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REPORT OF ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

R. E. FAWCETT, Presiding Elder.

A summary of the pastors' reports indicate that the District has received 358 members on profession of faith, and 278 by certificate, a total of 636, also that 96+% of the quarterly conference acceptances for Benevolences has been paid, and 96+% of the salaries. Considering the fact that this District has been in the center of the drouth area of South Arkansas, these payments are very gratifying.

A phase of work deserving special mention has been an almost District-wide movement for the repair and general improvement of property. One church has been rebuilt and another repaired on the Arkadelphia Circuit, of which Harold Scott is the pastor. An annex is being built to one of the Dalark churches and a memorial gift of \$500 has been made for the improvement of another, Rev. J. C. Williams, pastor. A special building for the young people and general church activities has been built at Holly Springs where O. C. Robison is pastor. Paul Clanton led in the reworking of the parsonage of Friendship Charge. A new union church has been built and improvements made on the parsonage of the Hot Springs Circuit where A. J. Bearden has been pastor. One of the churches on Malvern Circuit has been improved and plans are being formulated for remodeling another, with Vance Martin pastor. Much needed improvements have been made on the parsonage at Princeton, S. G. Rutledge, pastor. W. A. Stewart is pastor on the Traskwood charge where a new church is soon to be built and plans have been under way for the improvement of two others. A new parsonage has been considered for Carthage, and will probably be built in the near future. Dr. Watson's church at Malvern is in the process of paying off an old debt of approximately \$3500, which they expect to have consummated before the end of the year.

The evangelistic spirit has found expression in the pre-Easter emphasis, in stated revival services, and in personal work through the year.

We have sought to give proper emphasis to the cause and program of Christian education. Special attention has been given to presenting the program to rural churches and giving opportunities for training by placing courses and institutes within the reach of all.

On the whole, we have had a good year and the results are heartening and encouraging, for which we wish to thank our pastors and the good laymen who have so faithfully supported our work. I have thorough-

ly enjoyed the fellowship with my brethren and have appreciated their fine Christian courtesy and cooperation. There have been numerous achievements that deserve special mention, but time forbids. It is enough to say that it has been a good year in which God has blessed us and for which we give Him our thanks.

REPORT OF CAMDEN DISTRICT

E. CLIFTON RULE, Presiding Elder

We report significant accomplishment by our churches and pastors. There have been spiritual awakenings, sometimes accompanied by large ingatherings of members. Some building enterprises have been completed; others begun. No new debts have been made. Payments on old debts have been met. One new charge has been formed and one new church organized. In nearly every charge the full amount for the support of the ministry, as set by the first quarterly conference, has been paid. The charges accepted an increase of nearly 8½ percent more for Conference Claims than was paid last year. This will be paid in full, with the possibility of a few dollars above that.

Bearden. Charles H. Geisson, pastor, is in his first year, and has done good work. Some old debts have been paid. The church is well organized. Seven received on profession and 16 by certificate. The claims and salaries are in full.

Buckner. Alfred I. Doss, pastor, has one of our best organized circuits. He has done outstanding training work. His young people's work is particularly strong. Added 10 on profession and 6 by certificate. Salaries and claims in full.

Camden. E. E. White, pastor, came from North Texas at last conference and made a great place for himself in the hearts of his people. They lost him with regret. He has done good work. Twenty received on profession and 57 by certificate. Salaries and claims in full.

Chidester. A. Earl Jacobs, pastor, in his two years has had more than a 50 percent increase in amount paid to the support of the ministry. Four additions on profession and 7 by letter. Claims are in full; payment on salaries \$1150.70. Chidester is planning building a new church building.

El Dorado, with four pastoral charges heading up there, has given Methodism another good year.

Dr. C. T. Tally, pastor of First Church, had Bishop DuBose as guest preacher for a week, and Burke Culpepper for a two weeks' revival campaign. Dr. Tally, a man of scholarly attainments, has evangelistic zeal. His church will probably lead the Conference in additions. Finances are in full, including the amount assessed by the District Stewards for Conference Claims, and the full

support of the ministry. Sixteen additions on profession and 89 by certificate.

At Vantrease, D. T. Rowe finishes his third good year. The church had a revival. Payments are being met on church debt, in which through the generosity of Rev. Jeff Perdue the congregation has found a favorable agreement. Salaries and Conference Claims paid in full. Fifteen additions on profession and 14 by certificate. The pastor led a worth while training school.

El Dorado Mission is a new charge composed of the old Lisbon church and a newly organized congregation, Centennial. P. D. Alston is pastor. No man in our district has done better work. He organized Centennial early in the year and reports a membership of 68. A new church home is being built, and will be completed by January, free of debt. Twenty received on profession and 17 by letter. All claims paid in full.

El Dorado Circuit. George W. Warren is closing his third year. In three years the financial strength has nearly doubled, and 198 have been received, nearly 150 on profession. Conference claims were overpaid October 1. Salaries in full. Fifty-two were received on profession and 13 by certificate.

Fordyce, under Dr. Workman's leadership the church debt was brought into shape last year, where it could be met by the congregation. The payments have been met regularly. The congregation is taking on a new confidence. Salary and claims in full. Seven on profession and 29 by certificate.

Hampton-Harrell. W. W. Christie, pastor, always takes care of every interest, and his people love him. Eleven additions on profession and 12 by certificate. Salaries and Claims in full.

Huttig. Under B. F. Fitzhugh's leadership the new building has been paid for and dedicated. Last year the building was erected and this year furnishing was completed. It was dedicated Sunday, October 25. Salaries and claims in full. Additions on profession one, and by certificate 17.

Junction City. This has been Bro. Ralph Clayton's first year in our ministry, he having come to our church at the last Conference. His report shows progress in every area of his work. Ten additions on profession and 8 by certificate. Salaries and Claims paid.

Kingsland. Under Brother David A. Ween's leadership the churches are in the best condition they have been in years. At Kingsland a new school and social room has been added and paid for. Salaries and Claims in full. Six added on profession and by certificate 2.

Louann-Buena Vista. This is a heavy charge and has been ably

handled by Brother J. F. Walker. Improvements have been made on the property at Louann, and are planned at Silver Springs. The debt on Fairview Church has been paid. The salaries and the claims were paid before conference. There has been a large ingathering, 37 on profession and 26 by certificate.

Magnolia, Leland Clegg, pastor, has one of the best working organizations in our Conference. They carry on the program of the church. They have completed and paid for their new educational building and have a plant equal to their needs. Twenty additions on profession and 15 by certificate. All financial obligations have been paid in full.

Magnolia Circuit. This is Brother Mouzon Mann's first appointment and he has acquitted himself well. Coming to the work in June, he had good meetings and reports a large ingathering. Claims and salaries are in full, in all but two of the churches. Added on profession 21 and by certificate 7.

Norphlet. Bro. Manuel Scott serves a membership scattered over a wide area, and had a successful year. Plans have been made for a new church building. Salaries and claims with other obligations are paid in full. Additions on profession 10, and by certificate 17.

Smackover. Brother J. L. Evans came from Texas in June. Large congregations are attending his ministry. Both church and parsonage property have been improved. The church is looking to further progress. Added on profession 9, and by certificate 18. Salaries and claims and other obligations are in full.

Stephens, with W. R. Boyd as pastor, has added 25 on profession and 15 by certificate. Salaries and claims have been paid. Payments on debt have been made promptly. The congregation is alive with a new vigor and is looking toward a greater program of work.

Strong, with S. B. Mann as pastor, for the first time in some years is paying out on claims, and the two larger churches are paying in full on salary. Improvements have been made on all three buildings and a new parsonage is planned. Three members on profession and 6 by certificate.

Taylor. Brother Charles Simpson was appointed pastor at last conference. He was forced to give up his work on account of ill health. Brother J. L. Bowden served the latter part of the year and reports 15 additions on profession and 12 by certificate. The claims are paid in full.

Thornton Circuit and Brother Cagle have had a good year in every way. There has been a large ingathering. The church and parsonage have been improved. Seven addi-

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Personal and Other Items

MARRIED, October 19, Robert Little of Paris
and Bobby Christine Patty, daughter of
Rev. W. A. Patty of Ola.**REV. HARRY C. HANKINS**, evangelist, of
Springdale, writes that he has one open date
before Christmas, beginning either Nov. 22 or 29.**REV. B. L. HARRIS** who superannuated at
the recent session of the North Arkansas
Conference wishes his friends to know that he is
now living at 2007 Robinson Avenue, Conway.**REV. J. E. LARK**, changed from Second
Church, Ft. Smith, writes: "I have had a de-
lightful reception in this good church, Mans-
field, at the beginning of my second pastorate
here."**PREACHERS** who have been changed should
promptly furnish this office with their new
address. We make this suggestion, because a
preacher's address is not always the same as the
name of the charge.**PASTORS** should at once seek to promote the
circulation of the paper so that their people
may have the benefit of it during the early part
of the year. It should reach every family during
the "Bishops' Crusade."**REV. BOYD W. JOHNSON** writes: "We were
warmly received by the good people of Yell-
ville and generously pounded. We are looking
forward to a great year. We had a splendid con-
gregation for the first service."**REV. ROBERT L. BEARDEN** was recently
in this column mentioned as a "graduate of
Hendrix College." Pres. J. P. Womack calls at-
tention to the fact that Bro. Bearden is a grad-
uate of Henderson Teachers College.**REV. THORNBURGH WORKMAN**, who was
transferred from the Missouri Conference to
the St. Louis Conference and stationed at Fer-
guson, near St. Louis, reports that he had a cor-
dial reception and is pleased with his new charge.**REV. M. L. EDGINGTON**, who closed a very
successful pastorate on Pleasant Plains Cir-
cuit, having been appointed to Weldon-Tupelo
Charge, writes for his lists and reports that he
has been well received and expects to have a
good year. This includes a 100% circulation for
the paper.

* **FOR IF, WHEN WE WERE ENEMIES,** *
* **WE WERE RECONCILED TO GOD BY** *
* **THE DEATH OF HIS SON, MUCH MORE,** *
* **BEING RECONCILED, WE SHALL BE** *
* **SAVED BY HIS LIFE. AND NOT ONLY** *
* **SO, BUT WE ALSO JOY IN GOD** *
* **THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,** *
* **BY WHOM WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED** *
* **THE ATONEMENT.—Romans 5:9-10.** *

OH, yes, even as far back as the turn of the
twentieth century, girls sometimes stained
their finger-nails, but they did it hulling wal-
nuts.—Washington Post.**P**REACHERS are urged to respond to the call
of Dr. J. A. Anderson on page 11. Be sure
to give him the information desired and co-op-
erate with him in his laudable purpose to have
every superannuate and every widow of a
preacher supplied with a copy of the History of
Arkansas Methodism.**D**R. J. C. GLENN, P. E., of Kansas City Dis-
trict, had expected to attend the sessions of
Little Rock Conference, his old Conference, but
accepted an invitation to deliver a series of mes-
sages at the session of the Alabama Conference
and consequently could not come to Little Rock.
He will spend a few days with his mother in
Alabama.**T**HE ASBURY historical sketch, in our issue of
Nov. 12, inadvertently omitted the name of
Curtis Williams from the list of Sunday School
superintendents. His name should have ap-
peared between those of C. B. Nelson and Hardin
Bale. He was a good superintendent; but his
duties as choir leader and in other activities
made it necessary for him to be released from
the superintendency.**T**HE BIBLE IN A TIME OF CONFUSION is a
brochure written by Bishop Paul B. Kern,
and published by the American Bible Society.
It is intended to be used in presenting the inter-
ests of the Society on Universal Bible Sunday,
December 6, and may be had free on application
to the Society, at Bible House, New York City.
This is an unusually fine presentation of the val-
ue of the Bible, and all pastors should have it.

THE LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE

THE session of Little Rock Conference, held at
Asbury Church, Little Rock, Nov. 11-16, was
one of the most pleasant and satisfactory in its
history. Entertained in homes all over the city,
served a fine lunch at noon by the Asbury
ladies, holding sessions and committee meetings
in Asbury Church and education buildings, all
under the careful management of the pastor
host, Rev. H. B. Vaught and his assistants, with
unusual choir music, led, in part, by Rev. C. B.
Wyatt of 28th St. Church, the members of the
Conference were delighted and appreciative.
There were few connectional men, and the
preaching was done by members of the Confer-
ence. Dr. J. A. Anderson delivered his Centen-
nial Address with spirit and power, even more
effectively than at Batesville. It received many
hearty compliments. All business was conduct-
ed carefully and without hurry. Bishop Moore's
presidency, his addresses, and sermon were all
of the highest order. He is an ideal presiding
officer, quickly recognizing those who desired to
speak, giving ungrudgingly necessary time, and
commenting with fine humor on passing events.
His Sunday sermon was a philosophic master-
piece with a rich religious element. While many
changes were made, the appointments were, for
the most part, satisfactory. The collections were
slightly better than last year, and the member-
ship showed an increase of 1,167. A resolution
was adopted requesting the Bishops to arrange
for taking the vote on Unification of Methodism
next year, and another urging the Committee on
General Conference Entertainment to give the
Conference of 1938 to Tulsa. The publicity given
by the Arkansas Gazette and the Arkansas
Democrat was unusually satisfactory, that given
by the Gazette being the fullest perhaps ever
given to an Annual Conference. The reproduc-
tion in these papers of resolutions on Prohibition
and Gambling was extra fine and is appreciated.
To cap the climax, the weather was perfect.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

I, Franklin D. Roosevelt, president of the
United States of America, hereby designate
Thursday, the 26th day of November, 1936, as a
day of national thanksgiving.The observance of a day of general thanks-
giving by all the people is a practice peculiarly
our own, hallowed by usage in the days before
we were a nation and sanctioned through suc-
ceeding years.Having safely passed through troubled wat-
ers, it is our right to express our gratitude that
Divine Providence has vouchsafed us wisdom
and courage to overcome adversity. Our free in-
stitutions have been maintained with no abate-
ment of our faith in them.In our relations with other peoples we stand
not aloof, but made resolute efforts to promote
international friendship and, by the avoidance of
discord, to further world peace, prosperity and
happiness.Coupled with our grateful acknowledgment
of the blessings it has been our privilege to en-
joy, we have a deepening sense of our solemn
responsibility to assure for ourselves and our
descendants a future more abundant in faith and
in security.Let us, therefore, on the day appointed, each
in his own way, but together as a whole people,
make due expression of our thanksgiving and
humbly endeavor to follow in the footsteps of
Almighty God.In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and caused the seal of the United States
of America to be affixed.Done at the city of Washington this 12th
day of November, in the Year of Our Lord 1936,
and of the Independence of the United States of
America the 161st.—Franklin D. Roosevelt.

"THE CRUSADE IS ON"

A CABLEGRAM has just been received from
Bishop Arthur J. Moore as follows: "The
fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Japan Mis-
sion was electrified by a \$2,500.00 gift to THE
BISHOPS' CRUSADE. This gift of appreciation
from the younger to the Mother Church indi-
cates keen interest in the forward movement.
The donor, a product of our Mission, expressed
gratitude by giving 100 Yen for each year our
Church has been working in Japan. The Cru-
sade is on."Word has also come that the missionaries in
China have given 1500 Yen. A prominent lay-
man, a member of the General Commission on
Budget, gave \$500, unsolicited, on the occasion
when the Commission endorsed the Crusade. In
all the Annual Conferences the movement has
been well received. Truly, "The Crusade is on!"

REV. S. S. KEY PASSES

REV. S. S. KEY, superannuate of North Ar-
kansas Conference, died at his home in Dar-
danelle, Nov. 12. Born near Memphis, Jan. 15,
1841, he was educated in Memphis schools,
joined the Confederate army in 1862, and was
wounded at Murfreesboro, Tenn., and left for
dead on the field. Recovering and joining the
cavalry, he served to the end of the war. Mov-
ing to Arkansas, he taught school at Searcy and
in 1866 entered the ministry, and for 41 years
served as pastor and presiding elder in the old
Arkansas Conference. He had been chaplain of
the Arkansas Senate and assistant chaplain gen-
eral of the United Confederate Veterans in 1923.
He was one of the oldest Knights Templar in the
State. October 24, 1872, he was married to Miss
Mattie A. Reeves, who died in 1881. In 1883 he
married Miss Jennie Reeves, who, at 94, sur-
vives him. He is survived by one son, D. M.
Key of Dallas, and two daughters, Mrs. H. W.
Moseley and Mrs. J. R. McAlister of Little Rock.
Funeral services were held at Dardanelle, Nov.
13, conducted by Rev. E. E. Stevenson, Rev. Wm.
Sherman, and Dr. C. M. Reves. Burial was at the
Brearley Cemetery, in charge of the Masons.
Bro. Key was a real pioneer, serving hard cir-
cuits in the early days, and the better charges
later. Much of his life was spent in Yell County.
A sweet-spirited Christian gentleman, a loyal
itinerant, and a faithful pastor, he was loved
and honored by a host of relatives and friends.
Taking great pride in his army service, he wore
the Confederate gray on all public occasions.
He was deeply interested in church and public
affairs up to the last of his 95 years.

