave them courage to accept any appointment cheerfully. Their heroic example made us ashamed to complain.

Conference met and father came home after the reading of the appointments with the news that we were to move to Summerville, a small, but lovely old town. In addition to the church at Summerville, the church in a nearby town and one country church would be under his care. The monetary compensation would be much less than we were used to, but that side of the question was never stressed in our family. Although there would be no school for Kenneth and me to attend, father decided to take us out of school and let us keep up our studies under his and mother's direction. We said farewell to school and set to work packing. With father, mother, Kenneth, Danny, Malcolm and me all hard at it, we soon had everything packed and ready to be off. The morning we left was warm and bright, almost like spring weather. We cut a large bunch of pink roses from our parsonage bushes, and set our faces toward our new home. We parted reluctantly with our many very dear friends. Before we reached the station the sun had hidden its face and the temperature had dropped considerably, and, as the train pulled out, the air was thick with swirling snowflakes.

At Gage we changed trains. There we had to wait more than an hour for a little uncomfortable train that would carry us on to Brownsville where we'd have another change and wait. At Gage we almost had to dance to keep warm; but soon we were on the way again and off the train at Brownsville for another cold wait. It had grown much colder. The train for Summerville was very late, but the longest of waits will end if you'll just wait, and finally the train for Summerville arrived. We got on and were soon on the way again. At last the train stopped. (To be Continued.)

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PLAN OF UNION

Of The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church

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We, the Commission on Interdenominational Relations and Church Union of The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church, holding that these Churches are essentially one in origin, in belief, in spirit, and in purpose, and desiring that this essential unity be made actual in organization and administration in the United States of America and throughout the world, do hereby propose and transmit to our respective General Conferences the following Plan of Union and recommend to the three Churches its adoption by the processes which they respectively require.

DIVISION ONE

Article I—Declaration of Union

The Methodist Episcopal Church, The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and The Methodist Protestant Church shall be united in one Church.

Article II—Name

The name of the Church shall be The Methodist Church.

Article III—Articles of Religion

The Articles of Religion shall be those historically held in common by the three uniting Churches. (See Disciples.)

DIVISION TWO—CONFERENCES

1. There shall be a General Conference for the entire Church with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

2. There shall be Jurisdictional Conferences for the Church in the United States of America, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

3. There shall be Central Conferences for the Church outside the United States of America, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

4. There shall be Annual Conferences as the fundamental bodies in the Church, with such powers, duties, and privileges as are hereinafter set forth.

Section I—General Conference

Article I.—The General Conference shall be composed of not less than 600 nor more than 800 delegates, one-half of whom shall be ministers and one-half lay members, to be elected by the Annual Conferences.

Article II.—General Conference shall meet in the month of April or May once in four years, beginning with such year and at such place as shall be fixed by the Uniting Conference, and thereafter at such time and in such place as shall be determined by the General Conference or by its duly authorized committees.

Article III.—The General Conference shall fix the ratio of representation in the General, Jurisdictional, and Central Conferences from the Annual Conferences, with the total ministerial membership in the Annual Conference as a basis, provided that each Annual Conference shall be entitled to at least one ministerial and one lay delegate in the General Conference and also in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

Article IV.—The General Conference shall have full legislative power over all matters distinctively connecional, and in the exercise of said power shall have authority as follows:

1. To define and fix the conditions, privileges, and duties of church membership.

2. To define and fix the qualifications and duties of Elders, Deacons, Supply Preachers, Local Preachers, Exhorters, and Deaconesses.

3. To define and fix the powers and duties of Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions, and of District, Quarterly, and Church Conferences.

4. To provide for the organization, promotion, and administration of the work of the Church outside the United States of America.

5. To define and fix the powers, duties, and privileges of the Episcopacy; to adopt a plan for the support of the Bishops, to provide a uniform rule for their superannuation and to provide for the discontinuance of a Bishop because of inefficiency or unacceptability.

6. To provide and revise the Hymnal and Ritual of the Church and to regulate all matters relating to the form and mode of worship, subject to the limitations of the First Restrictive Rule.

7. To provide a judicial system and a method of judicial procedure for the Church, except as herein otherwise prescribed.

8. To initiate and to direct all connecional enterprises of the Church, such as publishing, evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent, and to provide boards for their promotion and administration.

9. To determine and provide for raising the funds necessary to carry on the connecional work of the Church.

10. To fix a uniform basis upon which Bishops shall be elected by the Jurisdic-

tional Conferences and to determine the number of Bishops that may be elected by Central Conferences.

11. To select its presiding officers from the Bishops, through a committee, provided that the Bishops shall select from their own number the president for the opening session.

12. To change the number and the boundaries of Jurisdictional Conferences upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences in each Jurisdictional Conference involved.

13. To establish such commissions for the general work of the Church as may be deemed advisable.

14. To enact such other legislation as may be necessary, subject to the limitations and restrictions of the Constitution of the Church.

Section II—Restrictive Rules

1. The General Conference shall not revoke, alter, or change our Articles of Religion, or establish any new standards or rules of doctrine contrary to our present existing and established standards of doctrine.

2. The General Conference shall not change or alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away Episcopacy, or destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency.

3. The General Conference shall not do away the privileges of our Ministers or Preachers of trial by a committee and of an appeal; neither shall it do away the privileges of our members of trial before the church, or by a committee, and of an appeal.

4. The General Conference shall not revoke or change the General Rules of the United Societies.

5. The General Conference shall not appropriate the produce of the Publishing House, the Book Concern, or the Chartered Fund to any purpose other than for the benefit of the traveling, superannuated, superannuated, and worn-out preachers, their wives, widows, and children.

Section III—Amendments

1. Amendments to the Constitution may originate in either the General Conference or an Annual Conference.

2. Amendments to the Constitution shall be made upon a two-thirds majority of the General Conference present and voting and a two-thirds majority of all the members of the several Annual Conferences present and voting, except in the case of the First Restrictive Rule, which shall require a three-fourths majority of all the members of the Annual Conferences present and voting. The vote, after being completed, shall be canvassed by the Council of Bishops and the amendment voted upon shall become effective upon their announcement of its having received the required majority.

3. A Jurisdictional Conference may by a majority vote propose changes in the Constitution of the Church, and such proposed changes shall be submitted to the next General Conference. If the General Conference adopt the measure by a two-thirds vote, it shall be submitted to the Annual Conferences according to the provision for amendments.

Section IV—Jurisdictional Conferences

Article I.—The Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of as many representatives from the Annual Conferences as shall be determined by a uniform basis established by the General Conference.

Article II.—All Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the same status and the same privileges of action within the limits fixed by the Constitution. The ratio of representation of the Annual Conferences in the General Conference shall be the same for all Jurisdictional Conferences.

Article III.—The General Conference shall fix the basis of representation in the Jurisdictional Conferences, provided that the Jurisdictional Conferences shall be composed of an equal number of ministerial and lay delegates, the ministerial to be elected by the ministerial members of the Annual Conferences and the lay delegates by the lay members.

Article IV.—Each Jurisdictional Conference shall meet within the twelve months succeeding the meeting of the General Conference at such time and place as shall have been determined by the preceding Jurisdictional Conference, or by its properly constituted committee. The first meeting of each Jurisdictional Conference after the General Conference shall be called by the Council of Bishops at a date fixed by them and at a place selected by a Committee on Entertainment appointed by them.

Article V.—The Jurisdictional Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference.

1. To promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent interests of the Church, and to provide for

interests and institutions within their boundaries.

2. To elect Bishops and to co-operate in carrying out such plans for their support as may be determined by the General Conference.

3. To establish and constitute Jurisdictional Conference Boards as auxiliary to the General Boards of the Church as the need may appear, and to choose their representatives on the General Boards in such manner as the General Conference may determine.

4. To determine the boundaries of their Annual Conferences, provided that there shall be no Annual Conference with a membership of less than fifty ministers in full connection, except by the consent of the General Conference.

5. To make rules and regulations for the administration of the work of the Church within the Jurisdiction, subject to such powers as have been or shall be vested in the General Conference.

6. To appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling preacher of that Jurisdiction from the decision of a trial committee.

Section V—Central Conferences

Article I.—There shall be Central Conferences for the work of the Church outside the United States of America with such duties, powers, and privileges as hereinafter set forth. The number and boundaries of the Central Conferences shall be determined by the Uniting Conference. Subsequently the General Conference shall have authority to change the number and boundaries of Central Conferences. The Conferences shall have the duties, powers, and privileges hereinafter set forth.

Article II.—The Central Conferences shall be composed of as many delegates as shall be determined by a basis established by the General Conference. The delegates shall be ministerial and lay in equal numbers, the ministerial delegates to be elected by the ministerial members and the lay delegates by the lay members of the Annual Conferences.

Article III.—The Central Conferences shall meet within the year succeeding the meeting of the General Conference at such times and places as shall have been determined by the preceding respective Central Conferences or by commissions appointed by them, or by the General Conference. The date and place of the first meeting succeeding the first General Conference shall be fixed by the Bishops of the respective Central Conferences, or in such manner as shall be determined by the General Conference.

Article IV.—The Central Conferences shall have the following powers and duties and such others as may be conferred by the General Conference:

1. To promote the evangelistic, educational, missionary, and benevolent interests and institutions of the Church within their own boundaries.

2. To elect the Bishops for the respective Central Conferences in number as may be determined from time to time, upon a basis fixed by the General Conference, and to co-operate in carrying out such plans for the support of their Bishops as may be determined by the General Conference.

3. To establish and constitute such Central Conference Boards as may be required and to elect their administrative officers.

4. To determine the boundaries of the Annual Conferences within their respective areas.

5. To make such rules and regulations for the administration of the work within their boundaries as the conditions in the respective areas may require, subject to the powers that have been or shall be vested in the General Conference.