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tions on profession and 30 by letter. The claims are in full.

Waldo. Brother J. L. Leonard has been there one year. He had a protracted meeting in which Rev. O. E. Holmes did the preaching and aroused deep interest. Five additions on profession and 16 by certificate. Salaries and claims are paid in full.

The District has received 830 members, 381 on profession and 449 by certificate, net gain 392.

Church schools have enrolled 6641. We have had 15 vacation church schools. Have earned 256 training credits. Have 1178 young people enrolled, with three active unions; they paid for missions, \$284. The District has paid for church school day \$378, and for fourth Sunday missionary offerings \$773.

Our Woman's Missionary Societies have 1344 members. They have contributed \$9653 for local work and \$3106 for conference work, a total of \$12,759.

There are 70 subscribers to the Christian Advocate and 768 subscribers to the ARKANSAS METHODIST.

We have paid for churches and parsonages \$6257, for salaries \$33,449, for Conference Claims \$9,226, an increase of \$784 over the amount paid last year. The total raised in the District is \$70,663.

REPORT OF LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

J. D. HAMMONS, Presiding Elder.

The work of the District has made substantial progress along all lines. For the first time in the history of the district, so far as I have been able to discover, all the charges have paid the pastors 100% on salaries. We are paying all the acceptances on the Benevolences. The acceptances are a considerable increase over last year and amount to 72% of the General Conference Askings, which is the largest percent paid by any District in Arkansas and far above the average for the whole church. Still we are not satisfied and seek the goal of 100% on General Conference Askings. It is a challenge to us.

But this is only the foundation. There are more significant things than the financial record. A spiritually awakened church is throbbing with new life. All over the District the fires of a new evangelism are being kindled. Some of our circuits and stations have had unusual revivals this year. These have been conducted almost entirely by the pastors of the district. Our preachers are getting a new vision of our work in the ministry. This is manifested, not only in a renewed evangelistic spirit but in a quickened intellectual life.

Our 25 pastors have taken 50 credits in Training Schools and are reading many of our best books. We are thinking more about the fields that are white than those that are golden, and our laymen are beginning to take care of the golden harvest, for we have had not only a substantial increase on Benevolences, but a 10% increase in salaries. Our laymen are looking toward the future of Methodism. We have raised this year \$1000 for ministerial training. This is used for ministerial students who are taking their training in Hendrix College. We are getting ready to attack our church debts. Some are already being paid.

Each pastor has had a large share in this progress. D. L. Wilcox, of Austin Circuit, has done successful

work, backed by loyal laymen. L. O. Lee, of Bryant Circuit, led in conversions. He conducted short-term training schools in each church. Improvement has been done on churches and parsonages. Otto Teague, Carlisle station, directed his people in paying off an old debt, and Bishop Moore dedicated the church. Herman Ginther, Carlisle Circuit, has inspired his people to paying off an old parsonage debt and has brought new life to the circuit. He was the first in our District to pay Conference Claims in full. J. T. Rodgers at DeValls Bluff and Des Arc took up the work so well begun by F. F. Harrell, who was called to his reward early in the year. As usual Brother Rodgers has put the best into his Master's work and has won the esteem of his people. Robert Core at Douglasville and Geyer Springs did good work and carried work at Hendrix. Winfield supplies a scholarship for him to finish his work in Hendrix.

Van Harrell had a good year at England. He and his people plan to attack a large debt.

W. L. Arnold, in three years at Hazen, built and this year dedicated a beautiful church, which is a credit to that loyal membership and the zeal of the pastor.

F. C. Cannon did a fine work in his Christian Education program on the Hickory Plains Circuit. He had good revivals.

H. B. Vaught closed four successful years at Asbury. His distinctive contribution has been leading to a forward step in the program of benevolences. The Asbury membership is a fine, loyal group, as has been discovered in their royal entertainment of this Conference.

Roy Jordan continues good work at Capitol View. He maintains a fine spirit of evangelism.

C. M. Reves helped to tie First Church on to the Methodist institutions in a fine way. His five years have made history for that great church.

Alton Shirey led Forest Park in paying an old debt and brought new life which will eventuate in added Sunday School buildings.

R. H. Cannon gave new life to debt paying at Henderson and led in building new Sunday School rooms and improvement of the present.

O. L. Cole at Highland inspired visions of an immediate payment of an old debt. His church has purchased a Hammond Electric organ.

I. A. Love continued his fine work at Hunter. They have redecorated the church. He leaves the church in fine repair and the membership inspired for new activities.

Neill Hart made his third year at Pulaski Heights his best. They made a distinct advance in salary and Benevolences and a splendid educational program has been carried out. They in vision an auditorium and added Sunday School facilities.

C. B. Wyatt at 28th Street doubled the capacity of church and Sunday School rooms by the adding of a large building. They are taking care of the payments through Building and Loan payments.

Marshall Steel won the hearts of the membership of Winfield during his three years. They regret to give him up, as we all regret his going from Arkansas. We bid him God-speed in his large field.

George Reutz carried on well at Keo and Tomberlin. Humnoke, on this charge, plans a new building.

S. K. Burnett concluded four years of constructive work at Lonoke. He believes in the program of the

church and works for its accomplishment.

M. W. Miller inspired the people at Primrose to accomplish a dream with them for years—the establishing of this rural church as a station. He also did good work at Mabelvale.

Carl Keightley served Walnut Grove and Halstead of Paron Circuit, and did faithful work. He is now in Hendrix on a scholarship furnished by First Church.

C. V. Mashburn preached at Paron and Smyrna, at the same time teaching school. He was licensed to preach last year. He has been earnest in labors.

Joe Robinson was licensed last year and did good work at Roland. This charge, for the first time, reports a 100% on salary and Benevolences.

This has been a delightful year in fellowship and service. So far as I have been able to ascertain, it has been the first year in the history of Little Rock District when it has reported 100% on all salaries and Benevolences. I cannot take the credit for this. It is due largely to the loyal support of the pastors, the membership, and our District secretaries. J. S. M. Cannon, Mrs. T. E. Benton, C. K. Wilkerson, Mrs. C. B. Nelson, and Mrs. W. F. Bates have been untiring in their efforts. As for the work of the pastors, words cannot express their share in the program and their devotion and loyalty to the task. They have been true to the trust committed unto them.

REPORT OF MONTICELLO DISTRICT

J. L. HOOVER, Presiding Elder

Monticello District is one of the smaller of the Conference; but has as loyal and consecrated a membership as can be found anywhere. The people are, for most part, spiritually-minded and readily and freely consecrate of their belongings to the support of the church. An analysis of the reports of last year indicates that gifts to kingdom work per Methodist family far exceeded the giving of any other district in the conference. The District has eighteen charges. About half of this territory lies in the hill section and the other half in the lowlands.

About 400 have joined the church during the year. A considerable number on profession of faith. However, we are not gratified over this feature of our report. Entirely too few have been led to Christ. There is a basis upon which to account for some of this failure. Our hill country, while thickly populated, has been pretty thoroughly worked and in most places there are few unchurched people. The bottom section is populated by a comparatively few families and so the potential constituency is not great.

The program of Christian Education was pushed and progress has been made. Few churches have not had some form of leadership training. Those that have not had a training program, have definite plans whereby this may be done.

Progress has been made in paying church debts. The church at Dumas paid the last of its indebtedness. The monthly and annual payments on our Warren and McGehee churches are being met promptly. The church at Dermott has made a very substantial payment.

Several building projects have been carried through. The church at Watson, is now almost ready for use. It is the only church in that rapidly growing section. The old church at Mt. Pleasant, on Wilmar

Circuit, that was in a bad state of repair, was torn down and rebuilt, and is now a beautiful chapel. This work is important because Methodist services have been held at that place for the past ninety-four years. Fire destroyed the antiquated and dilapidated church at New Edinburg. Out of the ruins has come one of the most beautiful and finely arranged churches to be found in a town of that size. It was built clear of debt and has been dedicated.

While we had no sweeping revival campaigns, yet many good meetings have been held in which a goodly number were saved and brought into the church. Montrose, Snyder, Hermitage, and New Edinburg Circuits enjoyed splendid increases in membership. A good report has come of the meeting at Portland, in which every young person was led to Christ and joined some church, twenty coming into our church. McGehee, Monticello, Hamburg, Lake Village, Warren, Wilmont, and Dermott had splendid increases in membership.

Considerable has been spent on churches and parsonages.

The last report indicates that every charge would pay its acceptance on benevolences 100%. If true, it means above \$300 more on these claims than last year. Salaries will be short in four charges. However, the deficit is slight, except of one church.

The pastors have been true to God and loyal to the program. They have worked hard. No one has brought any reproach upon our high calling. They have been true to every trust. They have given of their best to the work, and, as is always the case, the best has come back to them.

REPORT OF PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

J. E. COOPER, Presiding Elder

(A tabulated report was made, but it can not be reproduced without using three columns—Ed.)

The progress made on the District this year has been gratifying. Without exceptions, the preachers have been faithful and diligent. The presiding elder and the pastors are content to let the record speak for itself, however, we are not satisfied. It has been our ambition to do much more than we have done. The financial interests have been well cared for. Our laymen have been loyal and, in many instances, sacrificial. Our preachers and their families have given a real ministry to the churches that they have served. The spirit has been good. There has been a disposition among our preachers to share with each other and to love each other.

The records will reveal that more than \$10,000 has been raised on church debts. Carr Memorial, Hawley Memorial, Altheimer, DeWitt, First Church, Sheridan, and Stuttgart have made marked progress in reduction of debts. Conditions are now favorable in several places for paying in full the remaining indebtedness.

We have had 249 accessions on profession of faith, and 351 by letter. The salaries are in excess of 98 per cent, and the Benevolences are 100% of the acceptances. The record is very gratifying. In several instances salary increases are indicated for the coming year.

Our preachers have been eager to do constructive work and establish the Kingdom of God.

We submit our work for consideration, conscious of the fact that, in some respects, it has not met our own desires; but thankful that we

have had the privilege of working together this year. We had 100% on Church School Day Offerings, and on fourth Sunday offerings for missions.

REPORT OF PRESCOTT DISTRICT

J. W. MANN, Presiding Elder

We have 18 charges with 65 congregations, and 68 church buildings, and 18 parsonages; four stations, three half stations, and eleven circuits, with a membership of 8,346. We have had 168 additions on profession of faith and 193 by certificate, and 321 removals by death, certificate and otherwise, leaving 40 net gain.

The indebtedness on churches and parsonages is well taken care of. The parsonage debts on Okolona Circuit and Prescott Circuit have been considerably reduced. The church debt at Prescott is well managed and is being reduced. At Hope, all the debts will be paid by November, 1937. At Nashville the debt has been met promptly and is considerably reduced. A new pipe organ was installed as the gift of one of the members.

There are 22 Woman's Missionary Societies, and no department of our church is more zealous for the extension of the Kingdom.

We have 53 Church Schools with an enrollment of 4,221. The Church School Day acceptance was paid in full by all the charges except four; 149 training credits received, and six vacation schools held.

Revivals were held in most of the charges with encouraging results; 365 were received, 192 on profession of faith and 173 by certificate.

The total acceptances of Conference Claims was \$4,626 and of that \$4,167 was paid. All the charges paid the acceptances on Claims except five, which gives us an increase of \$392 over amount paid last year. Most of the salaries were paid except some of the weaker charges.

We wish time permitted to give detailed statement of the work of each charge. The preachers have worked hard, and the laymen have been very loyal. On some of the charges that have paid everything in full, it was not an easy task. Bro. McAfee, supply on Prescott Circuit, has paid all the salary, claims, district work, Church School day; but it was done by taking cotton seed, corn, molasses, canned fruit, etc., and in turn selling it to get money for the Claims. The same was true with A. C. Rogers at Emmet. Louis W. Averitt led the District in number of profession of faith, and G. W. Robertson led in first to pay in full everything. Much could be said of the untiring work of the rest of the brethren. In many sections the people are not missionary-minded, and, consequently, it called for hard diligent work on the part of the preachers. It has been a good year, and a happy year in spite of many reverses.

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Condensed Minutes

Condensed minutes of the eighty-fourth session of the Little Rock Annual Conference, held at Asbury Church, Little Rock, Ark. beginning November 12, 1936, ending November 15, 1936. Bishop John M. Moore, Presiding; C. J. Greene, Secretary; Post Office Secretary, Conway, Ark.

I. PROBATIONERS

1. Who are admitted on trial? Ans.—Robert Walker Core.
2. Who else is in the class of the first year? Ans.—John William Hammons.
3. Who remain on trial? Ans. John Ralph Clayton.
4. Who else is in the class of the second year? Ans.—No one.
5. Who are discontinued? Ans.—No one.

2. CONFERENCE MEMBERSHIP

6. Who are admitted into full connection? Ans.—Louis William Averitt, Alfred Isaac Doss, Charles Houston Farmer, George Gardner Meyer, John Wesley Rushing, James Ralph Sewell.
7. Who else is in the class of the third year? Ans.—No one.
8. Who are readmitted? Ans.—No one.
9. Who are received by transfer from other Conferences? Ans.—H. B. Watts, an elder, West Texas Conference; Gaston Foote, an elder, Oklahoma Conference; Albea Godbold, an elder, North Arkansas Conference; Wesley J. Clark, an elder, North Arkansas Conference; J. L. Evans, an elder, Central Texas Conference.
10. Who are received from other Churches as traveling preachers? Ans.—No one.
11. Who are located this year? Ans.—E. B. Adcock, at his own request.
12. Who have withdrawn or been expelled? Ans.—Withdrawn, no one, expelled, no one.
13. Who are transferred to other Conferences? Ans.—E. E. White, an elder, N. West Texas Conference; M. T. Steel, an elder, North Texas Conference; John G. Gieck, an elder, North Arkansas Conference; R. E. L. Bearden, Jr., L. P., North Arkansas Conference; C. T. Tally, an elder, Texas Conference; A. W. Waddell, an elder, Central Texas Conference.
14. What preachers have died during the year? Ans.—F. F. Harrell, T. O. Owen, S. W. Rainey.

III. ORDERS

15. Who are the deacons of one year? Ans.—Charles Henry Giessen, Edward Whatley Harris, Virgil D. Keeley, James Addison Simpson, J. Frank Walker.
16. Who else is in the class of the fourth year? Ans.—Cleveland Howard Gilliam, Doyle Levings Wilcox.
17. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected deacons? Ans.—Traveling preachers, Louis William Averitt, Alfred Isaac Doss, George Gardner Meyer, John Wesley Rushing, James Ralph Sewell; local preachers, Charles A. Simpson.
18. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained deacons? Ans.—Traveling preachers, Louis William Averitt, Alfred Isaac Doss, George Gardner Meyer, John Wesley Rushing, James Ralph Sewell; local preachers, Charles A. Simpson.
19. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been elected elders? Ans.—Traveling preachers, Earl Simeon Walker; local preachers, no one.
20. What traveling preachers and what local preachers have been ordained elders? Ans.—Traveling preachers, Earl Simeon Walker; local preachers, no one.
21. Who have been recommended by a District Conference for recognition of their orders as local deacons or local elders? Ans.—no one.

IV. CONFERENCE RELATIONS

22. Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration? Ans.—Their names were called one by one and their character passed.
23. Who are supernumerary? Ans.—John L. Tucker.
24. Who are superannuated? Ans.—J. B. Williams, J. W. Berry, R. E. Farr, T. P. Clark, J. J. Colson, L. W. Evans, Z. D. Lindsay, J. D. Dunn, R. A. McClintock, T. O. Rorie, C. F. Messer, J. B. Sims, S. C. Dean, S. F. Goddard, J. R. Dickerson, J. A. Sage, J. W. Harrell, J. E. Waddell, S. L. Durham, J. D. Rogers, B. F. Scott, E. D. Hanna, W. F. Campbell, J. L. Criswell, J. W. Nethercutt, L. R. Sparks, C. M. Thompson, J. B. Pickering, C. B. Davis, H. A. F. Ault, W. C. Hilliard, J. T. Rodgers, W. T. Hopkins, F. P. Doak.