6. To appoint a Committee on Appeals to hear and determine the appeal of a traveling preacher of that Central Conference from the decision of a Committee of Trial.

Section VI—Episcopal Administration in Central Conferences

1. The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall be elected and inducted into office by their respective Central Conference.

2. The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall have membership in the Council of Bishops with vote limited to matters relating to their respective Central Conferences.

3. The Bishops of the Central Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Central Conferences.

4. The Bishops of each Central Conference shall arrange the plan of Episcopal visitation within their Central Conference.

5. The Council of Bishops may assign one of their number to visit any Central Conference. When so assigned the Bishop shall be recognized as an accredited representative of the general Church; and when requested by a majority of the Bishops of a Central Conference may exercise therein the functions of the Episcopacy.

Section VII—Annual Conferences

Article I.—The Annual Conference shall be composed of all the Traveling Preachers in full connection with it, together

with a lay member elected by each pastoral charge. The lay members shall be at least twenty-one (21) years of age and shall have been for the four years next preceding their election members of one of the constituent Churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church.

Article II.—The Annual Conference is the basic body in the Church, and as such shall be reserved to it the right to vote on all constitutional amendments, on the election of ministerial and lay delegates to the General and the Jurisdictional or Central Conferences, on all matters relating to the character and conference relations of its ministerial members, and on the ordination of ministers, and such other rights as have not been delegated to the General Conference under the Constitution, with the exception that the lay members may not vote on matters of ordination, character, and conference relations of ministers. It shall discharge such duties and exercise such powers as the General Conference under the Constitution may determine.

Article III.—The Annual Conference shall elect ministerial and lay delegates to the General Conference and to its Jurisdictional or Central Conferences in the manner provided in this section, Articles IV and V, at the session preceding the General Conference. The persons first elected up to the number determined by the ratio for representation in the General Conference shall be representatives in that body. Additional delegates shall be elected to complete the number determined by the ratio for representation in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference, who, together with those first elected as above, shall be delegates in the Jurisdictional or Central Conference. The additional delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall in the order of their election be the reserve delegates to the General Conference. The Annual Conference shall also elect reserve ministerial and lay delegates to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference as it may deem desirable.

Article IV.—The ministerial delegates to the Annual Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the ministerial members of the Annual Conference, provided that such delegates shall have been traveling preachers in the constituent Churches forming this union, or in The Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election and are in full connection with the Annual Conference electing them when elected and at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

Article V.—The lay delegates to the General Conference and to the Jurisdictional or Central Conference shall be elected by the lay members of the Annual Conference, provided that such delegates be at least twenty-five (25) years of age and shall have been members of the constituent Churches forming this union, or of The Methodist Church, for at least four years next preceding their election, and are members thereof within the Annual Conference electing them at the time of holding the General and Jurisdictional or Central Conferences.

Section VIII—Boundaries

Article I.—The Methodist Church in the United States of America shall have Jurisdictional Conferences made up as follows:

Northeastern—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico.

Southeastern—Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Cuba.

Central—The Negro Annual Conferences, the Negro Mission Conferences and Missions in the United States of America.

North Central—Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota.

South Central—Missouri, Arkansas, Louisiana, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico.

Western—Washington, Idaho, Oregon, California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, Alaska, Hawaiian Islands.

Article II.—The work of the Church outside the United States of America may be formed into Central Conferences, the number and boundaries of which shall be determined by the Uniting Conference, the General Conference having authority subsequently to make changes in the number and boundaries.

Article III.—Changes in the number, name, and the boundaries of the Jurisdictional Conferences may be effected by the General Conference upon the consent of a majority of the Annual Conferences of each of the Jurisdictional Conferences involved.

Article IV.—Changes in the number, name, and boundaries of the Annual Conferences may be effected by the Jurisdictional Conferences in the United States of America and by the Central Conferences outside the United States of Amer-

lea, according to the provisions under the respective powers of the Jurisdictional and the Central Conferences.

Section IX—District Conferences

Article I.—There may be organized in an Annual Conference District Conferences composed of such persons and invested with such powers as the General Conference may determine.

Section X—Quarterly Conferences

Article I.—There shall be organized in each pastoral charge a Quarterly Conference composed of such persons and invested with such powers as the General Conference shall provide.

Article II.—Election of Church Officers.—Unless the General Conference shall order otherwise the officers of the church or churches constituting a pastoral charge shall be elected by the Quarterly Conference or by the members of said church or churches at a meeting called for that purpose, as may be arranged by the Quarterly Conference, unless the election is otherwise required by local church charters or state laws.

Section XI—Church Conferences

There may be a Church Conference in each church, having such powers and duties as the General Conference may prescribe.

DIVISION THREE—EPISCOPACY

Article I.—There shall be an Episcopacy in The Methodist Church of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in The Methodist Episcopal Church and The Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Article II.—The Bishops shall be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences and ordained or consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism at such time and place as may be fixed by the General Conference.

Article III.—There shall be a Council of Bishops composed of all the Bishops of all the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences. The Council shall meet at least once a year and plan for the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests of the entire Church and for carrying into effect the rules, regulations, and responsibilities prescribed and enjoined by the General Conference, and in accord with the provisions set forth in this Plan of Union.

Article IV.—The Bishops of each Jurisdictional and Central Conference shall arrange the Plan of Episcopal Supervision of the Annual Conferences, Mission Conferences, and Missions within their respective territories.

Article V.—The Bishops shall have residential and presidential supervision in the Jurisdictional Conferences in which they are elected. A Bishop may be transferred from one Jurisdiction to another Jurisdiction for residential and residential supervision by the Council of Bishops when such transfer is requested by the Jurisdictional Conference to which such proposed transfer is to be made.

A Bishop may be assigned by the Council of Bishops for presidential service or other temporary service not to exceed a year, in another Jurisdiction than that which elected him, provided request is made by a majority of the Bishops in the Jurisdiction of the proposed service.

In case of an emergency in any Jurisdiction through the death or disability of its Bishops the Council of Bishops may assign one or more Bishops from other Jurisdictions to the work of the said Jurisdiction with the consent of a majority of the Bishops of that Jurisdiction.

Article VI.—The Bishops of The Methodist Episcopal Church and of The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, at the time union is consummated, shall be Bishops of the Methodist Church.

The delegates from the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church in the Uniting Conference shall have the authority and power to elect to the office of Bishop two ministers of their Church who, upon ordination or consecration at the Uniting Conference by the Bishops of the other two Churches, shall become effective Bishops of The Methodist Church.

The effective Bishops shall be assigned for service to the various Jurisdictional Conferences by the Uniting Conference.

Article VII.—A Bishop presiding over a District, Annual, or Jurisdictional Conference shall decide all questions of law coming before him in the regular business of a session, provided that such questions be presented in writing and that his decisions be recorded in the Journal of the Conference.

Such an Episcopal decision shall not be authoritative except for the pending case until it shall have been passed upon by the Judicial Council. Each Bishop shall report in writing annually all his decisions of law, with a syllabus of the same, to the Judicial Council, which shall affirm, modify, or reverse them.

Article VIII.—The Bishops of the several Jurisdictional Conferences shall preside in the sessions of their respective Jurisdictional Conferences.

DIVISION FOUR—THE JUDICIARY

Article I.—There shall be a Judicial Council. The General Conference shall determine the number and qualifications

of its members, their terms of office, and the method of election and the filling of vacancies.

Article II.—The Judicial Council shall have authority:

1. To determine the constitutionality of any act of the General Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Council of Bishops, or one-fifth of the members of the General Conference; and to determine the constitutionality of any act of a Jurisdictional or Central Conference upon an appeal of a majority of the Bishops of that Jurisdictional or Central Conference or upon the appeal of one-fifth of the members of that Jurisdictional or Central Conference.

2. To hear and determine any appeal from a Bishop's decision on a question of law made in the Annual or District Conference when said appeal has been made by one-fifth of that Conference present and voting.

3. To pass upon decisions of law made by Bishops in Annual or District Conferences.

4. To hear and determine the legality of any action taken therein by any General Conference board or Jurisdictional or Central Conference board or body, upon appeal by one-third of the members thereof or upon request of the Council of Bishops, or a majority of the Bishops of a Jurisdictional or a Central Conference.

5. To have such other duties and powers as may be conferred upon it by the General Conference.

6. To provide its own methods of organization and procedure.

Article III.—All decisions of the Judicial Council shall be final. However, when the Judicial Council shall declare any act of the General Conference unconstitutional that decision shall be reported back to that General Conference immediately.

PROCEDURE—UNITING CONFERENCE

Article I.—There shall be a Uniting Conference composed of 900 delegates, of whom 400 shall be from The Methodist Episcopal Church, 400 from The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and 100 from The Methodist Protestant Church, chosen in such manner as may be determined by the respective General Conferences, provided that the ministerial and lay members shall be in equal number.

Article II.—The Uniting Conference shall be held within twelve months after the final approval and adoption of this Plan of Union by the three Churches, at the call of the Bishops of the two Churches and the President of the General Conference of The Methodist Protestant Church, and at a date fixed by them and at a place selected by a Joint Commission on Entertainment of five persons from each of the three Churches, this commission to be appointed by the Bishops of the two Churches and the President of The Methodist Protestant General Conference.

Article III.—The expenses of the Uniting Conference shall be borne by the three Churches in proportion to their respective representation.

Article IV.—The duties and powers of the Uniting Conference, subject to the provisions of this Plan of Union, shall be:

1. To harmonize and combine the rules and regulations as found in the Disciplines of the three Churches relating to membership, the conferences, the ministry, judicial administration, and temporal economy.

2. To harmonize and combine the Rituals of the three Churches.

3. To harmonize and combine the ordination, and correlation of the connectional missionary, educational, and benevolent boards and societies of the three Churches.

4. To provide for the unification, coordination, and correlation of the publishing interests of the three Churches.

5. To provide a plan for the control and safeguarding of all permanent funds and other property interests of the three Churches and the interests of those persons and causes for which these funds were established.

Article V.—In order to facilitate the work of the Uniting Conference, the three General Conferences at the sessions wherein this Plan of Union is approved shall continue their Commissions on Union with such changes in personnel as they may desire, and authorize the Joint Commission thus formed to make special preparation for the Uniting Conference by the appointment of proper committees to deal with (a) membership, conferences, ministry, judicial administration, and temporal economy; (b) rituals; (c) connectional boards and societies; (d) publishing interests; (e) permanent and pension funds; and (f) such other matters as imperatively call for advance consideration.

Article VI.—All Annual Conferences of the three Churches shall retain their existing status until by the action of the Uniting Conference it shall be determined otherwise.

Article VII.—The legislative power of the Uniting Conference shall be confined

to harmonizing and combining provisions now existing in the Disciplines of the three Churches, or one or more of these Churches.

Article VII.—The boundaries and composition of the Annual Conferences within the several Jurisdictional Conferences as made up in this Plan of Union shall be adjusted at the time of the meeting of the Uniting Conference by the delegates from the Annual Conferences within the respective Jurisdictions, sitting apart for that purpose during the period of the Uniting Conference, provided that in the case of those Annual Conferences that may be divided by the Jurisdictional Conference lines, their delegates shall allocate themselves to the respective Jurisdictional Conferences upon the basis of church membership of their Conferences in the respective Jurisdictions.

Article IX.—The Uniting Conference shall fix the basis of representation of the Annual Conferences in the first General Conference and in the Jurisdictional and Central Conferences.

Article X.—Pending the meeting of the Uniting Conference each of the three uniting Churches shall be governed by the rules and regulations of its own Discipline.

Recommendations

1. The General Conference is authorized to extend to the autonomous Methodist Churches outside the United States of America formerly connected with our bodies, an invitation to enter into conference with us with respect to such relationship with The Methodist Church as may seem mutually desirable.

II. The co-operative relationships which already exist between any of these three Methodist bodies and Churches in foreign fields not covered by other provisions herein shall be continued as may seem mutually advantageous.

III. The world-wide character of Methodism shall be recognized by participation in the Ecumenical Methodist Conference and by the appointment of a commission to assist in bringing all Methodist bodies throughout the world into

more intimate and effective relationship. IV. We recommend that financial support of the Colored Methodist Episcopal Church be continued by those Jurisdictional divisions with which said Church is historically related, and to such an extent as those Jurisdictions may deem wise.

Respectively submitted,
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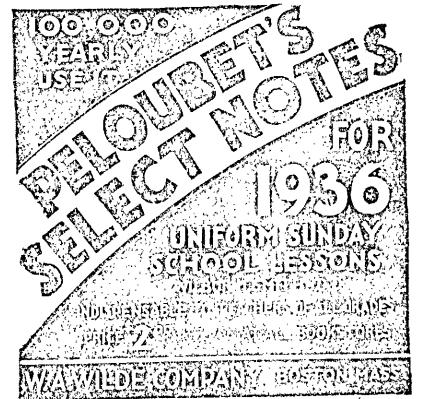
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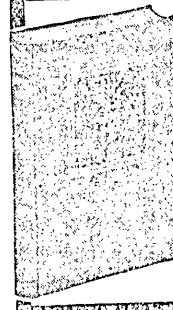
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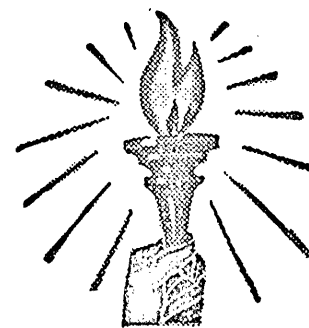
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How may we increase our faith? Labor to make this God's world and watch your faith grow. Faith will not come if you stand idly by and look on indifferently. Only to heroic souls who dare to venture everything will faith come as a reward. Faith widens our horizons until as Christians we open our eyes to see God and our hearts serve our brothers, all humanity. Faith demands that the cause for which we labor be not only a worthy cause, but an immortal one. Length of life alone cannot satisfy, 'tis the quality and worth that counts. And 'tis through faith alone that victory comes.—Susie McKinnon Millar.

MOOREFIELD AUXILIARY

The Moorefield Missionary Society met at the parsonage on Monday afternoon. Mrs. Geo. E. Pace was program leader. Little story of our work was very interestingly given. Officers for the New Year: Mrs. Geo. E. Pace, Pres.; Mrs. W. B. Morris, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. R. L. Garner, Cor. Sec. and Treas.; Mrs. M. H. McLendon, Rec. Sec.; Mrs. M. E. Moore, Supt. Study; Mrs. Clifford Morris, Supt. Supplies and Mrs. L. E. Massey, Supt. Publicity.—Mrs. L. E. Massey.

LUXORA AUXILIARY

The Luxora Woman's Missionary Society met in the final study club session on "Orientals in American Life" on Tuesday, November 23th, with Mrs. J. J. Johnson, Supt. of Mission and Bible Study, and Mesdames J. T. Randle and R. J. Reviere Jr., presenting the program.

Selection of officers resulted and the results were: President—Mrs. R. H. Owen, Vice-President, Mrs. C. W. McDaniel; Cor. Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Bogan; Secretary, Mrs. E. Wherry; Treasurer—Mrs. T. B. Dudley; Supt. of Mission and Bible Study, Mrs. J. J. Johnston; Supt. of Publicity and Outlook, Mrs. Frank Denton; Supt. of Children's Work, Mrs. J. J. Johnston.

EVENING SHADE AUXILIARY

New officers for Evening Shade Auxiliary are: Mrs. Fannie Edwards, Pres.; Mrs. G. L. McGhehey, Vice-Pres.; Mrs. Myrtle Brickell, Cor. Sec. and Recording Sec.; Mrs. O. C. Shaver, Treas.; Mrs. Lillian Marshall, Supt. Bible and Mission study; Mrs. Jno. Rush, Supt. Supplies; Mrs. J. R. Edwards, Supt. Social Welfare; Mrs. Myrtle Brickell, Supt. Young People's work; Mrs. Caruth S. Moore, Supt. Publicity.

The Society has lately observed the Week of Prayer, and made an offering. It has aided in improving the parsonage this year, and lately paid for a new flue in the local church. The pastor and his wife,

Rev. and Mrs. G. L. McGhehey, are leaders in the W. M. S. work. Mrs. Lillian Marshall is teacher for a study course dealing with the Christian home. The Society will have a gift bazaar and chicken dinner during the Christmas holidays. Although a number of our best members have moved away from Evening Shade during the past few months, the few who are left are striving to go forward with the work.—Caruth S. Moore, Supt. Publicity.

BETHLEHEM AUXILIARY

The Women's Missionary Society of Bethlehem, (Hickory Plains Circuit) met at the Church December 3 and rendered the following program:

Scripture—Mrs. Mary Cochran.

Prayer—President.

Song—Joy to the World.

Learning to Live.—Lillie Tedford.

Story—Mrs. Bessie Tedford.

Two Home Mission Experiences—Clara Mae Cuning.

Two Stories from Korea—Francis Leigh.

Solo—Mrs. Mabel Thompson, accompanied by Mrs. Maad Cochran.

We were very glad indeed to have our new pastor's wife, Mrs. Cannon with us. She gave us an interesting talk. Refreshments were served consisting of pie and coffee.

We are starting our year's work with the following officers:

President—Mrs. Mary Cochran.

Vice-President—Mrs. Maud Faucett.

Cor. Sec.—Mrs. Rad Mitchell.

Rec. Sec.—Mrs. Gertrude Baldwin.

Treas.—Mrs. Susie Bedell.

Program Committees—Mrs. Lillie Tedford, Mabel Thompson and Naomi Cochran.

Supt. of Publicity—Lillie Tedford.

There are still more to appoint yet at our next meeting.

We closed our last year's work having taken in \$142 through our Missionary Society. \$39.40 of that was given to our pastor through our egg collection. We paid about \$12.00 on our claims of last year.

We are starting our year's work with an attitude to do even more and we hope with our good pastor's help we will go over the top. Bro. Cannon has delivered us three fine sermons.

Our Sunday School and League are doing nicely at this place. It looked like Sunday we were getting back to olden times when I arrived at Sunday School and there were six wagons and teams hitched to the old oak trees surrounding the church. Some few of us do not stay away from church on account of bad roads. We are hoping to get more interested in going in wagons, so our Sunday School and church work will not fail during winter months.—Lillie Tedford, Supt. of Publicity.

PARAGOULD AUXILIARY

At an all-day meeting Tuesday, December 10, beginning at ten o'clock, at the First Christian church, the Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church had its annual Harvest Day program and drew names to determine membership in the three circles for the coming year.