V. STATISTICS

25. What is the number of districts, of pastoral charges, and of societies in this Conference? Ans.—Districts, seven; pastoral charges, 145; societies, 430.
26. What is the number of members, how many have been received this year

on profession of faith, how many have been licensed to preach, and what is the number of local preachers? Ans.—Members, 70,088, increase, 1,167; received on profession of faith, 2,173; licensed, sixteen; local preachers, eighty-six.

27. How many infants and how many others have been baptized during the year? Ans.—Infants, 405; others, 1,525.
28. How many churches have organized Local Church Boards of Christian Education? Ans.—280.

29. What is the number of Church Schools, officers and teachers? Ans.—Church schools, 388; officers and teachers, 4,472.

30. What is the number of Church school scholars enrolled? Ans.—In the Children's Division, 13,785; in the Young People's Division, 13,188; in the Adult Division, 13,617; total enrollment including officers and teachers, 45,062.

31. How many churches have week-day meetings with the children, and how many have vacation schools? Ans.—Churches having week-day meetings with the children, thirty-six; churches having Vacation Schools, seventy-four.

32. What is the number of Woman's Missionary Societies, and what is the number of members of the same? Ans.—Societies, 189; members, 7,211.

33. What is the number of Wesley Brotherhoods, and of Wesley Brotherhood members? Ans.—Brotherhoods, two; members, 100.

34. What is the number of members enrolled in the Fellowship of Stewardship? Ans.—108.

35. What are the educational statistics? Ans.—Institutions, one; teachers, thirty-one; students, 325; value of property, \$800,000; endowment, \$800,000.

36. What are the orphanage statistics? Ans.—Orphanages, one; officers and teachers, four; children in Orphanages, forty; money expended, \$9,831.83; value of property, \$100,000; indebtedness, none.

37. What are the hospital statistics? Ans.—Hospitals, none.

VI. FINANCES

38. What has been contributed for the following causes? Ans.—American Bible Society, \$295.04; assemblies, \$192.42; Christian Education, \$11,768.34; Church Extension, \$3,112.05; Federal Council, \$89.80; Board of Finance, \$1,154.51; General Administrative Fund, \$2,950.42; Lay Activities, \$1,013.41; Missions, \$15,621.86; Negro Work, \$949.27; Theological schools, \$1,795.91; by the Woman's Missionary Society for local work, \$35,331; sent to Conference Treasurer, \$17,237; from the Golden Cross Enrollment, \$192.75.

39. What has been contributed for the support of the ministry? Ans.—Presiding elders, \$23,789; preachers in charge, \$173,718; Conference Claimants, \$7,376.06; Superannuate Endowment Fund, \$10.

40. What is the grand total contributed for all purposes from all sources in this Conference this year? Ans.—\$507,644.

VII. CHURCH PROPERTY

41. What is the number of houses of worship, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Ans.—Houses of worship, 410; value \$3,071,755; indebtedness, \$384,196.

42. What is the number of parsonages, their value, and the amount of indebtedness thereon? Ans.—District parsonages, seven; value, \$39,000; indebtedness, \$650; parsonages belonging to pastoral charges, 137; value \$383,400; indebtedness, \$31,329.

43. What amount of insurance is carried on Church property, and what amount has been paid out in premiums? Ans.—Insurance carried, \$1,396,312; premiums paid, \$11,799.

44. How many churches and parsonages have been damaged or destroyed during the year, what is the amount of damage, and what has been collected thereon? Ans.—Churches damaged, four; parsonages damaged, two; amount of damage, \$4,118; collected, \$1,242.

45. What is the number of superannuate homes? Ans.—Homes, none.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

46. Who is elected Conference Lay Leader? Ans.—J. S. M. Cannon.
47. Where shall the next session of the Conference be held? Ans.—Hope, Ark.
48. Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Appointments

Arkadelphia District

Presiding Elder, Roy E. Fawcett (3)
(Numeral indicates number of "years", "S" means supply.)

Arkadelphia H. B. Vaught (1)
Arkadelphia Ct. Harold Scott (S) (3)
Benton Harold D. Sadler (1)
Carthage-Tulip Earl S. Walker (3)
Dalark Ct. J. C. Williams (4)
Friendship Ct. B. W. Dills (S) (1)
Holly Springs Ct. O. C. Robison (S) (2)
Hot Springs:
First Church J. L. Dedman (3)
Grand Avenue C. E. Whitten (1)
Oaklawn G. W. Warren (1)
Pullman Heights Paul Clanton (S) (1)
Hot Springs Ct. A. J. Bearden (S) (4)
Leola Ct. T. D. Spruce (3)
Malvern W. C. Watson (3)
Malvern Ct. Vance Martin (2)
Princeton Ct. S. G. Rutledge (2) (S)
Sparkman-Sardis R. C. Walsh (1)
Percy Ct. Forney Harvey (S) (1)
Traskwood Ct. Eldred Blakely (S) (1)
Union Seminary John W. Hammons
Conference Missionary J. F. Taylor
Professor Emory Uni. R. C. Rhodes

Camden District

Presiding Elder, E. C. Rule (3)

Bearden Charles H. Giessen (2)
Buckner Ct. W. A. Stewart, Jr. (S) (1)
Camden C. M. Reeves (1)
Chidester Ct. Rufus F. Sorrells (S) (1)
El Dorado:
First Church Albea Godbold (1)
Vantrease Rex B. Wilkes (1)
El Dorado Ct. L. C. Gatlin (1)
El Dorado Mission P. D. Alston (S) (1)
Fordyce J. M. Workman (4)
Hampton-Harrell Alfred Doss (1)
Huttig J. W. Thomas (1)
Junction City Ralph Clayton (2)
Kingland Ct. David A. Weems (2)
Louann-Buena Vista F. L. Arnold (1)
Magnolia Leland Clegg (4)
Magnolia Ct. D. Mouzon Mann (S) (2)
Norphet M. E. Scott (2)
Smackover J. L. Evans (3)
Stephens-Mt. Prospect W. R. Boyd (2)
Strong Ct. S. B. Mann (3)
Taylor Ct. Herman Ginther (S) (1)
Thornton G. L. Cagle (2)
Waldo Geo. E. Reutz (1)
Vice-president Hendrix
College C. J. Greene

Little Rock District

Presiding Elder, J. D. Hammons (3)

Austin Ct. E. T. Miller (1)
Bauxite-Sardis S. K. Burnett (1)
Bryant Ct. L. O. Lee (2)
Carlisle Station Otto Teague (3)
Carlisle Ct. J. R. Martin (S) (1)
Des Arc-DeVall's Bluff I. A. Love (1)
England Van W. Harrell (2)
Hazen W. L. Arnold (4)
Hickory Plains Ct. F. C. Cannon (2)
Keo-Tomberlin J. L. Leonard (1)
Little Rock:
Asbury R. B. Moore (1)
Capitol View W. R. Jordan (4)
First Church H. Bascom Watts (1)
Forest Park Alton J. Shirley (2)
Henderson-Douglasville R. H. Cannon (2)
Highland O. L. Cole (3)
Hunter Memorial A. E. Jacobs (1)
Pulaski Heights W. Neill Hart (4)
28th Street C. B. Wyatt (3)
Winfield Memorial Gaston Foote (1)
Lonoke D. T. Rowe (1)
Mabelvale-Geyer Springs D. L. Wilcox (1)
Paron Ct. S. L. Durham (S) (1)
Primrose M. W. Miller (2)
Roland Ct. (To be supplied.)
Editor Arkansas Methodist—A. C. Millar
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Methodist Orphanage James Thomas
Student Hendrix College Robert W. Core

Monticello District

Presiding Elder, John L. Hoover (3)
Arkansas City-Watson M. K. Rogers (2)
Crossett T. T. McNeal (1)
Dermott J. F. Simmons (1)
Dumas M. K. Irvin (6)
Eudora W. W. Christie (1)
Fountain Hill Ct. John Simpson (S)
Hamburg E. D. Galloway (4)
Hermitage Ct. J. R. Sewell (3)
Lake Village A. C. Rogers (1)
McGehee J. H. Cummins (3)
Monticello J. M. Hamilton (3)
Montrose-Snyder E. L. McKay (3)
New Edinburg Ct. C. N. Smith (1)
Portland-Parkdale R. E. Simpson (2)
Tillar-Winchester W. R. Burks (4)
Warren L. E. N. Hundley (2)
Wilmar Ct. C. R. Roy (3)
Wilmot-Miller's Chapel B. F. Fitzhugh (1)

Pine Bluff District

Presiding Elder, J. E. Cooper (3)
Altheimer-Wabbaseka R. A. Teeter (2)
DeWitt A. C. Carraway (2)
Gillett Ct. Earl Lewis (1)
Grady-Gould M. O. Barnett (4)
Good-Faith-Whitehall F. N. Brewer (1)
Humphrey-Sunshine W. C. Lewis (2)
Pine Bluff:
Carr Memorial S. T. Baugh (2)
First Church F. A. Buddin (4)
Hawley Memorial J. A. Henderson (1)
Lakeside F. G. Roebuck (4)
Pine Bluff Ct. Wilfred House (2) (S)
Rison J. B. Hefley (2)
Roe Ct. L. E. Wilson (1)
Rowell Ct. W. D. Golden (S)
St. Charles Ct. V. D. Keeley (2)
Sheridan-New Hope B. F. Roebuck (2)
Sheridan Ct. C. R. Andrews (2)
Sherrill-Tucker T. M. Armstrong (1)
Star City Ct. C. H. Farmer (1)
Stuttgart R. L. Long (2)
Swan Lake Ct. Everett Vinson (S) (1)

Prescott District

Presiding Elder, J. D. Baker (1)
Amity Ct. Joe H. Robinson (S) (1)
Bingen Ct. C. E. Burdette (1)
Blevins-McCaskill J. T. Thompson (4)
Columbus Ct. R. D. McSwain (S) (2)
Emmet-Bierne J. Frank Walker (1)
Forester O. C. Birdwell (2)
Glenwood-Rosboro C. D. Meux (1)
Gurdon K. L. Spore (1)
Hope Fred R. Harrison (3)
Mineral Springs Ct. W. W. Nelson (1)
Mt. Ida Ct. R. S. Beasley (1)
Murfreesboro-Delight C. D. Cade (3)
Nashville O. E. Holmes (3)
Okolona Ct. Louis Averitt (2)
Prescott A. J. Christ (2)
Prescott Ct. E. T. McAfee (S) (2)
Spring Hill Ct. R. M. Crane (S) (1)
Washington-Ozan G. W. Robertson (2)
Chaplain C. C. C. Work
Gilbert F. Hyde (2)

Texarkana District

Presiding Elder, J. W. Mann (1)
Ashdown B. F. Musser (1)
Cherry Hill Ct. J. A. Ginnings (S) (1)
DeQueen J. L. Cannon (2)
Dierks-Green's Chapel
Wesley J. Clark (1)
Doddridge-Fouke J. B. Hoover (1) (S)
Foreman Station J. D. Montgomery (2)
Foreman Ct. M. T. Rose (S) (4)
Gillham Ct. C. H. Gilliam (4)
Hatfield Ct. J. W. Rushing (1)
Horatio Geo. E. Williams (2)
Lewisville-Bradley A. W. Hamilton (1)
Lockesburg Ct. James Simpson (2)
Mena H. H. McGuyre (3)
Richmond Ct. W. T. Bone (2)
Stamps-Garland City E. W. Harris (3)
Texarkana
College Hill George G. Meyer (2)
Fairview Arthur Terry (1)
First Church Harry S. DeVore (2)
Texarkana Ct. J. L. Simpson (S) (2)
Umpire Ct. Charles V. Mashburn (S) (1)
Winthrop Ct. J. T. Prince (S) (1)

REPORT OF COMMISSION ON BUDGET

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

1. The amount of the assessment made by the General Conference apportioned to this Conference is \$45,214.

2. The amount of assessment made by this Annual Conference for all interests for which assessments are made is \$45,214.

3. The General Conference assessment added to the Annual Conference assessment, gives a combined total assessment of \$90,428.00, which is apportioned to the several Districts as follows:

Arkadelphia District	\$ 10,900
Camden District	15,940
Little Rock District	18,670
Monticello District	11,178
Pine Bluff District	11,580
Prescott District	10,910
Texarkana District	11,250
Total	\$ 90,428

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

Annual Conference	Assessment	.50	\$ 45,214.00
General Conference	Assessment	.50	45,214.00
Total		1.00	\$90,428.00

The following table shows what percent the assessment made for each cause is of the combined assessments:

Assessments by the General Conference:		
Administration	.1150	5,200
Am. Bible Soc.	.0115	520
Assemblies	.0075	339
Church Extension	.0720	3,225
Christian Ed., including part of Temperance and Social Service	.1660	7,506
Federal Council	.0035	158
Board of Finance	.0450	2,035
Board of Lay Activities, including part of Temperance and Social Service	.0225	1,017
Board of Missions, including Hospitals	.4500	20,346
Negro Work	.0370	1,673
Theological Schools	.0700	3,165
Total	1.000	\$ 45,214

Assessments by the Annual Conference:		
Church Extension	.0493	\$ 2,229
Christian Education	.2927	13,234
Colleges		6,100.00
Conference prom.		6,100.00
Pastor's School		1,034.00
Missions	.1591	7,194
Ark. Methodist	.0752	3,400
Conf. Claimants	.2875	12,999
Conf. Expense	.0362	1,636
Orphanage	.0852	3,853
Lay Activities	.0148	669
Total	1.0000	\$ 45,214

We urge that Presiding Elders and Preachers make a combined effort to make the Sunday School Day offering and Fourth Sunday offering as large as possible, to assist the Board of Christian Education in carrying on their work.

We recommend that the Board of Christian Education cooperate with Dr. James Thomas in securing a Christmas offering for the Orphanage, taking this offering not only in the Church School, but at each preaching service on the day designated for the offering.

Since, by an oversight, our Conference did not make an appropriation for the expense of our joint Centennial Celebration, we instruct the Conference Treasurer to pay to the Treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference \$210.00, which is our share of this expense. This is to be paid out of the first funds coming to the Treasurer for the new year's budget, and that all other funds be apportioned as indicated in the report.

We urge, in fact, insist that all Boards shall present their Askings to the Commission on Budget in writing and setting forth in detail the items making up their budget.—J. M. Hamilton, Chairman; Ted T. McNeal, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE TREASURER

Amount Assessed \$90,428.00
(The Conference paid 56 plus % of this amount.)

Amount Accepted by Churches \$51,713.00
(Which is 57 plus % of assessment.)

Amount Collected by Pastors \$51,136.72
(Which is 99 plus % of accepted amt.)