Mrs. J. E. Wilbourn opened the session by directing the December program, following which Mrs. J. F. Cardwell presented an inspiring prayer retreat, using as her topic, "Praying Hands." In connection with the retreat, Miss Essie Ella

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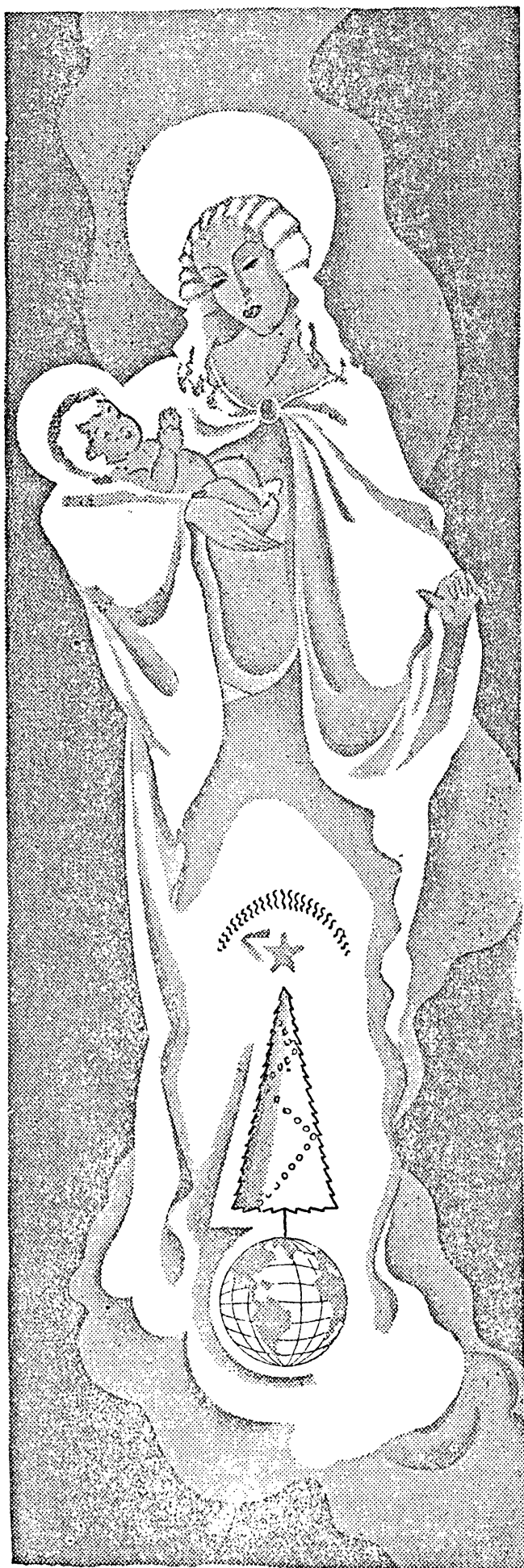
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Breckenridge read a poem, "The Touch of the Master's Hand."

A covered-dish luncheon was served at noon to approximately 35 members. The afternoon session began at 1:15 o'clock with a business discussion, at the conclusion of which Miss Dora Carpenter, a missionary from Africa and an honor guest at the meeting, spoke about her work in Africa, where she will return soon. Mrs. D. G. Beauchamp and Mrs. J. M. Lowe paid tribute to Mrs. W. H. Jones and Mrs. Mattie Donaldson, pioneer members attending, and Mrs. Glendora Parker and Mrs. Richard Jackson, other pioneer members, who were unable to be present at the program.

Mrs. Lowé, Mrs. Herschel Neely, Mrs. Frank Lane, Mrs. Robert Carpenter and Mrs. Beauchamp, former presidents of the society, made brief talks, each mentioning the outstanding achievements of her year as leader.

Yesterday's meeting closed activities of the society for this year. Officers for the circles will be chosen at the first meeting in January.

KEISER AUXILIARY

The Keiser Woman's Missionary Society met in social session at the home of Mrs. Fred Crockett on November 25 at which time a welcome pounding was given the new pastor, Rev. J. T. Randle, and wife. Before the social hour a devotional was conducted by Rev. J. T. Randle followed by a solo which Mrs. Randle accompanied.

Guests enjoyed a pleasant afternoon.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. WILLIAM SHERMAN

Circle 1 of First Methodist church, Conway, gave a surprise party Tuesday night, Dec. 10, to Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Sherman to help celebrate their 44th Wedding Anniversary. Refreshments were served. A reflector was given them as a gift. Mrs. Sherman is a member of the circle. Mrs. W. H. Brummett is Chairman of Circle 1.

IMBODEN AUXILIARY

The Imboden Missionary Society is closing a successful year's work. We have an increase in membership in subscribers to the World Outlook and in finances. Our Pledge is paid in full and all our work for the year finished. We have had a

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Bible Study and two Mission Studies taken for Council credit. The following is an account of a very pleasant social affair given by the society:

The non-quilters of the Woman's Missionary Society entertained the quilters with a party at the home of Mrs. Marvin Henderson Monday afternoon. Miss Lillie Steadman, the chairman of the entertainment committee, though a quilter herself, had charge of the program.

The devotional, using the last chapter of Ecclesiastes as a scripture reading, was given by Mrs. Guy Murphy.

"I Shall See Him Face to Face" was sung by Mesdames Lindsay and Fortenberry with all joining in the chorus—Mrs. D. F. Henderson at the piano.

An original poem was read by Miss Mary Steadman, which revealed that, while the party was given for the quilters, the guest of honor was the oldest member of the society in both service and age, Mrs. S. B. Henderson. Miss Steadman's poem was a beautiful tribute in appreciation of the character and service of Mrs. Henderson.

Mrs. Dalton Henderson gave a reading "The Ladies Aid" which was well received.

Little Anna Beth Henderson, Mrs. S. B. Henderson's great grand daughter, also gave a reading.

Mrs. A. W. Lindsay spoke of Mrs. Henderson's service in the Missionary Society and church, calling special attention to the fact that she had been agent for "Our Homes", "The Missionary Voice" and "The World Outlook". Mrs. Lindsay presented the honoree with a gift as a token of appreciation from the society, also \$1.00 for her year's subscription to the "World Outlook" for 1936.

The program closed with prayer. A social hour followed and refreshments were served by Mesdames Dalton Henderson, A. J. Weir and W. C. Hill.

In addition to the members of the Missionary Society the following guests were present: Mrs. Johnnie Hatcher, Mrs. Ed Moore and Mrs. W. J. Wilson.

CONWAY AUXILIARY Harvest Day Program

On Dec. 9, at the First Methodist missionary meeting Monday Miss Myrtle Charles gave an account of her visit to the colored Methodist Conference at St. James church last week. She presented to the wife of the presiding Bishop Moore a "token" in the shape of an etched cake plate from her own missionary society as well as a pantry shower for the entertainment of the Conference. The harvest day program was by Mrs. Glenn Sanford's circle. After devotional by Mrs. Sanford on the faithfulness of God to natural and moral laws and prayer by Mrs. H. C. Brooke, a number of stories were told about the work that their contributions make possible. Mrs. C. C. Calhoun told "How John Lovak found an answer" to his question, is God love? Mrs. W. C. Butman told how little Zelma Delaney, who has tuberculosis was taken to a special Wesley house hospital and cured. Mrs. Sam Adkisson talked about a small negro boy named Walter, whose parents were bootleggers and sloven, but who found beauty and truth in his second home, the Bethlehem house. Mrs. L. O. Leach told about the thrill of putting on a Christmas play by the Wesley house players. Mrs. L. C. Thompson described a Korean village girl's Christmas, when she heard "Joy to

the World" sung for the first time by Christmas carol singers. Mrs. Ray Reid told about "A spiritual rose," how a little Korean girl wanted to go to the mission school and how finally her non-Christian parents were persuaded to let her go. A harvest day offering was received followed by a social hour in charge of Mrs. Ed. Simpson's circle. Refreshments were served from a beautiful table decorated in the Christmas motif.

ZONE MEETING AT DERMOTT

Zone No. 3 of the Monticello District composed of Arkansas City, Dermott, Eudora and Lake Village met Dec. 5, at Dermott, with Mrs. E. G. Sponenbarger leader of the Zone, presiding. Mrs. J. T. Cheairs, recording secretary being absent, Mrs. J. W. Thomas acted as secretary.

Minutes of the last meeting held at Lake Village were read and approved.

The devotional theme "Birth of Christ" led by Mrs. J. W. Thomas of Lake Village, followed by soft music. After which Mrs. Hundley of Warren, led in prayer. Mrs. Bynum, of Dermott, rendered a number of Christmas carols on pipe organ. Mrs. Riley Kirkpatrick, of Dermott, told of the origin of the Christmas Carols, after which they were sung by Mesdames Wilson and Ward of Dermott. The visiting ministers and their wives were introduced. Also, Mrs. Buck, our District Secretary. The morning session was dismissed by prayer led by Rev. J. W. Thomas, of Lake Village. At the noon hour a bountiful luncheon was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session opened by singing "Blessed be the Tie". Then reports were given by each auxiliary. Number present from each auxiliary as follows: Arkansas City 3; Eudora 13; Lake Village 4.

Eudora won the green ribbon by having the most present. Mrs. Flowers of Eudora gave a beautiful selection entitled "If I had never come" after which the Eudora ladies sang "Somebody Knows". We had as guests the McGehee Auxiliary. They gave a playlet entitled "Home Making" which was well rendered and enjoyed by all. Mrs. Hundley, conference superintendents of supplies, spoke of her work. Mrs. Buck, District Secretary, urged closing out the year's work the very best possible way. Mrs. J. T. Cheairs was appointed publicity superintendent. The next meeting will be held in March at Eudora. The meeting was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. T. T. McNeil of Dermott.—Mrs. J. T. Cheairs.

ZONE MEETING AT MURFREESBORO

The Third Zone meeting was held at Murfreesboro, November 21, with the following program featuring Thanksgiving day:

Call to worship, prayer, Psalm 67, devotional led by Mrs. Laughton. Talk, "First Thanksgiving Day", Mrs. R. B. Beane; Piano selection, Mrs. Brewer; Response, Miss McKinnon, Mineral Springs, "Spirit of Thanksgiving Today"; Reading, Miss Corinne Reed, Mineral Springs; Talk, "The Christian Faith", Mrs. Holmes, Nashville; Vocal solo, Mrs. Dillard, Murfreesboro.

A report of the coaching school at Bingen in August was given by Mrs. Hyde.

Nominating committee was appointed for election to be held in February.

Mrs. Hale, our District Secretary, urged each Auxiliary to procure

subscribers for the World Outlook.

The meeting adjourned to meet in February at Mineral Springs.

Social hour followed. Forty-four were in attendance.—Zone Reporter.

HARVEST DAY, HOT SPRINGS FIRST CHURCH

Beautiful indeed, was the Harvest Day observance at First Church, December 10. Plates were laid for 150. Christmas decorations and a typical Christmas feast added to the spirit of the occasion. The luncheon was prepared by Mrs. W. F. Orr, assisted by Circle chairmen, Mesdames C. H. Nims, W. M. Blackshire, W. K. Smith, F. M. Williams, Floyd Goodwin, Tommie M. Brown, R. L. Higgins. Sixteen girls of the Gold-Williams Circle served. The best talent of the city contributed entertainment.

During the lunch hour the Auxiliary held its business session. Progress on all lines bespoke a live president, ably seconded by active members. The retiring president, Mrs. J. R. Campbell, may justly be proud of her record. Mrs. C. H. Nims, one of the auxiliary's most active and most beloved members, succeeds to the presidency. Prospects are bright for a good year.

Several Conference officers added to the interest of the occasion.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE REPRESENTED IN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

The North Arkansas Conference had seven representatives in the Memphis Regional Conference on Intermediate Camps and Assemblies. The following persons attended: Rev. Sam B. Wiggins and Rev. Vernon Chalfant of Jonesboro District; Mrs. Ruth Allison Steinsiek of Batesville District; Rev. S. O. Patty of Searcy District; Rev. A. W. Martin and Rev. Ethan Dodgen of Helena District; and the Executive Secretary.

This conference was held for a discussion of Christian Adventure Camps and Assemblies. Representatives from ten Conferences were invited by the General Board of Christian Education to share their experiences under the guidance of General Board Representatives. There were twenty-five people in attendance on the Conference.—Ira A. Brumley.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE'S ENROLLMENT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

North Arkansas had a quota of 137 for the Methodist Young People's Conference at Memphis. This number was divided as follows: 103 young people, 15 ministers, and 14 unclassified. We now have enrolled 19 ministers, 17 unclassified, and 76 young people. We have more than our quota of ministers and unclassified adults, but yet lack 32 of having our quota of young people. The last report which we have is of December 7. No doubt other registrations have been sent in since that time. Many other young people in the North Arkansas Conference should take advantage of this opportunity. If you need registration blanks write Board of Christian Education, Hendrix Station, Conway.—Ira A. Brumley, Executive Secretary.

A CONFERENCE ON INTERMEDIATE WORK

At Memphis, last Monday and Tuesday, there was held an important Conference on the Intermediate work of the Church School. The matter of vital importance was a checking up on the Intermediate Camps and Assemblies held last summer and making plans for similar Camps and Assemblies next summer. It was found that 14 Assemblies and 53 Camps were held throughout the Church last summer. The Little Rock Conference had two Assemblies and one Camp; 23 of the Camps, including the one in the Little Rock Conference, included both boys and girls. Among other points developed the following facts were discovered:

1. The Summer Camp for Boys and Girls is becoming an important factor in American life.
2. There is a remarkable increase in the number of Church-directed Camps.
3. In our Church the preference is decidedly in favor of the Camp rather than the Assembly for Intermediates.
4. The "Co-Ed" Camp is growing in favor.

The Conference at Memphis was held under the direction of the General Board of Christian Education and led by Miss Brown, Miss Bagley, and Mr. Harbin. Attending from the Little Rock Conference were Rev. Arthur Terry, Mrs. C.

B. Nelson, and Clem Baker. This Conference under the leadership of Brother Terry is planning big things for our intermediates this summer.—Clem Baker.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE HAS ADOPTED BIG PROGRAM

The seven District staffs have met and outlined their program of Christian Education for the new year. The seven District Educational Institutes have been held and in each case the suggestions of the staff were adopted. And now that our goals have been set, I find that we of the Little Rock Conference have set before us the biggest Educational program we have ever attempted in this Conference. Here are some of the goals:

1. At least one Training School in each pastor's charge.
2. Every charge represented in the Summer Assemblies.
3. Every pastor attending the Pastors' School.
4. At least one functioning Board of Christian Education in every charge.
5. Our Young People organized in every church.
6. A Two-Church Rural Church Institute in every District.
7. 100 Vacation Schools.
8. A Church School for every congregation.
9. Y. P. Anniversary observed in every church.
10. Church School Day goal set at \$300 with observance in each church.
11. An effort to be made to reach each rural church with our educational program.
12. Hendrix Week to be observed closing February 16.
13. A Goal of \$2,500.00 for Ministerial Education on College Day.
14. The approval and use of at least 100 volunteer workers in our program.

The above are only a few of the goals set, but they are sufficient to indicate the job we have set ourselves to do. It will require the best efforts of all of us pulling together. But we can do it. We are already at least one full month ahead of last year in our program.

In setting up the program we were greatly helped by the services of Brother Clegg, Miss McRae, Brother Terry, Dr. J. M. Williams, and all the Presiding Elders and various members of the District organizations.—Clem Baker.

SYMPATHY FOR OUR OFFICE SECRETARY

Her many friends throughout the Conference will sympathize with Mrs. R. A. Thomas in the loss of her father, Mr. Dee Hardy, who died at Wilmot early Monday morning of this week. Mrs. Thomas is office secretary of the Board of Christian Education and recently served as Conference stenographer at El Dorado.—Clem Baker.

THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION INSTITUTE FOR THE ARKADDELPHIA DISTRICT

Having met the night before at Arkadelphia and outlined the District Program, the Staff and Conference workers met with the preachers and laymen of the Arkadelphia District at Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, last Thursday for the Annual Set-Up Meeting and Christian Education Institute for that District. The attendance was not quite so good as at other places, but the interest was as keen as we have found anywhere. Brother Fawcett led his district in adopting a program that will challenge the best

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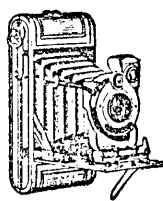
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efforts of every church. This presiding elder has already held his Rural Church Institute and ten Cokesbury Schools since Conference. Fawcett is one elder who never puts off anything that ought to be done. Rev. J. F. Simmons and his good people of Grand Avenue proved ideal hosts and furnished us with a regular Christmas dinner.—Clem Baker.

THE CAMDEN DISTRICT INSTITUTE

The last Institute of the series was held at Camden for the Camden District last Friday. In presenting the program adopted by his staff, Presiding Elder Rule stated that Christian Education was the most important emphasis to be given in his District this year. The attendance was about the best in the Conference and zeal ran high. Among other daring goals this District set 25 Vacation Schools as compared to 18 held in this District last year. And this is just one indication of the comprehensive program that this District proposes to put over this year. We found our people at Camden happy over their new pastor, Rev. E. E. White, who is a recent transfer to this Conference, but has already made for himself a big place in the program of the Conference. Like Brother DeVore of Texarkana, he was an active member of the Board of Christian Education of the Conference from which he came.—Clem Baker.

EMORY UNIVERSITY NEWS

Remembering at least 200 enthusiastic participants in last year's annual Ministers' Week, Emory University is this year planning for a far greater attendance at the second of these occasions, January 20-24. Ministers' Week will this year present the Jarrell Lectures on Practical Christianity with Dr. Halford E. Luccock as the speaker. Dr. Luccock is professor of Homiletics in the Yale Divinity School and is one of the most prominent religious leaders of the day. "Christianity and the Individual in a Social Age" is Dr. Luccock's subject.

Short courses for pastors will be offered by members of the Emory Theological Faculty, and mid-morning devotional services will feature other outstanding churchmen. A new addition to Ministers' Week this year will be the courses for ministers' wives being arranged by Mrs. H. B. Trimble, Mrs. Emmett Johnson and Mrs. Lavens Thomas. Large stress will be given to fellowship and recreational activity.

Ministers' Week will begin Monday, January 20, and will extend through forenoon of Friday. Professor Arva C. Floyd of the Candler School of Theology, is the registrar; Dr. Lavens Thomas, II, the director.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE HOME AND FOREIGN MISSIONARY OFFERING FOR NOVEMBER

Batesville District	
Charlotte	\$ 1.05
Lauratown	.50
Oak Grove	1.07
Mt. Home	3.00
Salado	.50
Newark	2.10
Yellville	1.01
Total	\$ 9.23

Conway District	
Atkins	\$ 4.81
Adona	.50
Bigelow	.72
Centerville	.78
Lamar	1.00
Plainview	1.91
Houston	.50
Levy	.80
Morrilton	5.00
Gardner	2.00
Danville	3.44
Belleville	3.17

Vilonia	.95
Mt. Carmel	.75
Total	\$ 26.36
Fayetteville District	
Centerton	\$ 3.02
Elm Springs	2.44
Oakley Chapel	1.25
Rentonville	4.24
Fayetteville	14.55
Rogers	5.00
Eureka Springs	2.90
Green Forest	2.21
Siloam Springs	5.63
Tuck's Chapel	.64
Pea Ridge	1.64
Winslow	2.54
Total	\$ 46.06

Ft. Smith District	
Mansfield	\$ 3.80
Ratcliff	.75
Ft. Smith, Dodson Ave.	5.00
Ft. Smith, Midland Hgts.	2.00
Ft. Smith, First Church	12.54
S. Ft. Smith	1.00
Ozark	2.45
Van Buren	4.07
Total	\$ 31.61

Helena District	
Crawfordsville	\$ 1.50
Forrest City	10.00
Helena	12.50
Widener	1.70
West Memphis	5.00
Madison	.97
Palestine	.85
La Grange	1.50
Vandale	1.35
Hulbert	2.33
Total	\$ 37.40