Arkadelphia District paid 96 plus % of accepted amount—1936 1935

Received from Pastors \$6,309.62 \$7,115.61
Camden District paid 100 plus % of accepted amount—

Received from Pastors \$9,179.00 \$8,442.06
Little Rock District paid 100 plus % of accepted amount—

Rec'd from Pastors \$13,533.45 \$13,038.00
Monticello District paid 100 plus % of accepted amount—

Rec'd from Pastors \$5,555.12 \$5,220.13
Pine Bluff District paid 100 plus % of accepted amount—

Rec'd from Pastors \$6,802.00 \$7,192.00
Prescott District paid 93 plus % of accepted amount—

Rec'd from Pastors \$4,287.03 \$3,600.50
Texarkana District paid 92 plus % of accepted amount—

Rec'd from Pastors \$5,470.50 \$5,725.00
Totals \$51,136.72 \$50,333.30

Increase in Collections \$803.42
Rec'd after Report of 1935 \$175.00
Amount to be Disbursed \$51,311.72

Golden Cross
Received from Pastors \$192.75 \$59.00
Hendrix College Loan Fund
Received from Pastors \$1,284.04

Disbursements		
General Conference		
Board gets 50% of \$51,311.72	\$25,655.86	
Administration	.1150%	2,950.42
Bible Society	.0115%	295.04
Assemblies	.0075%	192.42
Church Extension	.0720%	1,847.22

Christian Education	.1660%	4,258.87
Federal Council	.0035%	89.80
Board of Finance	.0450%	1,154.51
Lay Activities	.0225%	577.26
Missions and Hospitals	.4500%	545.14
Negro Work	.0370%	949.27
Theological Schools	.0700%	1,795.91
Total	100.00%	\$25,655.86

Annual Conference		
Board gets 50% of \$51,311.72	\$25,655.86	
Church Extension	.0493%	1,264.83
Christian Education	.2827%	7,509.47
Missions	.1589%	4,076.72
Ark. Methodist	.1012%	2,596.37
Conf. Claimants	.2875%	7,376.06
Conf. Expense	.0362%	928.74
Orphanage	.0572%	1,467.52
Lay Activities	.0170%	436.15
Total	100.00%	\$25,655.86

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

I herewith submit report of the Treasurer of the Little Rock Conference Board of Christian Education for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1936. Upon order of our Conference Secretary, Dr. C. J. Greene, our books were audited November 1, by Mr. Frank L. Eaton, C. P. A., and his report is attached:

RECEIPTS:	
Balance on hand Nov. 1, 1935	\$ 1381.82
From 1935 Conference Claims	4439.38
From 1935 Church School	
Day Offerings	289.24
Total	\$ 6110.44

RECEIPTS—1935-1936.	
From Conference Claims	2341.60
From Church School	
Day Offering	2387.83
From W. E. Hogan, Our share	
Fourth Sun. off.	1681.21
From Ministerial Education Fund	897.96
From Miscellaneous	33.42
Total to account for	\$ 13,452.46

DISBURSEMENTS:	
Office Expense	
Office Rent	\$ 120.00
Office Secretary	718.00
Postage	160.60
Tel & Tel	65.87
Ptg., Stationery & Supplies	93.41
Janitor and miscellaneous	46.80
Total	\$ 1,204.68

Board's Expense	
General expense	148.17
Other miscellaneous expense	70.05
Bank charges on checks	3.20
Total	\$ 221.42

Field Work	
Exec. Secretary's salary	\$3,300.00
Travel	492.02
Car expense	142.05
Miscellaneous	9.65
Total	\$3,943.72

Training Schools	\$ 557.09
Extension Work	
Children's Division	\$ 148.93
Y. P. Division	129.01
Salary Conf. Dir. Ch. Work	575.00
Total	\$ 852.94

District Work	696.50
Total	\$ 1549.44

Hendrix College	
Paid Hendrix College	3395.42
Expense for Hendrix College	17.43
Total	\$ 3,412.85

Pastor's School	\$ 467.88
Ministerial Training	589.00
Revolving Fund	200.00
Total Expenditures	\$ 12,146.08

Bal. in Bank October 31, 1936	1,306.33
Total accounted for	\$13,452.46

In addition to the amount shown above in Bank, we have the following:	
In Revolving Fund	200.00
Church School Day Offering received since October 31, 1936	127.43
which added to Bank balance	1306.33
Total cash in Bank & Revolving Fund	\$ 1,633.81

—C. K. Wilkerson, Treasurer.
Auditor's Report

We have audited the accounts of the Board of Christian Education, Little Rock Conference, for the fiscal year ended October 31, 1936, and herewith submit statements of Receipts and Disbursements, together with Reconciliation of Account with W. B. Worthen Company, Bankers.

All receipts accruing to the Board as shown by the books have been deposited

in the Bank. The checks covering the disbursements have been exhibited for our inspection and found to be properly endorsed and entered in the records.

Based on the records examined and the information obtained by us, we are of the opinion that the within statements of Receipts and Disbursements correctly reflect the Board's financial operations for the year ended October 31, 1936.—Frank L. Eaton & Company, C. P. A.

REPORT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF FINANCE

I herewith submit report of the Treasurer of the Little Rock Conference Board of Finance for the fiscal year ending October 31, 1936. Upon order of our Conference Secretary, Dr. C. J. Greene, our books were audited November 2, by Mr. Glenn Priest of the Peoples Trust Company, Little Rock, and his report is attached.

RECEIPTS.	
Balance Nov. 1, 1935, (From former Treas.)	\$3,337.57
Special Superannuate (Capital) Fund	354.62
Interest on Special Fund, June 30, 1936	4.13
General Board of Finance, St. Louis	1,683.67
Whitmore & Smith, Pub. Agents	1,814.48
Brewster Memorial Fund	1,000.00
C. E. Hayes, Conf. Treas. (Bal on Conf. Cl. 1935)	4,360.41
C. E. Hayes, Conf. Treas. during year 1936	2,300.00
Emergency Loan Refund from J. C. Glenn	80.00
Donation from Mrs. S. H. Brewer	25.00
Total	\$14,959.88

DISBURSEMENTS:	
To Conference Claimants (Regular Fund)	\$8,295.00
To Emergency Relief and New Claimants	545.00
To expenses of Board	213.95
Special Superannuate (Capital) Fund	354.62
Interest on above fund up to June 30	4.13
Balance on hand in Bank, October 31, 1936	5,547.18
Total	\$14,959.88

Your treasurer is bonded by one of the leading Surety Companies of America, Martin, Tison & Stevens, Texarkana National Bank Bldg., Texarkana, U. S. A.

Below we give the report of the auditor: "This is to certify that I, Glenn Priest, have examined the record and bank book of the Board of Finance, Little Rock Conference, and find them to be in correct form and properly kept. I also find that the bank deposits and vouchers tally, and all records have been faithfully and accurately kept."—Glenn Priest, Assistant Cashier, Peoples National Bank Little Rock.—M. W. Miller, Sec'y-Treas.

Dear Reader: I have the most wonderful herb remedy that has ever been discovered for curing the tobacco habit. It is perfectly harmless and never fails to stop all craving for tobacco. I want every reader to write me and I will tell you how you can get the recipe free and cure yourself of the filthy tobacco habit.—L. O. Hinton, Spencer, Ind.

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This famous recipe is used by millions of housewives, because there is no other way to obtain such a dependable, effective remedy for coughs that start from colds. It's so easy to mix—a child could do it. From any druggist, get 2½ ounces of Pinex, a concentrated compound of Norway Pine, famous for its effect on throat and bronchial membranes.

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Goals For the Little Rock Conference

1. That we seek to raise during the next two years, the General and Conference Benevolences to the Askings.

2. That our Board of Missions and Board of Christian Education set up the joint committee for Rural Work as authorized by the Discipline, and that this committee meet at least ten days before Conference with the Presiding Elders and the Executive-Extension Secretary to map out a Conference Rural Life program.

3. That we seek to raise the standards of our Rural Work: (1) By more careful and liberal distribution of funds by the Board of Missions; (2) By a sharing program of better paid pastors and churches of larger wealth. We suggest that the Conference appoint a Commission for the study of this subject; (3) By enlisting devout laymen for services in the rural churches.

4. That we seek to put Hendrix College central in our educational program, developing a loyalty for our only Methodist educational institution of our Conference.

5. That we observe College Day with an offering for ministerial training and urge upon our people the growing demand for a trained ministry. We urge also that our pastors preach on the call to the ministry.

6. That the Conference create a Commission to study our church debts and make recommendations as to their solution.

7. That we seek higher standards for men and women in official positions. We call upon all the officers in our churches to take seriously and prayerfully their official positions and urge pastors to be careful and prayerful in their nominations made at quarterly conference.

8. That we rethink our call to the ministry. We were all, no doubt, truly called of God, but our call never outlasts the vision. In the words of one of our chief pastors: "The validity of a call to preach rests not upon some early ecstatic experience but upon the continued receptivity of our hearts to the ever active love of God and our burning consciousness of the need of the world. When from our hearts there fades the unwearying concern for a sinful world, then our call fades into the light of common day and our commission is cancelled." We might well examine our call. It may be that some of us have lost the call and should move out into the fields of competitive trends where personal ambitions thrive better than in the ministry.—J. D. Hammons, Chm., John Hoover, Sec., J. E. Cooper.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

We, your Committee on Evangelism, are profoundly grateful to Almighty God for the large increase He has given our Conference on profession of faith this year. We express our sincere appreciation to the Presiding Elders for the large place given to Evangelism in their District gatherings, and for the opportunity given to the several members of this Committee for presenting this work.

We pledge our full cooperation with the General Board of Missions and to Dr. W. C. Watson, our Conference Director, in carrying out every phase of the Bishops' Crusade, an important feature of which is a

Church-wide emphasis on evangelism.

We recommend that in the state-wide meeting to be held in Little Rock in January, and in the district meetings to be held following the state-wide meeting, a place be given on the program for evangelistic emphasis, and we offer the services of the members of this committee for use in any of these district meetings.

We appreciate the emphasis given on Evangelism through courses offered in our Young People's Assemblies, in our Pastors' School, and other training agencies held under the auspices of our Conference Board of Christian Education, and recommend the continuation of these courses.

We recommend that in preparation for the summer revivals each Presiding Elder devote the program of one Brotherhood Meeting to prepare him for the revivals in his District, that, as far as possible, our pastors be used in holding revivals within their own districts and that opportunity be given for more experienced pastors, sharing their experience in training others for evangelistic efforts.

We commend the use of personal and visitation evangelism, and urge each pastor under his own leadership to conduct a course in personal and visitation evangelism for his workers in his own church.—J. D. Baker, Chairman; W. R. Jordan, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

These statements of fact about the joint interests of our Church and Hendrix College are matters of high moment for our people. Our present efficiency has been vitally connected with the College and our future success even to a larger degree will depend on how closely the Church is related to the College as its basic source of leadership supply and training.

We look to Hendrix to give our ministers their collegiate literary courses. Our efficiency is limited by the success of the College with ministers and laymen, and its efficiency is limited by our interest and liberality. The future Methodist organization in Arkansas will be directly dependent on how effective we make it possible for Hendrix to be.

The Church has a right to look to Hendrix for a Christian atmosphere for its literary training. So, in turn, the College has a right to look to the Church in strengthening its clientele for securing students of the highest Christian type and for aid in securing adequate maintenance to do well the things expected.

The number of ministers now in training at Hendrix from the Little Rock Conference is six. To meet our needs this is far too small. Unless early means are found to change the situation we fear we shall in the near future suffer serious embarrassment because of our lack of men adequately prepared to meet demands. The Little Rock Conference should have thirty candidates at Hendrix College all the time.

Feeling, therefore, that the Church needs to look with ever increasing favor to the College and that College ties with the Church must be ever stronger, we recommend:

1. That the Little Rock Conference continue the program initiated at its last session in raising \$2500 for the education of ministerial students at Hendrix.

2. That the Church be urged to seek with great diligence to discover young men of parts who may be led to give themselves to the work of the ministry, and that the College be given every possible aid in securing students of promise and worth.

3. That we observe more carefully Section 7 of Paragraph 455 of the 1934 Discipline, to-wit: "To see that information concerning work of our schools and colleges and universities is given regularly in the Church through quarterly programs, thereby emphasizing the place and importance of these institutions in the educational system of our Church. It is recommended that the fifth Sunday be set apart for this program."

4. That when such fifth Sunday is observed each congregation may have an opportunity of contributing something for college maintenance. To increase the interest of our people in Hendrix they need to hear more often and more intimately about it, and they need to give systematically to it. We do not love in glowing generalities; we love specifically, and loving and giving go hand in hand. We cannot stress too highly the imperative need of our congregations giving the College a permanent place in their regular contributions. The need of Hendrix is continuous; it will grow with increasing demands for the future and such conditions can be successfully met only by regular, normal giving.

5. That the date for Hendrix College Week be referred to a committee composed of Chairman of Board and Presiding Elders.

6. That H. C. Couch, J. J. Harrison and Wilbur Gulley be elected to succeed themselves as members of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College.

7. That toward securing an adequately trained ministry, toward securing students of promise and worth, and toward securing adequate help for the College in its budget and capital accounts, we ask Dr. J. H. Reynolds and the Board of Trustees to lead the way. To them the Church pledges not only sympathetic interest, but as a Conference we will make an earnest and an honest effort to reach the ends needed and sought.—Leland Clegg, Chairman; R. B. Moore, Secretary.

REPORT OF CONFERENCE BOARD ON THE ORPHANAGE

We had before us the report of Dr. James Thomas, Superintendent of the Arkansas Methodist Orphanage, and wish to commend his careful business-like management of the Orphanage this year. We approve the plans for continuing the endowment campaign. We are glad to note that this is gradually growing and believe that under Dr. Thomas's

leadership a substantial sum will accrue to this fund within the next few years. We are happy to note that the Orphanage is still able to continue on a cash basis. We have two recommendations: (1) That our pastors and Methodist people use every opportunity possible to visit our home, feeling that once they have had an opportunity to see the home, they will forever be strong supporters. (2) That we set \$5,000 as our goal for the Christmas offering. This is a Christ-like offering that hurts no one and goes to one of the most sacred causes to which we give money. Let every Church School, every Missionary Society, every Young People's meeting, every preaching service on this Sunday be used for an opportunity for making contribution to this cause.—C. N. Baker, Chairman; J. M. Workman, Secretary.

REPORT NO. 2 OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

The year ending with this Conference in our missionary work has been in many respects satisfactory. From the best information we can secure, the pastors serving under our Board have had some measure of success and their achievements have been generally satisfactory and in some places outstanding.

We are still working on the idea of raising the charges that are being helped by your Conference Board of Missions to self-support and in some measure we have succeeded. In some places, we have been successful.

Reports from the General Board of Missions, as reported to your Board, shows a considerable improvement over a year ago, and we are happy to know that all of the Conferences from whom we have heard, are reporting additional collections which will help us in some measure to carry out the plans of the Board of Missions for a forward movement. We have consulted the Presiding Elders and with them agreed upon the dates for our Missionary Institutes, to-wit:

Little Rock District—February 1.
Pine Bluff District—February 2.
Monticello District—February 3.
Camden District—February 4.
Arkadelphia District—February 5.
Prescott District—February 8.
Texarkana District—February 9.

We had before us Mr. J. F. Rawls, Treasurer of the Board of Missions, and we were not only informed by him but we enjoyed his help in letting us into the light of conditions at Nashville and we take this method to thank the Board of Missions for sending him to us.

We have given thought to the program of the Missionary Council to be held in New Orleans in January. Our accredited delegates are Dr. W. C. Watson, President of the Conference Board of Missions, and Dr. James Thomas, Secretary.

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tary. In addition to these accredited delegates, we have elected the following delegates: Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Reves, Rev. and Mrs. J. L. Dedman, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Sadler, Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Baugh, Rev. and Mrs. J. F. Simmons, and Rev. Edward Harris and Rev. J. M. Hamilton. We hope that each of these delegates will take advantage of this occasion and attend this wonderful inspirational meeting.

We have elected and recommend to the Bishop his appointment, Rev. Neill Hart as Golden Cross director for this Conference.

James Thomas is elected Missionary Secretary and the Bishop is requested to appoint him to this office.

We have elected Rev. J. F. Taylor as Missionary of the Conference and recommend his appointment.

We reiterate our action of a year ago in selecting a hospital where we can use what we care to use from the Golden Cross money. We have selected Dr. James Thomas and Rev. H. D. Sadler as members of the Board of Managers of the Pastors' Summer School. We have received from C. E. Hayes, Conference Treasurer, \$4,076.70. We have made the following appropriations for the incoming year:

Arkadelphia District	\$565.00
Camden District	440.00
Little Rock District	450.00
Monticello District	450.00
Pine Bluff District	450.00
Prescott District	450.00
Texarkana District	500.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Total	\$3255.00

—James Thomas, Sec.-Treas.

REPORT NO. 1 OF CONFERENCE BOARD OF MISSIONS

Our College of Bishops has called for a great advance in Missions, the objective being to re-emphasize and reimburse the Church with the missionary and evangelistic passion and to strengthen our work in every field by liquidating the indebtedness of our Board of Missions. The Bishops themselves have assumed the leadership of such a movement and have designated Bishop Arthur J. Moore as General Director. This enterprise has the cooperation of the Board of Missions and the financial aspect has been approved by the General Commission on Budget.

Your Conference Board of Missions regards such an advance movement as timely and urgently needed in our Church. We believe it will be welcomed by our people. The current spirit of secularism and materialism, which dominates the world and even threatens the Church, can best be combatted by a revival among us of that vital spirituality which longs for the salvation of all men and finds expression in a vigorous policy of world evangelism.

Therefore, Be It Resolved: (1) That we welcome the leadership of the Bishops in the proposed undertaking, and pledge to them, and especially to Bishop Arthur J. Moore, the Director, our full cooperation in every aspect of the movement. (2) That we especially urge our preachers and people to participate in the great Rally to be held at Little Rock January 13, 1937, and in their charges heartily cooperate in all the cultivation plans that may be announced. (3) That we pledge to Rev. W. C. Watson, as Director for this Conference, our full support and cooperation.—W. C. Watson, Chairman; James Thomas, Sec.