Jonesboro District	
Blytheville, First Church	\$ 14.50
Half Moon	3.35
Bono	1.51
New Haven	.80
Promised Land	1.00
Manila	8.11
St. John	1.75
New Hope	.25
Trinity	1.00
Shady Grove	1.00
Sedgwick	.25
Kelser	2.34
Trumann	5.50
Leachville	2.29
Lunsford	1.50
Monette	2.50
Joiner	3.91
Wilson	13.44
Total	\$ 65.03

Paragould District	
Mammoth Spring	\$ 1.95
Mt. Zion (St. Francis Ct.)	1.09
Pollard	1.00
Marmaduke	2.00
Pocahontas	8.00
Portia	.82
Piggott	3.00
Parkin	5.14
Irishden	1.92
Walnut Ridge	1.72
Total	\$ 26.64

Searcy District	
Augusta	\$ 3.24
Bald Knob	2.03
Beebe	4.37
Cotton Plant	2.52
Kensett	1.55
Cross Roads	1.00
Quitman	2.95
McCrory	4.81
Searcy	5.00
Clinton	2.72
Heber Springs	4.58
Judsonia	1.00
Bradford	2.90
Lebanon	.20
Copperas Springs	.70
McRae	2.00
Valley View	.50
Smyrna	1.33
Garner	.65
Devew	.70
Alpena	.75
Revels	1.00
Pangburn	1.61
Oak Grove	.55
Higginson	1.25
Leslie	.79
Sulphur Springs	4.00
West Searcy	2.99
Total	\$ 56.79

Standing By Districts	
Jonesboro	\$ 65.03
Searcy	56.79
Fayetteville	46.06
Helena	37.70
Ft. Smith	31.61
Paragould	26.64
Conway	26.36
Batesville	9.23
Grand Total	\$299.42

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Things are developing that bring much joy to my heart. Recently the Jewish men and women of our State, and especially of our city, are beginning to take an interest in our Home for Orphans.

In this last communication of several weeks, we want to thank our preachers and people for their loyalty and patronage and we extend to the last friend we have, from the oldest to the youngest, our best wishes for Christmas and beg them not to neglect the institution that needs their help right along now.

This last message is sent so that

you may know how much we value your good-will and we wish for all a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.—James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

STATEMENT BY N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE ORPHANAGE BOARD

To the Ministers, and Laymen of North Arkansas Conference.

Dear Brethren: As Chairman, of your Orphanage Board I wish to make the following explanation of the action taken by your Board at the recent Annual Conference, and call attention to the following recommendations involved in our report to, and adopted by the Annual Conference:

We endeavored to interpret the mind of the membership of the Conference, and the Church at large in regard to the Orphanage, and to express that, as well as our own opinions and convictions. We are, and



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so are you, in sympathy with, and loyal to the Orphanage, and wish to see it have adequate support, but we think it should stand on a level with all other of our institutions, therefore;

First. We urge you to make a generous offering to the Orphanage some time during the year. You are not obligated to use the Sunday nearest Christmas to take this offering, but may choose the date for making this offering, and make it at any time during the year. There are many of our ministers, and churches, who wish to use this particular Sunday to promote the payment of the Benevolences. If this is done the Orphanage will benefit in the offerings, as well as all of our other Institutions. But please make an offering to the Orphanage, aside from the Benevolences, some time during the year.

Second. When you have taken, or made, this offering please send it to Rev. Guy Murphy, Conference Treasurer, Imboden, Arkansas.

The Board has had numerous requests to make this explanation, hence we are making it for your consideration. — The Orphanage Board, by A. W. Harris, Chairman.

CHANGES OF PASTORS

Rev. G. F. Hyde has been appointed to chaplaincy in C. C. C. work. Rev. L. E. Wilson of Okolona has been appointed to Mineral Springs and Louis Averitt to Okolona. Rev. J. R. Dickerson takes Spring Hill Circuit in place of C. R. Andrews, who has been assigned to Sheridan Circuit in Pine Bluff District. Bishop Moore approves the above changes.—J. Wayne Mann, P. E.

DES ARC AND DE VALL'S BLUFF

Well, we could not go any further East, and remain in the bounds of the Little Rock Conference. In fact, if we should go just a few hundred feet further, we would land in the river.

But these folks have given us a hearty welcome, and we are comfortably located. Last Wednesday night, after prayer meeting, a goodly number came into the parsonage, and brought the proverbial "pounding." It was a splendid expression of their kindness and good will.

At DeVal's Bluff, to which we give two Sundays, "they say" we are having good crowds. It seems to me that ours should be a strong church there, made up, as it is, of well informed and aggressive men and women.

I find, some miles down in the country from DeVal's Bluff, a little community of people, who are hungry for the church and the Gospel.—F. F. Harrell, P. C.

LUXORA CHARGE

Rev. J. T. Randle and wife are very happy in their new home. When the pastor appeared on the charge, he found the Board of Stewards had formulated a set of rules for the government of the Luxora Methodist church and that the apartment has been given some redecorating.

During his first week a church roll-call revision and conference was held and the Board of Stewards began an every-member canvass. Also a generous "pounding" and welcome shower were given as well as a luncheon by the Woman's Missionary Society.

The Keiser Woman's Missionary Society gave a "pounding" also on November 25, and the minister was

duly welcomed by administration and colonists alike at Dyess.

Appreciation is due to the Luxora Baptist Church, the membership of which honored the pastor's first evening worship and with whom a union service was held on Thanksgiving morning, the pastor preaching the sermon.

Everything points to successful service and a pleasant stay in Luxora.—Reporter.

HISTORIC PLACES

I read with great interest the sketch of Rev. S. S. Key in the ARKANSAS METHODIST of December 5.

About three miles south of Buntyn, Tenn., is an old residence, now remodeled, in which he spent his youth, or a part of it, and from which he rode to Hernando, Miss., to enlist in the Confederate army.

His father sold the home, consisting of a farm and saw-mill, to a faithful local preacher, Rev. Doyle Pearson, long since dead, a kinsman of Richmond Pearson Hobson.

On the place stood a Methodist church, Forest Chapel, and in that church at the same service two young men were converted who became preachers—S. S. Key and D. R. S. Roseborough. The latter joined the Memphis Conference and died in Memphis of yellow fever in the great epidemic of 1878.

During the Civil war Forest Chapel was burned by Federal soldiers; but was rebuilt a number of years afterwards and is now an active church.

Rev. S. S. Key told me that, when he was attending a General Conference in Memphis, he drove out to the old home and in the church he found a number of young people rehearsing for a Children's Day service.

To me that locality is the reminder of three exceptionally saintly and useful men, Rev. S. S. Key, Rev. D. R. S. Roseborough and Rev. Doyle Pearson.

St. Luke's Church, in which the Memphis Conference met last month is the successor of a little church, Bethel, that was built on the Roseborough farm just after the Civil war.—G. M. Barton, Buntyn, Tenn.

JONESBORO DISTRICT STEWARDS' MEETING

Sunday afternoon, December 1, 200 stewards met at the call of the presiding elder at Marked Tree to plan the year's work. Rev. Sam B. Wiggins, presiding elder, was in charge of the meeting, and Mr. Paul E. Cooley, District Lay Leader, presented the District objectives for 1936. They were adopted item by item.

Reports of the year just closed were given in mimeographed form. The first part of the report shows the upward trend of the District over a three year period. A gain in membership from 8438 to 9926 in three years was given, a net gain during 1935 of 714. Church-school membership shows a three year gain from 6441 to 7808, 419 of the gain coming this year. In 1932 the District paid \$5346 on Benevolences and this year \$10,181. Woman's Missionary Society membership climbed during this period of from 755 to 1008.

Jonesboro District leads the Conference in many items, net gain in membership, additions on profession of faith, total additions during the year and during the three years, church school enrollment, infants baptized, Benevolences, amount raised for churches and parsonages, pastor's salaries, and total finances.

The report shows 3973 received into the churches of the District during three years.

Bishop John M. Moore was the inspirational speaker, and delivered a forceful message on "Being Called to Be a Steward." In his own challenging manner he held up the high standard of the steward, and discussed the place of the steward in Methodist polity. The laymen as well as the preachers declared this one of the most timely messages for the day. His coming was a great event in the life of the Jonesboro District.

Ten major objectives were adopted for the year as follows:

District Objectives for 1936

1. That our District follow its normal subdivision into areas as heretofore and that the Lay Leader for that area be chairman of that group.
2. That we take as our goal 1000 additions on profession of faith, that our churches consider themselves as evangelistic agencies, and that every organization within the church work at the task. That our goal be 800 to be received by certificate.
3. That we show a net gain in average attendance of 500 by District Conference in Church School attendance, and a net gain in enrollment of 750 for the year.
4. That two major Training Schools be held; Blytheville, January 26-31, and Jonesboro, March 6-

12. That Training Schools and classes be held in every charge. That we secure 500 training credits. That every pastor attend Pastor's School and that we avail ourselves of the Young People's Assembly, Intermediate Camp, Vacation Schools and Methodist Young People's Conference.

5. That Church School Day goals be reached and reported in full at District Conference. That every

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6. That we continue our plan of "parishing" our District and that every pastor consider himself responsible for the area allotted to him. That our pastors preach in this entire territory and not only in the town churches.

7. That our District fund be kept at 3 per cent instead of the original 5 per cent, and that every church report in full on this item at District Conference.

8. That one-third of our Conference Claims be paid by January 1, 1936, and that two-thirds be paid by Easter Sunday. That it all be subscribed early.