RESOLUTIONS RECOMMENDING A VOTE ON UNIFICATION AT THE 1937 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Whereas, the Commissions on Unification from the Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Protestant Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, have agreed upon a plan of unification; and, Whereas, the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Protestant Church have voted favorably upon the plan; and, Whereas, the Annual Conferences of these two denominations are now taking the vote upon the plan; and, Whereas, the next General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, which will be held in 1938, will not be in a position either to prepare for the consummation of Unification in event the vote of our church is favorable, or to plan for the work of our denomination for the following quadrennium in event the vote is unfavorable, unless the vote on unification has been taken by the Annual Conferences prior to that time; therefore, be it

Resolved, First, That the Little Rock Annual Conference in session in Asbury Methodist church, Little Rock, Nov. 11-15, 1936, go on record as favoring a vote on the plan of Unification at the annual meeting in 1937; and,

Second, That we request the College of Bishops, in the interest of uniform action, to consider the advisability of recommending to all the Annual Conferences that the vote on the Plan of Unification be taken at the annual sessions during the year 1937.—J. Frank Simmons, Clem Baker, M. W. Miller.

REPORT OF BOARD OF LAY ACTIVITIES

Temperance and Social Service.—Your Conference Board most heartily commends the excellent course of study submitted for use in our Church-Schools during the year, and especially through the month of October.

This type of education on the use and effect of alcohol upon every phase of our activities, must be continued. We pledge our united effort in cooperation with the Board of Education in this educational work.

All forces for increasing the consumption of alcohol now arrayed against us, none is more powerful than the great advertising agencies now being employed by liquor interests. Not only the great newspapers but practically all our household magazines carry these advertisements. They are prepared by the most skillful advertising agencies in the country. We would not overlook mentioning as one of the most powerful of these agencies, the moving picture shows. Whether paid for as advertising or not the continual portrayal of drinking scenes in almost every picture shown creates the impression that drinking is the almost universal and conventional thing to do.

Pending a time when our educational efforts will ripen into fruitful action, a careful study of the whole question of control and law enforcement should be made. We are not unmindful of the fact that a large body of our own membership would at this time oppose the adoption of another prohibition amendment. This leads us to conclude that in every instance where legal prohibition is attempted in the cities and counties, the question of law enforcement should receive the

most careful study. Our ultimate goal is of course the complete banishment of intoxicating liquor as a beverage and to this end we pledge our most hearty cooperation and support. We nominate W. R. Jordan, J. B. Withee, J. H. Hollis, and A. C. Millar, as Conference Representatives on the Arkansas Anti-Saloon League.

Gambling—Never was the gambling mania more widespread in the land than at present. In legalizing certain forms of gambling, the state has contributed a large share to the creation of this condition. We call upon our legislature to repeal all forms of legalizing gambling and pledge to our law enforcement agencies our best efforts and co-operation in aiding to enforce anti-gambling laws.

Economic Security.—We commit ourselves to the task of creating wholesome and just economic relations between employer and employee. These groups each have rights which must be safe-guarded and protected in order that the interests of both may best be conserved.

Peace.—In a world torn with strife and threatened with another great war we would commend all properly directed efforts toward the establishment of World Peace.

Finances.—Your Board is gratified with the increase noted in the benevolent collections and salaries paid to our pastors.

We feel that the time is now at hand for a general advance in both these causes. Many of our churches, not burdened with debt, can increase materially their contribution to our benevolent causes. The salaries paid all of our pastors should, and we feel confident will, be increased in proportion to the increased ability of all our people.

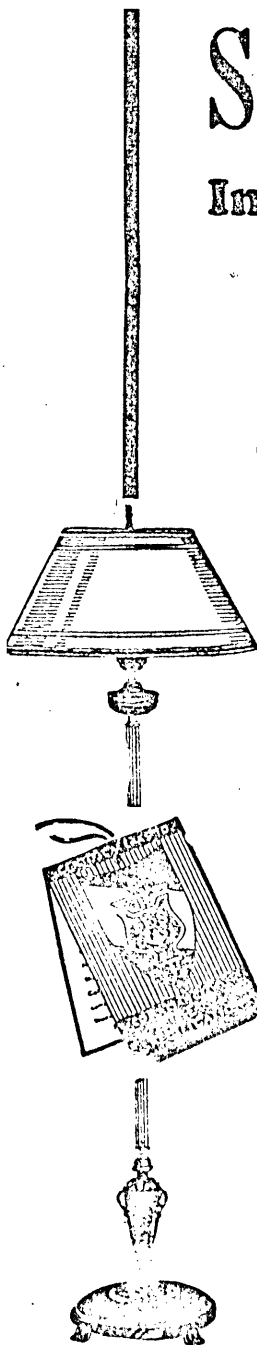
We realize fully that if these ends are to be achieved, careful cultivation and encouragement must be given through every avenue of our organization.

Your Board pledges the full strength of its organization in this work. It cannot be done at all except through the active cooperation of Presiding Elders and Pastors. This cooperation in the past has been most generous on the part of our ministry and we know that they will continue to work with us along all lines which promise the desired results.

We request both Presiding Elders and Pastors to use our organization whenever possible in carrying forward the work of the Church.

We recommend again the observance of Layman's Day, the second

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We nominate J. S. M. Cannon for Lay-Leader for the ensuing year and Sam T. Steel for Secretary-Treasurer.—W. E. Silliman, Chairman and Conference Lay-Leader.

REPORT OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN LITERATURE

The literature published by our Church is of the highest order. Our Church School periodicals are becoming more and more widely used, bringing the best in forward Christian thought to us. We urge that our new publication, "The Christian Home," be quickly brought to the attention of our people.

The New Hymnal, with carefully selected worship lore, merits our early personal ownership.

Our messenger, The Christian Advocate, should be liberally supported. It is essential to our wider knowledge and closer relationship.

The World Outlook is a vital link to our world at large. Its circulation should be increased.

Recommendations

The recommendations for the circulation of the Arkansas Methodist are as follows:

1. Continue \$1.00 rate, but club rate at 50 cents for 100% club.
2. Urge pastors to use January as circulation month and work for 100% clubs.
3. Insist on duty of all officials to take Conference Organ.
4. Recommend a reduction of the Askings to \$3,400.
5. Request election of same Commissioners and editor for one year.

We appreciate past sacrificial service of Dr. A. C. Millar. He has sacrificially stood for the highest ideals of the Methodist Church. We commend his present editorial leadership, and his clear vision of the social demands upon our Church. We are also grateful for the service rendered by our Commission during the past difficult years.—A. J. Christie, Chairman; W. R. Burks, Sec'y.

REPORT NO. 2 OF BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Before the Board we had President J. H. Reynolds and Dr. J. M. Williams representing Hendrix College; Dr. Boyd McKeown and Dr. J. Q. Schisler representing the General Board of Christian Education; Dr. A. C. Millar representing the Western Methodist Assembly; together with the reports of our Treasurer and the members of our Conference staff. Our Conference year-book, showing all the details of our Board's operation, will be placed in the hands of each preacher in the Conference; hence we confine this report to our recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That College Week be observed in each local church in the Conference and that \$2,500 be set as the goal for a free-will offering to be taken on that day to be used for a scholarship fund for Ministerial Education, and that the President of Hendrix College with the Executive Committee of the Board of Christian Education be responsible for the administration of this fund.
2. That we place greater emphasis this year than ever before upon the Christmas offering for the Orphanage, seeking to reach a goal of not less than \$5,000 from the churches of the Little Rock Conference.
3. That the goal and date for Young People's Anniversary be left to be determined by the Executive

Committee in conference with the Presiding Elders.

4. That the Conference accept \$3,000 as its goal for Church School Day offering and that we strive to secure an offering from every church in the Conference.

5. That our Presiding Elders be asked to serve as an Enrollment Committee to cooperate with the Board of Managers in securing attendance of all pastors at the 1937 session of the Arkansas Pastors' School.

6. That first emphasis be placed again this year upon our extension program in the interest of the rural churches of our Conference.

7. That we join the other Conferences of Southern Methodism in a campaign for increased membership in our Church Schools for a period beginning with this Conference and lasting until the session of our next General Conference.

8. That a Conference-wide meeting for Church School Superintendents and Pastors be held in Little Rock as early in the new year as can conveniently be arranged.

9. That J. H. Hollis be elected to represent the Little Rock Conference on the Board of Trustees of the Western Methodist Assembly.

10. That the following appointments be made: Professor Emory University, R. C. Rhodes; vice-president and Professor Hendrix College, C. J. Greene; Student Union Seminary, John William Hammons.

11. That Mrs. J. M. Stinson and Mrs. Tom McLean be added to the present Little Rock Conference representatives on the Board of Managers of the Arkansas Pastors' School.

12. That the Conference Commission on Budget make the following apportionments for the Board of Christian Education: \$6,242.00 for Hendrix College; \$6,242.00 for Conference promotion; \$750.00 for the Pastors' School.

We have appointed the following members on various committees and joint commissions: With the Board of Church Extension, Arthur Terry, C. M. Reves, and Fred G. Roebuck; Board of Managers for the Arkansas Pastors' School, Leland Clegg, Clem Baker, S. T. Baugh, Kenneth Spore and R. E. Fawcett; Joint Commission with North Arkansas Conference on Wesley Foundation, R. B. Moore, Leland Clegg, Clem Baker; with the Board of Missions, Leland Clegg, C. K. Wilkerson, and Clem Baker.

We have appointed the following Executive Committee: Leland Clegg, R. B. Moore, C. K. Wilkerson, Clem Baker, J. S. M. Cannon, C. E. Hayes, C. M. Reves, Mrs. Clay Smith, K. L. Spore.

We have appointed the following Nominating Committee: K. L. Spore, W. E. Silliman, C. D. Cade, C. E. Hayes, F. G. Roebuck.

We have elected Rev. Clem Baker as Executive-Extension Secretary and request the Bishop to appoint him to this office.

We have elected the following Division Directors: Children's Division, Miss Fae McRae; Young People's Division, Rev. Arthur Terry; Adult Division, J. S. M. Cannon.

Finally, we want to thank Bishop John M. Moore and all the members of this Conference for the splendid cooperation given our program throughout the past year and to pledge to this Conference our very best efforts in carrying on an even greater program during the coming year. The report of our Treasurer is before you in our year-book and

a copy is attached to this report.—Leland Clegg, chairman; R. B. Moore, secretary.

CONFERENCE BOARD OF FINANCE

Report No. 1

We are glad to report that we are able to make a substantial increase in the apportionments to our claimants for the year 1936-37.

We are also pleased to know that the General Board of Finance has been able to realize 3% net gain on invested funds of the General Board, and also on all our Conference Endowment fund, which they manage for us.

The following claimants have died during the year: Rev. T. O. Owen, and Rev. S. W. Rainey.

Recommendations

1. That the Little Rock Conference confirm the re-election of S. F. Hines as Commissioner and Trustee of the Little Rock Conference Board of Finance, Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with full authority to accept deeds to property for the said Board of Finance, and with full authority to execute deeds of conveyance for said Board of Finance as Commissioner and Trustee of same. Provided no deeds of conveyance shall be executed without the consent of this Board of Finance.

2. That our Conference acquiesce in the appointment of our presiding Bishop, John M. Moore, of M. W. Miller as Conference Director of Superannuate Endowment for the ensuing year.

3. That Rev. J. Frank Simmons be designated as our Conference representative at the proposed meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Board about March 1, 1937.—J. Frank Simmons, Chairman; M. W. Miller, Sec.-Treas.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING TULSA AS PLACE FOR GENERAL CONFERENCE

WHEREAS, The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, will convene in regular quadrennial session in May, 1938, at a time and place to be fixed by the Committee on Location of such Conference appointed at the last session thereof, namely: E. C. Watson, Chairman, Clarksburg, West Virginia; Harry Denman, Secretary, Birmingham, Alabama; J. W. Pittman, Corpus Christi, Texas; Peter Stokes, Charleston, South Carolina; J. Wesley Webdel, St. Louis, Missouri; the first three named being laymen, and the last two being clerical members of said committee; and, WHEREAS, The Boston Avenue Church, of Tulsa, Oklahoma, is now seeking to induce the holding of said session of the General Conference in that great church; and, WHEREAS, The said Boston Avenue church, so recently completed, is an ideal place for such use, having every spacious appointment and modern convenience, besides magnificent proportions, striking modernistic architecture, beauty of symbolism and artistic design; NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Little Rock Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in session assembled in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas, at this, the 1936 annual session of said Conference, that the invitation of the Boston Avenue Church, in requesting the Committee to accept its invitation and appointing Tulsa as the place for holding the General Conference for 1938, be accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

That a duly authenticated copy of this resolution be promptly furnished to said Committee, and to the Secretary of the Oklahoma of Oklahoma Annual Conference.

REPORT OF CHURCH EXTENSION

Your Conference Board has extended aid, where possible, to assist churches in paying debts of long standing, during the year. A considerable part of the aid extended during the past year, however, has been used in new construction in repairs of churches and parsonages.

The number of churches aided during the year is fifteen. The amount of aid extended including this meeting is, donation: \$2,165, loans, \$600.

Financial Statement

Donation Fund	
On hand last report	\$1,229.45
Receipts this year	1,264.83
Total	\$2,494.28
Donations during year	\$1,265.00
Donations this meeting	900.00
Balance on hand	329.28
	\$2,494.28
Loan Fund	
On hand last report	\$ 686.17
Received on loans	904.21
Total	\$1,590.38
Loans during year	\$ 600.00
Balance on hand	990.38
	\$1,590.38

—R. H. Cannon, Chairman
J. S. M. Cannon, Secretary

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF TREASURER OF BOARD OF MISSIONS

Amount on hand as reported at last Conference	\$ 416.00
Amount appropriated in the interim	279.16
Balance	\$ 136.84
Amount unused of \$400 appropriated for expense of delegates to the Missionary Council and office expense	\$ 238.88
Amount unused of \$400 appropriated for Miscellaneous	400.00
Total amount of unused money on hand at end of this Conference Year—1935-1936	\$ 775.72
Amount received from Conference Treasurer (income from Benevolences for this Conference year)	\$4,076.72
Balance on hand of unused money at end of Conference year ending November, 1936	775.72
Total	\$4,852.44
Amount of Appropriations at This Conference:	
Arkadelphia District	\$ 665.00
Camden District	440.00
Little Rock District	350.00
Monticello District	450.00
Pine Bluff District	450.00
Prescott District	560.00
Texarkana District	500.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Total	\$3,815.00
Balance on hand in reserve for Board of Missions	\$1,037.44

—James Thomas, Treasurer.
Auditor's Statement

To Board of Missions of Little Rock Conference: At the request of Dr. James Thomas, Treasurer, I submit herewith report of the audit of the books and accounts of Little Rock Conference Board of Missions for the fiscal year ending November 11, 1936.

I hereby certify that the attached statement correctly represents the financial condition of the Little Rock Conference Board of Missions.—R. G. McDaniel, Accountant.

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Arkansas Methodist Centennial Address 1836—1936

By JAS. A. ANDERSON, D.D., LL.D.
(Delivered at the Centenary Session
of the North Arkansas Conference.)

Mr. President and Dear Brethren: I count it one of the high honors of my life that I should have been asked to speak to you on this occasion. I feel myself inadequate for so great a task. But the responsibilities of the hour have not rested lightly upon my mind.

We are celebrating the Centenary of the organization of the Arkansas Annual Conference, this Annual Conference having been organized in Batesville, then a mere village, 100 years ago. We have had a glorious history, and God has wrought wonders through our agency but we hold the traditional position of Methodism that we Methodists have no monopoly of the Kingdom of God, and we joyfully recognize that in our work in Arkansas, as in almost all lands, we have had great allies in our brethren of other denominations, Roman Catholics, Episcopalians, Baptists, Presbyterians, Lutherans and still others. We hail them all and wish them God-speed.

It were manifestly impossible for me here to give you the merest outline of our history during these hundred years. That I have sought to do, under your order, in a History published this year. What I shall attempt here will be to take a look into the background of our Methodist religion and to indicate briefly the forces that have made us what we are.

But before entering directly upon that task, we pause to take a look at the land which God gave us when we came into Arkansas. The dignity of this occasion forbids us to indulge in any bombast; but we may say with all soberness that when God gave us Arkansas He gave us a great land, one of the most wonderful territories in all the world, albeit it was then an unconquered wilderness. When ancient Israel went to Canaan they entered upon no such inheritance.

We have more navigable streams than any other State in our Union. The waters of thirteen States either roll through Arkansas or along its borders. This means a vast amount of the richest soil in the world, by means of the silt which for thousands of years these rivers have been delivering to us. We have one county that produces over 200,000 bales of cotton.

Along with the mountains of Arkansas, it means also potential hydroelectric power unequalled in any other State. On account of our genial climate, it means also one of the greatest varieties of trees to be found in the world. We have in one of our towns, Crossett, what is said to be one of the finest lumber plants in the world. We have one of the great coal fields and one of the great oil fields of the world; one of the finest rice fields, one of the best fruit fields of the world; our great apple and grape region of Northwest Arkansas, our strawberry region, shipping hundreds of car loads every year, while a single peach orchard ships 1,700 car loads of peaches, and Hempstead County produces watermelons weighing 195 pounds. We produce 80% of the world's bauxite, from which your aluminum ware is made, with a wide range of other minerals, lead, zinc, kaolin, fine clays, marble, granite. Our Hot Springs has no

superior in the world as a health resort. We have the only diamond field in America. This, in brief, was the physical heritage God gave us, surely a goodly heritage.

Our fathers brought to this land a great Gospel, always the mightiest factor in any land, a Gospel which was an adequate answer to the deep longings of perplexed human souls.

All religions are concerned with just three things: To find a satisfactory relation with God; to find how to live with our fellowmen; to get some assurance as to what awaits us beyond the gates of death. Being so concerned, all religions are true; no religion is or can be false. We have been accustomed to hear of false religion and the true religion. The distinction itself is false. False religion is a contradiction of terms. To find a working relationship with God and a proper relationship to our fellowmen and to catch some gleams shining through the gates of death—these are the very deepest concerns in any human life; and no sincere effort to achieve these ends can be false, it matters not how benighted may be the seeker for such light. "God is no respecter of persons; but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." "For when the Gentiles, which have not the law, do by nature the things contained in the law, these, having not the law, are a law unto themselves", and they will be judged, not according to our light and opportunity, but according to the light they had and the sincerity that marked their efforts to follow that light. It is to be remembered always that the plan of salvation is not a system of technique, bound up with a set of historic facts and names; it is a body of broad moral principles, the substantial outlines of which are within the reach of every man who desires to know them. We do not preach the Gospel in pagan lands to open the possibility of salvation for its people; we preach to them for precisely the same reason that we preach at home—to increase their measure of light and to apply the incentives that lead to a good life. Mr. Wesley declared he expected to meet Socrates in heaven. He might have added the names of Buddha, Zoroaster, Confucius, and, we think, Mohammed, each of whom seems to have done his best with the light he had. For it is inconceivable that a good and just God should consign to perdition any man who has done his best. But if we must depend upon strict adherence to the technique of historic facts and names and forms, then none of us can be sure that he is safe. If this broad principle were clearly understood, there would be far less controversy even among Christian denominations.

The difference between religions is not that one is true and all the others false; it is that one may be adequate and the others defective; it is the difference between genuineness and utility. A religion is genuine in the measure of its sincerity; its utility, like the utility of anything else at all, depends upon what it will produce. By these tests Christianity at large and Methodism in particular are willing to be judged. And this brings us to a brief examination of the leading religions of the world. It will be found that none of them, except Christianity, affords us a satisfactory answer to our three-fold quest after God, after a proper relation to men, and for light on the eternal

future. Obviously there is time here for only a brief examination.

The history of religion has been a long one, as long as the history of the human family. The desire to know God, the wish for a rule of life among men and the yearning for some light on the eternal future, these are all native to the human heart; and so "man is incurably religious." The cry of Job, "O that I knew where I might find him," and the cry of St. Augustine, "My heart was made for thee, O God, and is ever restless till I find thee", are in some measure the cry of every human being. The anti-religious experiment now being tried in Russia and in modified form in some other totalitarian States is infallibly doomed to failure, for neither Stalin nor Hitler nor Mussolini can abolish the essential elements of human nature.

So far as human records reach into the past, religious history began in Egypt, perhaps 6,000 years ago. Its ancient forms, amid many changes, persisted for forty centuries. Beyond all doubt there were mighty strivings of perplexed human souls, as witness the unparalleled massiveness of her temples, whose colossal ruins are to be found at Thebes, Karnak, Luxor and Heliopolis, while the Sphinx watches the pyramids and tombs and mummies which testify to a longing for immortality. But what was the fruit of it all? It may with truth be said that their Book of the Dead, recording its Oath of Clearance, shows that in its highest mood Egypt reached a high moral ideal. But how could its ideals be enforced so long as Egypt had anywhere from 500 to 1,200 gods, whose demands were often in conflict. Moreover, the geographic position of Egypt made it an isolated land, and so it made but slight contribution to the world's religious thought. It is to Asia we must look for this.

When we turn to Asia, the sons of Shem, the Semites, are in control. They are Chaldeans, Assyrians, Phenicians, Hebrews. For thousands of years the genius of this

great race directed the destinies of the world politically and religiously. The scepter of power remained in their hands till it was wrenched from them by Cyrus the Great King of Persia, when it passed into the hands of the sons of Japheth, where it remains to this hour.

The early thrones of power were in Babylon and Nineveh. We get glimpses of them from the Bible, and the labors of explorers for the last hundred years have unearthed vast quantities of their records in tablets and monuments. They disclose age-old efforts to find God, to find a good way of life, to find some gleam streaming through the gates of death. It was a search that lasted through 1,500 years of time. The days of Hammurabi are its high spot, some 2,000 years before our era. He was the first of great empire builders. The first of great conquerors, the first of great law-givers. His system, together with the Babylonian theory of the world and Babylonian folk-lore, have a striking resemblance to the early chapters of Genesis. When Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees, he inevitably carried with him the folk-lore of his ancestors. He and his posterity sifted out of it its cruder elements, and yet this folklore necessarily remained the folk-lore of the Hebrew people, else they would have had none at all, and it became the framework of our earliest revelations. But the Babylonians never found a righteous and merciful god. Their Marduc, the Merodac of our Bible, required a high plane of justice and much that we can approve; their prayers and hymns ascribe to him a high character, yet a character and a nature far below the attributes of our Lord. Babylonian religion was permeated through and through with sorcery, magic, superstition, while its temples swarmed with a greedy and corrupt priesthood. The migration of Abraham had as its motive an escape from the corruptions of his native land. He sought another country and a better life.

If we turn to the religions of



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India, we find Brahmanism and Buddhism. The first is an inter-minal fog of metaphysical speculation, touched often with flashes of light, yet remaining a fog, for all that; a fog in which many millions of human generations have walked all their life time in bondage through fear of death. The only deliverance it promises is a loss of personality, the falling at last of each individual soul into an impersonal world-soul, as a drop of water falls into the sea. Moreover, Brahmanism has its terrible caste system, leaving the great masses of India without even such hope as their system contains for themselves. Knowledge in itself is not salvation. This knowledge may be a mixture of philosophy and magic, but, in any case, the sunken masses have not knowledge.

Buddhism was the reformation of Brahmanism. And here is the noblest of all pagan faiths, the nearest approach we know to the moral system of the Bible; full of tenderness toward all forms of life, human and animal; fostering a spirit of love and good works. It is inconceivable that Almighty God stood quite apart from a man like Gautama, the Buddha, amid his toils and sacrifices, his efforts to find the true way. Yet Buddha never found God, lost Him, in fact, in his interest in men and other creatures. His was the first great humanism, very noble, the noblest the world had known, but humanism still, ending at last where Brahmanism ends, the hope of falling into Nirvana, which is a vague nothing.

Confucius was practically contemporaneous with Buddha, about five centuries before Christ. His also was a system of humanism. Like Buddha and like Mohammed, ceasing to believe in the gods his people worshiped, he supplied a faith that registered a distinct advance toward the light, a faith that has been a great blessing to China, lifting that great people to a far higher level of morality, a morality not far below our own. Yet under this system, as under Buddhism, a man must work out his own salvation with no God to aid any comfort.

Mohammedanism, like the two systems just mentioned, like the systems of all prophets, was wrought out through great tribulations. Its founder, though on occasion he could be ruthless enough, was not the bloody brute of current tradition, and he furnished a system of morals far above what it supplanted. His was "one God", with Mohammed his Prophet. But a tender and blessed fellowship with God his people never knew, nor know it now.

We pass to Persia, then a land of splendor, of roses and rugs, of poetry and perfumes; a land of great names: Cyrus, Artaxerxes, Darius, Xerxes, the Ahasuerus of our Bible and of the story of Esther, bridges the Hellespont and leads a million of men for the conquest of Greece and of the world. Darius faces Alexander the Great with a million of men on the field of Arbela, where his power broke under the impact of the Greek phalanx. It was Cyrus who finally broke the power of the Semitic race and passed the scepter into Aryan hands. Their prophet is Zoroaster, like all prophets, a great sufferer, but one of the great names of history. His was a very noble struggle; his a high morality, a vast blessing to many millions through many generations. And yet it is a system of divided sovereignty be-

tween good and evil, never finding a God to whose power all evil must at last succumb. There rings through it that agonizing cry of its founder, "tell it to me truly, Lord, tell it to me". The Wise Men of the East, who come to the birth of our Saviour, were still searching for the light for which Zoroaster longed when Isaiah was a prophet in Jerusalem.

And what shall we say of Greece and Rome? They humanized their gods; gave them all the virtues and vices of men. Mount Olympus was a place of power, of wisdom, of reveling and lust. The poets, artists, and philosophers of Greece were her prophets. To a great height did they carry their art. Greek temples are to this hour the last word in such forms of architecture as they adopted. Plato and Aristotle laid out the laws of thought that still govern the world. Their poets came very near monotheism, as did their philosophers. Socrates prayed to Pan, but he prayed also to God, asking whatever was best. He held that no evil can come to a good man either in life or after death. Aeschylus enthrones Zeus above all the gods and above fate. Plato with his conception of "eternal excellence" came very near our conception of God. Love of knowledge and true wisdom is religion and salvation. "Dig deep enough into yourself and you will find the ideal of the good, the unity of power and beauty and rightness, the author of all being." But Plato's conception was too far above the stars; he could not by his method bring God down to the souls of struggling men. Had he been able to do so, it is conceivable that the incarnation might have taken place in Greece four hundred years before it came in Judea. The Greeks knew nothing about sin, about repentance, and for them, after all their wise men had said, religion and morality were two different things.

As for the Romans, their religion was a copy of that of Greece and no improvement upon its original. Their high spot was their Stoic Philosophy, backed by remorseless Fate. Things are to be accepted as they are, and adversity is to be defied; we are to freeze up against the Universe. But Cato, their great apostle of stoicism, at last finds that the waves roll too high; and slips out the back door of life by suiciding.

Against such a background we are to throw up our revelation. Unlike other revelations, it does not unfold itself all at once. "God who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son." The God of the Hebrews was a tribal God for the patriarchs made universal by the prophets. He is touched with mercy, but yet a stern judge. Clouds and darkness and thunder of Sinai are his symbol. But he is a righteous God and he is One Lord. He can be placated and will grant forgiveness of sin to the contrite in heart. Not the least of his qualities, He is a Covenant God, with whom you may enter into a sure agreement.

And it is against this immediate background that the fabric of our Gospel is erected. This Gospel has much to add to what has gone before. Its God has all the attributes of the Hebrew God, but he is more. He loves, loves with an everlasting love. Love is His name. He is not merely a ruler; He is a Father, so tender that the very hairs of your

head are all numbered. He is not an absentee God, merely up in Heaven; He seeks to be a companion and wants constant fellowship with you. He makes himself known to you by His own Spirit that dwells within you and guides and comforts you. He adopts you into the heavenly family, while you cry Abba, Father. He imbeds within you principles that teach you how to live with your fellowmen. He opens the gates of eternity and shows you the Eternal City, the Father's House with many mansions.

We are come at last to the answers to our three problems of all religion: We have found God; we have found a way of life among men; we have immortality brought to light. But are these things true? Did the men of the New Testament know what they were talking about? There were never on earth men who were more certain about it, certain that they had found the Lord and had entered into the most complete fellowship with Him. No otherwise could they have made head against a gainsaying and sinking world.

Now the high spot in all this is this certainty about God and about our conscious fellowship with Him. Call it mysticism, if one will; but there was never a man who was not a mystic. A mystic is one that knows something to the knowledge of which he did not come either by any process of reasoning or by any sense perception, something that he knows in the innermost soul of him and all men rely upon some such knowledge. Immanuel Kant was right; we have other means of knowing things than by reason. The heart has reasons of its own and may have immediate knowledge beyond the reach of reason. And surely there is nothing unreasonable in the belief that spirit with spirit may communion hold, least of all, in the belief that an Infinite Creator-Spirit may hold communion with spirits of His own creation.

As this is the high spot of New Testament religion, it is also the high spot of Methodist religion. With all his learning, his zeal and other equipment John Wesley got nowhere with his ministerial work till he found this spot. Rather he made a mess of things, as he did at Wroote in England and at Savannah in America. For thirteen years as a preacher he had tried the various forms of religious living, legalism, ritualism, sacramentalism, sacerdotalism and what not. The doctrine of a sure and conscious relationship with God had been well nigh lost out of the Christian world.

Wesley learned it from the Moravians, who insistently preached it. Aside from them, a few choice souls knew there was such a thing. Susannah Wesley told her son John that she knew about it, but supposed that such was the privilege of those who had come to a very high state of grace. She said that her father, Dr. Annesley, also knew

about it, but held the same view. The mind of the average Christian was expressed by these words:

"It is a thing I long to know,
Oft it gives me anxious thought,
Do I love the Lord or no?
Am I His or am I not?"

But the Wesleyan revival sent a thrill of rapturous joy through England, for Wesley brought in a new note:

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The signs infallible.

"Exults our rising soul,
Disburdened of her load,
And swells unutterably full
Of glory and of God."

It was the recovery of this doctrine that made our Methodism. The historian Lecky was right when he declared that the conversion of Wesley dated a new epoch in the history of the English-speaking race and that thereafter the preaching of Wesley in England was of greater importance than all the battles won by Pitt on land and sea. The clock of the ages struck at a quarter to nine that night of May 28, 1738, as John Wesley sat in that Moravian meeting house in Aldersgate Street, London, and realized for the first time in his life that he had come into conscious relation with God. Thenceforth the Witness of the Spirit became the distinctive doctrine of Methodism; and, thanks be to God, the preaching of Wesley spread it into all the evangelical churches.

It was this gospel our fathers brought into the wilderness of Arkansas. Conviction of sin, repentance, faith, regeneration and the witness of the Spirit—these were the staple of their gospel. And they knew whereof they spoke. Without such sure knowledge we should never have had any Methodism either in England or America. It was this that made as great heroes as any in Christian history of Eli



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Lindsey, William Stephenson, John Harris, John Harrell, Burrell Lee, W. P. Ratcliffe, Andrew Hunter, John C. Parker, John J. Roberts, A. R. Winfield and the host of Methodist preachers that have followed them, covering the State of Arkansas with churches and schools and religious families. It is this that has brought us gloriously through the hundred years and more through which we have passed. It is to this point I have been driving in all that I have said on this occasion: That it is by this sign of the certainty of these things, if by any sign at all, that the Methodism of the past has won its conquests and only by the same sign can the Methodism of the future into which we are now entering, hope to conquer. May the God of our fathers help us to hold to it. For not for a 100 years has Christianity been faced with so great a challenge as we face now. Our whole economic and industrial order must be changed, else we go on the rocks. And half the so-called Christian world is anti-Christian. Russia, Germany, Italy, Spain and Mexico, all are either totally or partially arrayed against Christianity and the Church. No rose-water gospel, no intellectualism, no "evening with the poets" will save us. What the Church of today needs is a new discovery of God, bringing conviction, deep and pungent conviction, of sin, repentance, faith, regeneration and the sure and conscious witness of God's Spirit that we are born of God. The revival of the 18th Century did precisely this, and only such a revival can do it once more.

In the Crusade, soon to be opened among Methodist people, led by our Bishops, it is part of the program that every Methodist in the world is to be on his knees at a quarter to 9 o'clock on the night of the 28th of next May, praying for this very thing. Surely we will join in that ecumenical prayer and mean time dedicate our lives anew to this task.