9. That our preachers continue their splendid work of home visitation, praying with the people, and by precept and example teaching the Christ way of living, and that they put the ARKANSAS METHODIST and Christian Advocate in Methodist homes.

10. That we as a group of laymen this day assure our Presiding Elder and the pastors of the District that we love the church, its interests and it causes. That we pledge anew our devotion to its every interest.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

The new Conference year gets away to a good start. Already two Charges are out IN FULL.

Conference HONORS for 1935-36 go to Levy, North Little Rock, Conway District, J. H. Hoggard, Pastor; H. H. Lubker, Treasurer. Check for \$115.00 (an increase over last year of \$15.00) reached me December 10.

Next IN FULL, with \$8.00 OVER for good measure, is Huntsville-St. Paul, in the Fayetteville District, W. J. Mayhew, Pastor. First in the Conference to go OVER.

First remittance for the Year received November 5, from Pocahontas, Young Peoples Division, B. L. Wilford, Pastor, \$10.00. Brother Wilford has sent in \$25 more since then.

Others as follows, some more than once:

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Greenbrier Circuit	30.00
N. Little Rock: First Church	100.00
Gardner Memorial	73.53
Vilonia Ct.	10.00
Eureka Springs	40.44
Gravette-Decatur	14.15
Fort Smith: Midland Hgts.	50.00
Van Buren, First Church	10.55
Forrest City	104.17
Helena, First Church	600.00
Hulbert-West Memphis	30.32
Wheatley	3.70
Lorado-Stanford	17.41
Marmaduke (Harvey's Ch.)	3.00
Augusta	50.00
Clinton	50.00
Pangburn Ct. (Cross Roads)	3.00
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Detailed report to be in the Methodist first week in February, with January 31 as date to get it in.—Guy Murphy, Treasurer.

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The Corporation that sponsored the publication of this History must make its final payment to the printers by February 1. More than half of the edition has gone out within thirty days after it came from the press. The other half ought to go out by the middle of January. If this is done, money enough will come in to enable the author to issue a second edition. This ought to be done, and will be done if the way is open. As President of the Corporation, I wish to urge three things:

That our people act promptly. You are going to want this book. Get it while you can. Order it through your District Director or your Presiding Elder, who will be glad to transmit the order.

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immediately in touch with each pastor in his District with reference to getting orders at once for books to be used as Christmas presents, for there could be no better Christmas gift to a Methodist family.

The District Missionary Institutes in North Arkansas Conference will begin to be held Jan. 13 and will run to the 21st. In the Little Rock Conference they will probably be a little later. Our final delivery of books through the District Directors should be made at these meetings, to be shipped to each in bulk on the order of the several Directors, and there be handed to the several pastors. This is our surest and best way, and saves us heavy expense in mailing.

The book has met a most enthusiastic reception in all quarters. We are proud of it, and we think at least 10,000 Methodist families ought to have it. If you wait about it, you may never get it. You should order from your District Distributor. After changes made at the North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences, they are as follows:

North Arkansas Conferences

Batesville District—O. E. Goddard, Batesville.

Helena District—G. C. Johnson, Earle.

Jonesboro District—H. Lynn Wade, Jonesboro.

Conway District—L. E. Mann, Cabot.

Fayetteville District—Warren Johnston, Fayetteville.

Fort Smith District—H. H. Griffin, Fort Smith.

Paragould District—Geo. W. Pyles, Paragould.

Searcy District—J. F. Glover, Augusta.

Little Rock Conference:

Camden District—J. F. Walker, Louan.

Arkadelphia District, J. L. Tucker, Hot Springs.

Little Rock District—H. B. Vaught, Little Rock.

Monticello District—E. D. Gallo-way, Hamburg.

Pine Bluff District—F. G. Roebuck, Pine Bluff.

Prescott District—Fred Harrison, Hope.

Texarkana—H. D. Saddler, Texarkana.—H. Lynn Wade.

CAMDEN DISTRICT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MEETING

The set-up meeting for The Camden District convened at Camden December 13, with Presiding Elder E. Clifton Rule in the chair.

Dr. J. M. Williams, of Hendrix College, led in prayer. More than seventy preachers and laymen were present.

The Presiding Elder presented the program, as outlined by The District Staff on Christian Education.

Miss Fay McRae spoke of the aims in the field of Children's Education, laying special emphasis on the importance of The Daily Vacation Bible School.

Rev. Arthur Terry, Conference Director of Young People's Work, urged the attendance of a large representation at the Young People's Conference at Memphis. He stressed the need for teaching Missions and the shouldering of responsibility in local organizations.

Dr. Williams gave an inspiring address on the "Preacher and His Message." He mentioned the need of the Church for adequate means with which to train young men for the ministry in order that they come out of school free of debt, able to go anywhere they may be needed for the glory of God. He stated that we need sixty young men in pre-

paration at all times to take the places of those who are reaching the time of superannuation.

Rev. Clem Baker explained the need for trained workers in order to carry out the great program of the Church. He outlined the plans of the Board for the year.

Rev. Leland Clegg asked that we use care in reporting our Church School enrollment, explaining that all who appear on the roll at any time during the year should be reported. He explained, also, the new plan of District promotion, and asked that the Fourth Sunday offering be sent in from all the schools.

The Presiding Elder and all others expressed a spirit of Christian optimism for the Conference year.—A. E. Jacobs, Secretary.

SMITHVILLE

We reached our new appointment in due time after Conference. The people have received us graciously and generously "pounded" us. A very fine class of people we find on the Smithville charge. They seem to appreciate the pastor and have pledged their cooperation in the year's work of the church. Boards and committees have been organized, plans and programs are being laid out, financial goals set, and things in general are starting off well. We have a splendid parsonage, and a few substantial furnishings have been added since our arrival. Collections are being made both on salaries and Benevolences. We are working, hoping and praying for a good year.—J. B. Stewart, P. C.

"JESUS' USE OF SCRIPTURE"

How would Jesus make use of the sacred Scripture of his day? What can we learn today from him in our use of the Bible which is so dear to our hearts? What can be done to make the Bible most helpful to the modern Christian? These are questions which are discussed, along with other important matters, in the new elective course for adults which is to appear in the *Adult Student* during January, February, and March, 1936. The course bears the title, "Jesus' Use of Scripture." Many requests have been made of the General Board of Christian Education for an elective course on the Bible. These studies have been prepared as the answer to the calls for such material. If any pastor or teachers of adults would like to get advanced copies of the January *Adult Student*, they can be obtained by writing to the Editorial Department, General Board of Christian Education, 810 Broadway, Nashville, Tenn.

A STRANGE FAMILY

The father has not missed church in twenty-three years. The mother has a perfect record for eleven years. A son has not missed for twelve years. A daughter has been at the services every Sunday for eight years.

What's the matter with this family? Don't they ever have company to keep them from church? Don't they ever feel tired on Sunday morning? Don't they ever have headaches, or colds, or parties, or picnics, to keep them from church? Don't they have a radio to get good sermons from other preachers? Don't they ever think they can just as well read their Bible at home? Don't they ever get disgusted with their minister?

What is the matter with this family, anyway, that they go to church so regularly and are so happy and cheerful?—S. Matthew Monthly, Appleton, Wis.

FOR THE CHILDREN

DOROTHY'S AFTERTHOUGHT

The Christmas day had ended,
And at the fireside bright,
In mamma's lap, sat Dorothy
In little night-dress white.

She'd laid by books and playthings,
But still, in fond embrace,
She hugged her Christmas dollie,
With lovely waxen face.

Said she: "I am so happy!
Don't you wish, dollie, dear,
That Christmas day came oftener?
Say two, free times a year?"

Then mamma told her darling
In her sweet and gentle way,
"Why we love, and all keep Christ-
mas,
Our dear Lord Christ's birthday."

She listened, very earnestly,
To all that mamma said,
Till weary grew the eyelids,
And dropped the golden head.

Then kneeling for her prayers,
She scarce had breathed "Amen,"
When a sweet thought came to her,
And down she knelt again.

Clasped her hands, and, looking up-
ward,
Said, in a reverential way,
"Jesus, dear, I wish you many
Glad returns of your birthday."
—Mary C. Allen.

THE ANIMALS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

"Mother, tell us a new Christmas story, please!" What would your mother say, if you should ask her that? Perhaps just what another

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mother said to her children when Elizabeth and George, William and Grace made their request.

This is how she replied: "You all know the story of Christ's wonderful birth in Bethlehem; so it will be something else, something new, as you asked me for. I will tell you about the Christmas animals."

"Animals! Animals at Christmas time!" No wonder all four of the listeners were astonished. Grace was their spokesman when she said: "Mother, I always think of gifts, especially of Christ, God's gift, when Christmas comes round. What have animals to do with Christmas time?"

"Let me tell you, then," answered their mother. "You have all seen pictures of Christ's birth. You noticed Mary and Joseph, shepherds, and the wise men. Of course, you saw the Infant Jesus in the manger there. But what else did you see there?"

William has his answer at once. "I know, for you gave us the hint when you said the word animals a minute ago. Christ was born in a

stable; that is why pictures always show animals there."

"Right enough!" added Elizabeth. "I remember seeing some cows, a donkey, and a few sheep. Yes, and there was a shepherd dog that came in with his master. There were animals at that first Christmas in the Bethlehem stable!"

"Then," said their mother, "let us all make the picture more real by finding out all we can about animals which today have something to do with Christmas. Suppose that each of us should try to learn how different lands show admiration for animals whenever our Christmas comes. How would you all like that way of finding out about animals at Christmas time?"

"Like it? We shall all like it very much, Mother," replied Grace.

And so it was arranged. They came together soon after and the mother began, saying, "Elizabeth, tell us all what Norway and Sweden think about certain animals at every Christmas."