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CUSHMAN AUXILIARY

The Week of Prayer was observed by the women of Cushman, November 4, 5, and 6. The program for Wednesday was Hiroshima School for Girls in Japan. Thursday, We are workers together and Friday an all day retreat at the home of Mrs. W. P. Dobson.

The leaders for the various programs were, Mrs. Annie Kimmer, Mrs. Lizzie Rogers and Mrs. Ruby Nelson.

The offering which we received during the Week of Prayer will go to several rural specials and the Foreign Special to benefit from it, is the Hiroshima School for Girls in Japan.—Pauline Nelley, Corresponding Secretary.

ZONE MEETING AT TEXARKANA

Zone No. 2 met Nov. 10, 2:30 P. M., in the parlors at the First Methodist church, Mrs. W. H. Messiner, Zone chairman, presiding.

Mrs. Messiner was re-elected chairman. Mrs. Robt. Bochmer, secretary.

Mrs. Walker gave the Devotional Scripture lesson Isa. 2:1-4. Subject, World Peace. She stressed the thought of paying the price for everything, especially world peace.

The story of a courageous soldier, Mrs. Forehand.

Mrs. C. M. Roberson sang very beautifully, "How Beautiful Upon the Mountain."

Mrs. Messiner gave a talk on Peace from the World Outlook.

Mrs. Reasons gave a talk on What Would Jesus do in the Present Crisis.

Miss Hollis Buie, a missionary from Korea, gave an interesting talk on her work in Korea, also had an interesting display of articles from Korea.

The ladies of the First Methodist church served tea to those present.—Mrs. Robert Bochmer, sec.

BETHLEHEM AUXILIARY

The Bethlehem Missionary Society met at the church the third of November, for their monthly meeting, with ten members present. Bad weather interfered with attendance, but dues and pledges were 100%.

As our first full year of missionary works ends, we feel very grateful to our president (Mrs. Mary Cochran) and members, also our good pastor and wife, Bro. and Mrs. Cannon for the full co-operation each one has given, to make it a profitable year.

The missionary women have paid \$115.00 on our pastor's salary this year, \$8.00 to Conference Treasurer and we hope in time we may be able to increase that amount. But we are small in number and have a large church to keep, so we are using a considerable sum of money at home. We are very proud to report our pastor out in full from this church. The following officers will be installed at our next meeting, to serve us the coming year:

Pres., Mrs. Maud Fawcett; vice-pres., Mrs. Pearl Glover; recording sec., Mrs. Gertrude Baldwin; treas., Mrs. Susie Bedell; corres. sec., Mrs. Rad Mitchell; Mrs. Lillie Tedford, Supt of publicity. Committees: So-

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Helena District, January 29, 1937.

TO ALL PASTORS AND PRESID- ING ELDERS

We have recently discovered that there are superannuated preachers who are without a copy of the Centennial History of Methodism in Arkansas. They have wanted the History and have felt unable to buy it. There are, probably, also widows of deceased preachers in the same situation. We want the name and address of every such superannuate or deceased preacher's widow. Send the name to me at Conway. We are hoping that some good layman, one or more, will help us to find a way to supply these dear people with a copy each of the History. It would be difficult to think of a service that would give more pleasure to these old people, who would thus be enabled often to live over again the history in the making of which they have toiled and sacrificed. We ought to get a book to each one of them before Christmas. Dear Brethren, please attend to this at once.—Jas. A. Anderson.

FIRST CHURCH, HOT SPRINGS

October has been a very busy month for First Church, Hot Springs. During this month under the leadership of our fine pastor, Rev. J. L. Dedman, the church had its Harvest Day Program, Rally Day, Installation service for the Church School officers and teachers, Childhood and Youth Week observance, and missionary programs by the various Missionary Circles.

One of the most helpful things the church has ever experienced was its Harvest Day Program, rendered October 7, at 6:30 P. M. Following the delicious meal, served by the James Kirk Missionary Circle, reports were given by the heads of the various organizations of the church. Preceding the reports, Bro. Dedman conducted a devotional, carrying out the Harvest idea. Roy Smith, chairman of the Board of Stewards, gave a fine resume of the

cial; Mrs. Mabel Thompson, Mrs. Mollie Cochran, Mrs. Golden Tedford. Program committee, Mrs. Lillie Tedford, Mrs. Bessie Terford.

PARKIN AUXILIARY

We are still having good attendance at all meetings. We had such a fine week of prayer last week. We met each day in the different homes and the offering was \$15.00. These meetings were inspirational. Last Tuesday was our regular business meeting. We attended to our business, then had our prayer service. It was a bad rainy day and we went twelve miles in the country for the meeting, but there were twenty good Christian Soldiers in attendance. We have our pastor, Bro. Sewell, back for the year.

We are meeting our obligations, and all debts as they fall due, regularly and also help the unfortunate. We are so thankful for success through God's guidance. —Mrs. W. C. Drummmond, Supt. of Pub.

board's work during the year. Thomas Stone, finance chairman, analyzed the financial situation of the church. Mrs. H. King Wade, chairman of the Board of Christian Education, told how this board operates and what it does for the educational program of the church. H. W. Jinske, superintendent of the Church School, told how the Church School was organized and called attention to its place in the church's program and the spiritual and social aims it strives to reach. Mrs. F. M. Williams, teacher of one of the Bible Classes, gave a clear explanation of the Benevolent dollar. John Summers, the church organist, discussed the choir and its work, showing how it contributes to real worship.

Last but not least, Mrs. C. H. Nims, president of the Woman's Missionary Society, showed how this organization is contributing to the saving of a lost world.

Childhood and Youth week was observed between October 18 and 25. During this time teachers and officers made many personal calls in homes of children. One of the fine outcomes of these calls is the organization of the mothers of the children in the Nursery and Beginners Departments into a mother's club. Mrs. J. Q. Holder, superintendent of the Beginners Department, is the advisor of the club.

The crowning point of the observance was an excellent radio address by Mrs. J. L. Dedman, October 23, on the topic "Christian Growth in the Home." Mrs. Dedman pointed out the need of religious training in the home, showing that every child is entitled to a home governed by Christian influence. She also stated that the personal example of parents has a profound influence on shaping the child's religious life.—Henry W. Jinske, Reporter.

A CITY WIDE REVIVAL AT PORTLAND

During the period October 25 to November 8, this community enjoyed the cooperative fellowship of all the Christian people in a "union" revival. The two local pastors, Rev. L. D. Kimberly of the Baptist church and Rev. R. E. Simpson of the Methodist church, had charge of the services. Mr. Simpson preached the evenings of the first week and the mornings of the second week. Mr. Kimberly preached the mornings of the first week and the evenings of the second week. Mr. W. P. Forbess, evangelistic singer of Little Rock, led the song services and conducted special services during the two weeks with the children and young people.

Although this was the "busy" season for our merchants, every store was closed for one hour during the morning services in the second week and there was also the highest co-operation on the part of the school. One morning they came in a body, 350 strong.

Thirty made their decisions, 20 uniting with the Methodist church, 10 with the Baptist church. Every young person in the community, twenty-two, joined the churches. Among this number was a young Chinese, Yim Yen Gim, who accepted Christ and joined the Baptist church.

This revival is unanimously recognized as the best ever conducted in the community, and much good accomplished cannot be estimated in words or figures. All services were held in the Methodist church because of seating capacity and heating arrangement.—Reporter.

PREDICTS NEXT LEGISLATURE WILL BE OVERWHELM- INGLY DRY

Many of your readers may be unaware of it, but the dries in Arkansas won a tremendous victory in the primary election August 9th. From what I can gather from press reports, practically every one of the seventy-five counties will send one or more dry delegates to the legislature in January. Every dry was made to rejoice and take courage when the daddy of the Thorn liquor law was overwhelmingly defeated by a life-long dry, Christian gentleman. Then the dries won another victory in the governor's race when the wholesale and retail liquor dealers' candidate for governor was defeated by a clean-cut, fearless, Christian citizen who will give us a square deal on the obnoxious, stinking hell holes in this state.

Recently one Saturday afternoon on a side street in a large city there were forty-five men in line by actual count. A stranger in the city asked a nearby merchant, "What's all the excitement around the corner? Working men drawing their checks?" "Yes" drawled the merchant, "Working men trying to check their appetites by that damnable alcohol. They are down there in that d—— saloon spending their week's wages for liquor, and then will come up here and ask me to sell them groceries on credit."

The merchant told a plenty in that short statement, but he didn't tell half the story. He didn't tell about the children in the homes of those forty-five men and hundreds of other homes, as there were over 200 saloons in the city, being underfed, undernourished, almost naked, in need of medical care, destitute. Neither did the merchant tell about the wife beatings and abusings, and the child cruelty and brutality in those homes. Then church members will vote for and support with their tongues and influence the New Deal hell holes and garbage joints and then strut around and act as though they are just about ready to sprout wings. They are mistaken. They aren't wings. They are horns and tails.

A loveable character, a devout consecrated Christian, a good father, husband and citizen recently said: "Oh, I am so happy that liquor has been voted out of my county. I created a desire for it before I joined the church fifteen years ago, and my biggest temptation during these fifteen years has been liquor. There hasn't a drop gone to my lips, however, during these years, but when these liquor stores came back, and I had to pass them daily it was the struggle of my life not to yield, but I thank God and the good people of my county who helped me by voting out my biggest temptation."

Yes, and there are a million others like this man who are struggling against the temptations from these New Deal hell holes, and many of them, without sufficient strength and stamina, are yielding, and they, as did the above man, are looking to us for help, and they, too, will thank us and God when we rise up in the strength of our manhood, decency and compassion and vote

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the blighting, stinking, hell holes from our county, state and nation. —Jay W. C. Moore, in Arkansas Gazette.

"THE EMERGENCY IS PAST!"

The story below, borrowed from the Kansas City Star, is submitted without note or comment.

Any word of ours would merely cloud the bright, revealing ray which the story, whether it really happened or not, turns on the "thinking" of conservatives and radicals alike, in these times of confusion—especially self-confusion.

The recent oil development in Louisiana happened to include a piece of previously worthless land owned by a former Huey Long lieutenant, who had been active in the Share-the-Wealth movement. A Kansas City man recently asked the fortunate oil chap whether he was still a leader in Share-the-Wealth.

"Not on your life," was the reply. "The depression is over, the emergency is passed, and I don't see need to keep on with the movement." —Central Christian Advocate.

JOHN BARLEYCORN'S COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE

The regular monthly report of the Federal Treasury Department for the month of May, 1936, shows an increase in tax receipts from domestic and distilled spirits, from wines and cordials, from fermented malt liquors, and from brewers malt and grape concentrates, compared with May, 1935. For the same time there has been a decrease in collections from sales of automobiles and motorcycles, tires and tubes, lubricating oils, gasoline, radios, mechanical refrigerators, telephone and telegraph messages, sporting goods, and from theater and other admission taxes. The largest dollar increase is on beer, amounting to just under five millions; the largest dollar decrease is on gasoline, amounting to a little more than a quarter as much.

While these figures may not afford a basis for any definite conclusions, they do point significantly to the peculiar competitive advantage that liquor sellers have over dealers in other commodities. This advantage arises from the craving of drug addiction. Habit, as the word is commonly used, is customary behavior established by and based upon frequent repetition. The craving for narcotic drugs is based upon a physical demand which often is greater than any other physical or mental desire. Relief records reveal cases where relief clients have traded their food and clothing orders at heavy discount for intoxicants, thereby leaving themselves and families destitute of the bare necessities, not because the liquor addict was mean or selfish, but because he was in the grip of an uncontrollable craving, the result not of a normal necessity, but of an abnormal addiction.

This commercial advantage of the liquor dealer over all other merchants is reflected in the figures quoted above. Taxes on beer jumped nearly five million dollars, showing a large increase in the consumption of beer, because the will of the beer addict had been shriveled and atrophied by alcohol. His normal physical and moral resistance had crumbled. Gasoline taxes declined nearly a million and a half, because the evening spin with the

family was only a pleasant habit and not a deadly craving.

John Barleycorn's stranglehold on his customer costs legitimate trade billions annually.—W. G. Calderwood.

THE "GOOD" OLD TIMES

In these days of luxurious living, both city and rural, we have no occasion for complaining about "Hard Times." Here is the way a pioneer citizen of Faulkner county talks about the experience of the hardy men and women who have helped to "Build Arkansas"—

"No, present times ain't hard. So don't talk to me about hard times. I was born eight miles from a railroad, five miles from a schoolhouse, nine miles from a church, 1,000 miles from New York, 200 yards from a wash hole and fifteen feet from a corn field.

"Our nearest neighbors lived two miles away and they couldn't read or write. I never saw a suit of underwear until I was seventeen years old, and that revelation didn't belong to anybody in our family. The only books in the house were a Bible and a catalog.

"There were twelve members in our family, but you see, we had three rooms to live in, including dining room, which was a kitchen also. Everybody worked at our house. We thought everybody else in the world had gravy and bread for breakfast, liver and cracklin' hoecake for dinner, buttermilk and corn pone for supper, 'cause that's what we had.

"Some of us wore brogan shoes occasionally in the winter time. We had nice white shirts for summertime use. We slept on straw ticks and pillows were not thought of or required. I didn't know money would rattle until I was nearly grown. Father got two half dollars at the same time, and let us hear them rattle. Taxes were no higher, but harder to pay.

"We owned two kerosene lamps, neither of which had a chimney. Our house wasn't ceiled, but two of our rooms had lofts in them. We had a glass window in our 'company' room. Our nicest piece of furniture was a home-made rocking chair. Our beds were of the slat or tight-rope variety.

"We went to school two or three months each year; we raised chickens for the preachers to eat; we had heard of cheese, but never saw any. We knew of some store-bought clothes, but never did hope to possess them."—Conway News.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA SHOWS THE WAY

(Closing Paragraphs of Dr. W. Harold Young's Fraternal Address to General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Columbus, Ohio.)

In all I have been saying today, I have been speaking to you as the representative of a sister church. In this closing word, may I say one word to you as the representative of a sister nation, for I stand here before you as a citizen of that commonwealth of nations that we speak of as the British Empire; and my plea would be just this: that by every means within our power we should labor to cement the bonds of understanding and of friendliness between these two great English-speaking peoples of the earth. (The delegates arose and applauded).

The things, the ideals we have tried to live for for centuries, the very ideals in which your nation had its birth, are under such attack

as they have never been subjected to in modern times before. In one thing only, fathers and brethren, is there any real chance of their survival.

In the things which greatly matter, the Stars and Stripes and the Union Jack should remain forever entwined and the two great English-speaking peoples of the earth should stand as one on all the moral questions which confront mankind. The time is upon us when only by a high and perhaps by a costly loyalty to the most genuine Christian idealism can a future of any worth be assured to mankind.

Surveying the life of the world today, one is increasingly conscious that it is in the English-speaking peoples that there lies the best chance of the emergence of that type of loyalty, and that only by our united service of that type of loyalty can it be effective for the saving of the world.

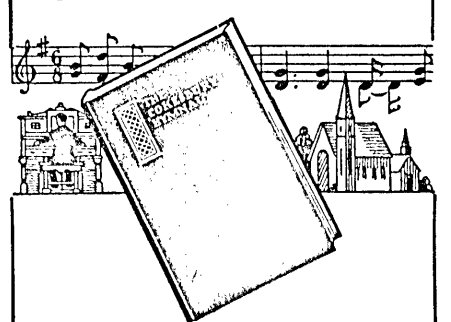
Men and brethren, in all the things that greatly matter, we are one. Whatever can divide two peoples who have in common the cultural and spiritual heritage that is represented by the names of Chaucer and Wyclif, of Ridley, of Shakespeare, of Milton, of John Wesley and John Knox? May we ever realize our essential oneness and live by it, and live with it—for in that, justice and freedom and decency among men, and Jesus Christ and his dreams, have their best chance in this troubled world today.

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The Transportation Conference of 1933-5, 38 South Dearborn St., Chicago, sent an inquiry to hundreds of chambers of commerce and trade groups asking their frank opinion on government ownership and operation of the railroad industry. The replies have now been published in a volume of more than 700 pages. The trade associations and chambers of commerce represented covered the 48 states of the nation. Their membership includes the big and little business men who furnish a major portion of the employment of the country.

The astounding part about the replies is not that they were against government ownership of the railroad industry, but the emphatic manner in which they went into specific detail as to why they were against it. Such an array of opposition of intelligent citizens to the adoption of a national policy which would change our basic theory of government, cannot be ignored.