"Birds are fed in Scandinavia every Christmas," said Elizabeth, as her share in the whole story. "Bunches of wheat are often put on roofs of homes up there. Sometimes a sheaf is tied to a tree or high pole. Even poor people have their food for the birds. And they have other ways of serving animals, for at Christmas the dogs are unchained for greater freedom, and the cattle are given extra fodder as a gift, the very gift cows and oxen like most of all. I think those people know a good deal about animals at Christmas time."

Williams' turn was next. "I tell of England," he said. "Over there children throw bread crumbs out for the robin redbreasts and other birds. They once believed a curious thing about the roosters, for it was thought that every Christmas they crowed

all night long to celebrate the night Christ was born. It may not be true, but I like the idea just the same that some animals tried to tell people about it even if it was only the roosters making a racket as the best they could do! In Mexico the people have some sort of belief like it, that the cocks crow in such a way that it sounds like 'Christ is born,' though their words are really 'Christo nacio!'"

"There is a funny thing that the Germans believed long ago," Grace said on hearing about England's strange superstition. "They have a legend that horses and cows speak every Christmas Eve, and talk to each other about the great birthday of Jesus. But no human being should hear them speaking together, for that would bring very bad luck to any one who was listening to them. Some people used to feel that all the cows and horses and sheep fell on their knees at midnight Christmas Eve in honor of Christ. Another thing like it is that the Indians in our own country believe the wild deer do the same thing and kneel in the forest to worship what they call the Great Spirit. Curious enough if we could really see that sight!"

"Curious!" George now spoke. "Curious enough, of course, and I have a curious story also. It is about Russia. When Christmas comes there are some in that land who try to imitate animals, even dress to resemble them, and so pretend to be sheep or horses. Then they march in procession to show their devotion to the animals that were at the first Christmas in the Bethlehem stable. It sounds funny, doesn't it? Yet there is something fine about it, too."

"Mother," said Grace, "right here in our own land we can show our

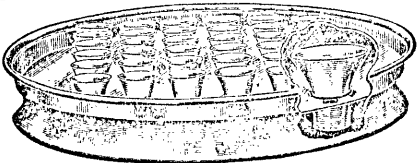
love for animals, and so show love for Christ Himself. He loved the birds, and we can feed them in His name when the winter is cold and snows get deep."

"You can; all of us can," returned the mother. "Christ wants us to remember the animals every day, certainly Christmas Day. It will be a better time for all when we help the sheep and cattle and other animals; Christ would call it our gift to Him if we did that for birds and cows and dogs. That is our way today of bringing back to earth the stable at Bethlehem.—Robert B. Pattison, in The Watchman-Examiner."

OBITUARIES

GRIFFITH—Rev. W. T. Griffith was born May 16, 1895, and died at De-sha, Ark., Nov. 7, 1935, and was laid to rest in Lawrence county, at the Clover Bend cemetery. Funeral services were held at the cemetery by Rev. C. W. Lester, P. E., and Rev. T. O. Love. He was married in 1897 to Miss May Jackson. To this union were born six children, the wife and four children preceding him in death. He was converted and joined the Methodist church about thirty years ago and felt his call to preach. In 1918, he was united in marriage to Ethel Sailes. To this union were born six children, all living. In 1922, he so strongly felt his call to preach that he was licensed so that he could work more completely for the Lord. His ministerial life was a success and he died triumphantly in the Lord and was faithful at his post of duty when the Lord called him home. He leaves to mourn his loss a wife, eight children, two step-children, four grand-children, three sisters, and a host of relatives and friends who will sorely miss him.—A Friend.

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Rev. J. L. Cannon, pastor of the First Methodist Church of DeQueen, will preach for us the last Sunday of the year, December 29. Brother Cannon has long been considered one of the leading ministers in this Conference. He is a brother of Mr. J. S. M. Cannon, Chairman of our Board. Another brother, Rev. R. H. Cannon, is pastor of Henderson Methodist Church of this city. We feel that we are fortunate in having Brother Cannon with us, and hope that most of our members will take advantage of the opportunity to hear him.

ABOUT WINFIELD FOLK

Little Peggy Day, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul L. Day, is ill at her home, 1620 Gaines Street. . . Mr. Paul Snodgrass is ill with pneumonia at his home, 1323 State. . . Mrs. R. R. McIntosh, mother of Mrs. Hubert S. Mayes is very ill at her home, 904 Oak.

Winfield congregation is glad to welcome the return of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hiles from Ashdown. They are now living at 2517 Grove Circle. . . Mrs. Tom Wiggers from Shaw, Miss., and Mrs. Henry Wiggers, from Indianola, Miss., have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Darwin, celebrating Mr. Darwin's 75th birthday.

We welcome the return of many of our boys and girls from college who will be spending Christmas with the home folks.

OUR SYMPATHY

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Mr. A. Dudek, who was called to Clinton, Iowa on December 10, because of the death of his sister, Mrs. Julia Johansen.

To Mrs. B. F. Lewis in the death of her brother, Mr. Charles E. Brown, at Monette, last Monday.

Mrs. Miles Scull and Mrs. H. A. Martin, Jr., went to Jonesboro last week because of the death of their uncle, W. S. Martin of Jonesboro.

To Dr. H. C. Berry on the death of his mother, Mrs. N. A. Berry, last Tuesday.

GUEST SPEAKER

The Forum Class will have as its guest speaker next Sunday morning Mr. E. J. McNeely, Division Plant Superintendent Southwestern Bell Telephone Co.

COURT OF HONOR

Troop 4, Winfield Girl Scouts, Margaret Buzbee, leader, will hold a troop Court of Honor in the recreation room of the church, Monday evening, December 30, at 7:30. Parents and others interested in Girl Scouting are invited.

Through error the names of Miss Maude Perry, 2117 W. 17th, and Robert Pollock, 2405 Ringo, were omitted from the list of new members who joined the church Dec. 8.

Because of Christmas holidays there will be no issue of the Pulpit and Pew next week.

BAPTISM OF BABIES NEXT SUNDAY MORNING

Parents wishing to have their babies baptized next Sunday morning will please call the church office, 4-1994. Parents are asked to have the babies in the church office at five minutes before eleven.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

10:00 A. M.—Church School.

11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Bro. Steel.

7:00 P. M.—Joint Christmas Service, Young People and Young Adults.



CHRISTMAS TIME IS HOME TIME

Most of our Christmas memories are centered around home. We like to recall our first memory of Santa Claus . . . of stockings hung over the fire place . . . of family dinners . . . of mother and father making secret plans for our pleasure. If we are away from home no sacrifice is too great to enable us to get home for Christmas.

How fortunate are those who have homes at Christmas time! There are many who do not. The children in our Methodist Orphanage must look to one "Mother" for them all, one home which must take the place of individual homes. It is our task and privilege to make up to these children as far as we can for the lack of home and parents, and to see that this foster home has the necessary funds to keep going.

For years Christmas Sunday has been designated as Orphanage Day among Methodist churches in this Conference. The funds secured from these Christmas collections make up the principal support of the Orphanage. Winfield congregation has always given generously to this fund. We know you will give generously again. Let us think of our own childhood Christmas at home, of the Christmas which we plan to have this year for our own children, and then give—not the left-overs, but share whole-heartedly with these children who have no home.

The Methodist Orphanage is located at 1610 Elm Street. The matron, Mrs. Sarah Steed, will be glad to have you visit the home and become personally acquainted with the boys and girls.



The very best wishes for
the Christmas Season to
all readers of the Pulpit
and Pew.



Watch Night Service Young People's Confer- ence to Be Broadcast

The closing session of the Methodist Young People's Conference at Memphis will be "Watch Night" service. Part of this program will be broadcast. The complete broadcasting schedule is not yet available, but two addresses definitely scheduled for broadcast are: 8:50-9:20, "Shall Jesus Be Lord?" an address by Dr. Umphrey Lee, Pastor of Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas; and 9:55-10:40, "Facing Life with Jesus Christ"; and the last address of the evening, by Bishop Paul B. Kern.

There will be no Watch Night service at Winfield, but the family circles of the congregation are invited to avail themselves of this splendid opportunity to join the 5000 young people of the Conference in their closing session.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Next Sunday evening at 7 o'clock the Young People and Young Adults will have a joint program of Christmas hymns and Bible readings and sacred poetry presenting the Christmas story, illustrated with stereopticon slides taken from the great masterpieces of art. Miss Tibbie McWhirter and Miss Florence Morris will read the Scripture selections and poetry and the choir composed of Young People and Young Adults will sing the hymns. A cordial invitation is extended to Winfield members and their friends to attend this service.

On December 29 there will be another joint program for the Young People and Young Adults. The special speaker will be Dr. A. C. Shipp. Brother Steel and Mr. McDonough will be in Memphis on this date attending Young People's Conference.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Several Circles combined the Christmas spirit with their monthly meetings.

Last Friday evening the Junior and Junior High Choirs gave a Christmas party with one of the smaller children from the Methodist Orphanage as special guest.

Girl Scout Troop number 5 of which Mrs. Edward Tabor is leader, had their Christmas party at the church last Thursday evening with Scout Troop number 4 as guests.

The annual Christmas dinner of the Ashby Bible Class will be held at the Frederica Hotel on Friday night of this week at 6:30.

Members of the Junior Department will visit the Children's Home for their Christmas project of sharing with others. They will decorate a tree and sing Christmas carols.

Wednesday night of this week the Junior and Junior High Choirs gave a beautiful Cantata and Christmas Pantomime.

Brother Steel will leave December 26, for Memphis where he will conduct one of the classes at the Methodist Young People's Conference.

HAVE YOU SIGNED YOUR 1936 PLEDGE CARD?

If not, will you please sign and send it in right away. It is important that we have these pledges so we can know what the church can count upon for meeting its 1936 budget.