The following quotation from the Lynn, Massachusetts, Chamber of Commerce is typical:

"We believe that government ownership of railroads would be inimical to the public interest due to the fact that such a movement would set up the greatest bureaucratic organization in the country, controlled by politicians who would not have the interest of the people at heart.

"Such a movement would also tend largely to encourage further inroads of government into business, which would eventually lead to state socialism.

"The operation of the railroads by the government during the war gives an excellent example of how efficiency is decreased when government operation is compared with private operation."

The Transportation Conference has rendered a public service in making available these expressions of opinion from 48 states on the question of government ownership of transportation which affects every city, town, hamlet and individual in the land.—Industrial News Review.

THEIR CONTRIBUTION

Have the railroads failed in their contribution to the country's development and social welfare? Some of you have lived in communities when the railroads first came. You have therefore seen what that coming meant. It meant increased values of land and a greater market for products of farms. It has meant small and large industries; it has meant increased population, larger payrolls, better homes, better schools and churches, higher standards of living.

In the course of all these things the railroads through their various agencies have had a major part. To whom have communities intuitively turned and to whom yet do they turn when help is needed in times of great catastrophe, floods, and famine? To whom, when some great industrial enterprise is looking for a location, do you immediately turn for help—your railroads—for who has responded to all these things more freely? What agency, in addition to all these things, contributes more substantially to the cost of government?—J. B. Hill, President, Louisville & Nashville Railroad.

READY MONEY

A financial commentator recently spoke of the "frictionless" system built up by our great stock exchanges to facilitate the buying and selling of securities. He then drew an interesting comparison between selling a farm and selling shares of a listed stock.

The person who owns the farm decides upon an asking price. He then must search for a buyer—which may take months or years. Once the buyer is found, a period of bargaining ensues, before a selling price is agreed upon. Lawyers are called in, the title is searched, formidable looking and expensive legal documents are required, and a brokerage fee ranging from 2½ to 6 per cent must be paid. At last the transaction is consummated.

The person wishing to sell a listed security, on the other hand, hardly has to consider the time element at all. By looking in his newspaper he can immediately ascertain what price is being offered for the stock. If that price is satisfactory to him, he instructs his broker to sell "at the market." In a few minutes the transaction is over. He pays the broker a small fee—and has his money.

He has suffered no delay, as in the case of real estate, which does not enjoy the advantages of an organized market, he has not had to hunt a buyer, and has had no worries as to title.

Transactions on the stock exchange are miraculously simple—a simplicity achieved by a vast and amazingly efficient organization. No institution could be more mobile, or operate at a smaller cost to the investor.—Industrial News Review.

PITUITARY PASSION

If poets paid any attent to scientific facts and governed their fancies accordingly (which they don't), they would be upset no end, for example, by the physiological fact that the heart has nothing whatever to do with the emotions or affections. That vital organ is now known to be nothing but a pump, and its only function is to keep the blood circulating. It cannot thrill, yearn, burn, ache, bow down, lift up, or do any of the things we have been hearing about it for ages.

Physiologists believe that the seat of the affections is in the "pituitary gland," a tiny organ located at the base of the brain. The pituitary secretes and injects into the bloodstream chemical substances called "hormones," which are capable of exerting powerful effects that are not fully understood.

The endearing old expression, "sweetheart," alas, must be abandoned as incorrect, misleading, and utterly unscientific! How the poets and song-writers can carry on without using the word "heart" in the traditional sense of their craft, is hard to imagine. They're going to be frightfully handicapped. Anent this, Walter S. Wheeler, editor and poet of "The Optimist," house magazine of the Campbell Soup Company, shows how the rollicking (but strictly scientific) lover of the future may address a few poetic lines to his girl friend:

"The years were young when first we met, where moonbeams turned the world to gold; I thought to love and then forget the sweetest story ever told. We kissed and then I sailed away, but left within your little hand, to hold forever and a day, my own pituitary gland!

"I thought that time would soon

erase the fragrance of your dusky hair, but moonlight aureoled your face as I sailed off and left you there, and now no surging of the sea, no billows that between us roll, can ever make me fancy-free, nor e'en pituitary-whole!

"Ah, sweet-pituitary mine, each hormone in my leaping blood sends coursing through my viens, like wine, a tide of passion at the flood; and some day, riding on the storm, I'll come again to claim your hand, that holds within it, safe and warm, my own pituitary gland!"—Nuggets.

WIDER SCOPE FOR LIFE

The remarkable progress that has been made in extending the scope of life insurance in the last decade or two receives less notice than it deserves.

In pre-war days, the prospective policyholder had his choice of a rather small number of policy contracts. So-called "straight life" was about the only kind of insurance most buyers knew about, with endowment running in second place.

Today the buyer can obtain insurance that, like straight life, is 100 per cent protection. He can obtain insurance that, like some annuities, is 100 per cent straight investment—that guarantees him an old age income. And he can obtain policies that give him both protection for dependents and investment for himself. This last form is becoming the most popular of all.

Even as the life insurance agent today is much better able to prepare a policy program suitable to the needs of the individual than he used to be, so is the modern life insurance company working to create policies which meet almost every human exigency.—Industrial News Review.

A HOMILY ON YOUTH BY A MATURE METHODIST

It is time for us to stop waging war on youth and start an open season on the old fools. Youth can act the fool. She will paint her face and bob her hair. He will blow smoke through his nose, laugh like a silly, go bare-headed in the rain, and wear furs in August.

But all these fool doings are small baby acts of the nursery compared to the fool acts of all the others who are trying to overthrow the solid foundations of this Nation and her institutions.

We hear some fearing the church is losing youth and the revolt of youth will carry us away from the old standard things of the church.

Who has caused rebellion in the church and tried to overthrow the foundations? Who are the heretics? Who have caused splits and divisions in the camp of Israel? School children or old goats who were tired of following the shepherd and walking the narrow way?

We hear some saying youth with its awful trend toward society dissipation and indulgences will wreck us.

Who is more responsible for the all-night dances of modern ballrooms, the girls in their teens or the mothers of these girls who far rather see their daughters admired by men of money than consecrated women in the service of God? Where does the big strong urge of this society pull come from—from the girls or the ambitious mothers?

There are many young people who are not Christians and do not

love the church. Some of these, of course, come from homes where parents, if they are members of the church, are not consecrated, praying people, trying to raise their children for God.

How many of the young people we see these days have never heard their parents pray in their homes? How many of them have never had their parents talk earnestly to them about their souls and their Savior?

If parents put the things of the world first, and by words and acts leave God and the church in the background, are they to be surprised when their children grow up like themselves? The youth growing up in such homes need more pity than blame.—J. M. Rowland in Richmond Christian Advocate.

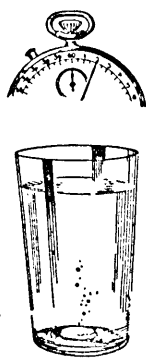
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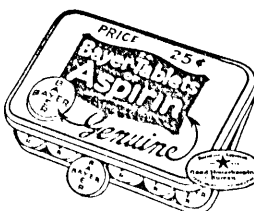
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A 1776 CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR

Jesse Lee, one of the most versatile itinerant preachers of Methodism, was born in Prince George county, Virginia, on March 12, 1758. His parents were reckoned well-to-do folks, for they owned their own farm.

Lee was born during the French and Indian War, and was seventeen years of age when the Revolutionary War began.

Robert Williams organized the first Methodist Society in the community where Lee's parents lived, and Jesse joined the class. Speaking of that revival he later said, "I have never seen anything like it."

He preached his first sermon on November 17, 1779. He felt the urgent "call" to preach, and a short time later "just turned himself loose" to become a Methodist itinerant. He rose until he was an unofficial bishop, often acting for Asbury when he was unable to care for his duties.

During the Revolutionary War he was drafted for service in the Colonial Army. He says, "I weighed the matter over and over again, but my mind was settled as a Christian and as a preacher, I could not fight." He determined to stand by his convictions in this matter, and as a result went to the guardhouse where he preached and prayed with all the fervor of his ardent soul. He was finally discharged in 1780, and once more took up his work in the church.

He was assigned to his first circuit in North Carolina in 1784. After some years of service in the South, he turned northward. Speaking of his ability and of his service men said, "Methodism grew under the master hand of the prince of traveling preachers." "As a preacher he had few if any equals—that is, in moving a crowd to laughter, tears, and action. He spoke mostly in monosyllables and short sentences, and one who knew him well says: 'The effects of his speaking, when the Spirit moved him, baffled all description.'"

It was Jesse Lee who wrote the

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first History of Methodism, an authoritative record of early Methodism beginnings. This same itinerant preacher, who had dared to stand for his own convictions during the Revolution, was twice Chaplain of the Congress of the United States.—Daily Advocate.

SELF-RELIANCE ON THE FARM

American agriculture, like American industry, goes through bad times as well as good and must face plenty of serious problems—but the average farmer is far from the weak sister that some of our professional "farm relievers" seem to think. Self-reliance still is his foremost characteristic.

Proof of that is found in the statistics showing the growth and development of agricultural selling cooperatives. These co-ops were in their infancy fifteen years ago—today they are "big business" and tomorrow they will be bigger business still. They grew rapidly during depression. They are owned and operated by their members, who appoint executives precisely as do stockholders of a corporation. And these cooperatives, loyally and enthusiastically backed, are fighting the farmers' battles and getting results.

Fifty years from now, when the history of agriculture in the 'twenties and 'thirties is written, it will probably be the cooperatives, not the farm relief laws, which will be given the main credit for farm achievements of the period.—Industrial News Review.

BEER IS INTOXICATING

Beer is intoxicating! So says Lee W. Meda, of Meda's Criterion, said to be the oldest liquor trade paper in the United States. Mr. Meda throws a mild fit over the blazoned statement in the Brewers' Journal that "Beer is the temperance beverage of the nation." The Criterion editor in an article captioned "Hell to Pay" proceeds to verbally tan the hide of the beer editor for pretending that the Twenty-first Amendment to the Constitution, which repealed National Prohibition, gave some special sanction to beer. He then points out that regardless of the law, a beverage that intoxicates is not a temperance drink.

So Mr. Meda shouts, "Beer is intoxicating." Of course, the Brewers' Journal knows beer is intoxicating. Of course, the newspapers which print the "Temperance Beverage advertising know that beer is intoxicating. Of course the brewers who pay for the "Temperance Beverage" advertising know that beer is intoxicating. But of course, youth does not know!

That is the point. That is the only point—to get youth to drink beer with its content of alcohol, in ignorance of its toxic, habit-forming effect.

Intoxication is caused by alcohol. The proportion of alcohol in the blood scientifically determines the degree of intoxication, or poisoning, sustained by the body. The total number of scientific tests made in colleges, universities, hospitals, and other scientific bodies to establish this fact would probably total tens of thousands.

Alcohol taken in "hard" liquors such as whiskey, gin and brandy, usually sold at 30 per cent to 40 per cent alcoholic content (60 to 80 proof) produces a higher "peak" of intoxication (poisoning) but the poison is eliminated from the system more quickly than if taken in

dilute form, as in beer. But both intoxicate. For the purpose of deception the alcohol content of beer is expressed by weight at 3.2 per cent, which is 5.05 per cent by volume, the measure used by all other alcoholic liquors. A 12-oz. glass of beer contains nearly as much alcohol as the average drink of "hard" liquor.—W. G. Calderwood.

BENTON METHODIST CHURCH

From 1816 to 1837 the south half of the state was in Hot Springs circuit of the Arkansas district, which included Benton. Prior to 1834 the meeting place of Methodists for the Benton community seems to have been down in the Lockhart settlement near where the present wagon bridge over Saline river stands, on the old Military Road, known as River street.

Benton Methodist Episcopal church was founded about 1836, and the first building was erected in 1853 where Hockersmith Drug Store now stands. This was the first church in Benton, and was built by all denominations, the Odd Fellows aiding by their assistance in completing the upper part of the house for their hall.

In 1891 the site was changed to the present location, just west of the court house, and a nice frame building was erected which was remodeled in 1918 making the present structure.

The elm and oak trees on the church property were given and hauled by W. A. (Bud) Thompson, and planted by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Manville, who assisted in remodeling the building.

The Board of Stewards are: H. W. Anderson, R. J. Ashby, Rowland Bragg, Ione Bridges, W. J. Cox, C. A. Clift, Claude Caple, Mrs. Lydia Downing, C. F. Elza, Henry Finkbeiner, H. J. Gingles, W. P. Hays, W. R. Hughes, C. H. Hutcheson, A. S. Henley, C. D. Hyten, W. H. Jennings, W. R. Kauffman, W. W. Landers, N. A. McDaniel, Oscar Murrie, E. H. Neely, Sr., W. C. Neely, Mrs. Lois Newbill, Carl Richards, M. Saugey, Milton Scott, W. W. Sample, J. M. Steed, Lonnie Tull, W. A. Utley, Fred Walton.

SALEM CAMP GROUND

The first camp-meeting place in the county was probably near Lee cemetery, just east of Benton, but later it was abandoned and in 1867 permanently established at Salem where, for sixty-nine years without a break, the people of that and surrounding communities have gathered for the annual event. Geo. W. Primrose, Salem pastor, Rev. C. O. Steele of Little Rock and Andrew Hunter, the presiding elder of the Little Rock district, determined to hold a revival at Salem and establish there a permanent camp ground. Six acres of land, donated by Robert J. Scott, near the log church house that had been built some years before, were cleaned up, a shed thirty feet by fifty-two feet with brush extension was erected and comfortably seated, and such other provisions as necessary, all in one week's time. The Scotts, B. F. Zuber, J. D. Cameron, Samuel Cameron, Solomon Snow and others aided and erected "tents" for themselves and families and their guests. The pastors salary that year was fixed at \$420 and Patrick Scott as steward for Salem, Mulberry Grove and Pleasant Hill was given the task of raising \$60.00 of it. At that time the circuit was known as Benton and Mill Creek circuit and Salem a part of this large work.

Sam T. Scott was superintendent of the Salem Sunday School and within a year it had an assistant superintendent, seven teachers and fifty members, besides a library of one hundred twenty-five volumes.

Robt. J. Scott, B. F. Zuber, and John P. Alley were Salem church trustees.

During the second quarter of the conference year 1866-67, A. W. Scott, Ruth A. Snow, Martha E. Huchingson and Anna Pelton joined the church, about a year later Winfield Scott and Milton Scott were received into the church.

Between March 28 and June 20, 1868, Salem paid \$6.50 toward the support of the minister.

More tents have been added gradually but it was in 1933 when a camp ground association was organized and since that time two more tents have been added which make a total of twenty-six. Many have been remodeled, trees have been planted, a fine spring has been opened up, a park made, and a caretaker now lives on the grounds.

The present officials of the association are: President, Jim Martin Mabelvale, Vice President, Lula Vandegrift, Secretary, Mrs. Raymond Pelton, Treasurer, Mrs. Mabel Phillips.

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JOINT REPORT FROM BOARD OF MISSIONS AND BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Our Boards have given careful consideration to the Valley Springs Schools and have voted to continue the school for the present year. In order that the wisest and best action regarding this school may be taken prior to the time when plans should be made for next year's session, if it is to be continued,

Be It Resolved: 1. That the North Arkansas Conference hereby authorize the Board of Missions and the Board of Christian Education to make a careful study of all the factors in the situation and to act for the Conference with reference to continuance or discontinuance of the Valley Springs School, said action to be taken prior to April 1, 1937.

2. That the Conference confirm the appointment of the following

committee to act for these Boards in this matter: G. G. Davidson, H. M. Lewis, Cecil Culver, Clint Walden, I. L. Claud, J. L. Rowland, Mrs. Henkle Pewett, and Nels Barnett.

3. We urge all our pastors and Church School superintendents to encourage their Church Schools to observe the fourth Sunday as Missionary Sunday with an offering for the Home and Foreign Missionary enterprise.—O. E. Goddard, Chairman, Conf. Board of Missions; J. Q. Schisler, Chairman, Conf. Board of Christian Education.

DR. J. M. WILLIAMS AT YOUR SERVICE

Hendrix College is making possible again my going out into the state to hold Home Institutes. I have held two already this fall and now that the Annual Conferences are over I wish to complete my schedule for the year.

I shall be open for engagements for the following weeks:

Nov. 15-20, inclusive.
Nov. 29-Dec. 4, inclusive.
Dec. 6-11, inclusive.
Dec. 13-18, inclusive.
Jan. 3-8, inclusive.
Jan. 10-15, inclusive.
Jan. 24-29, inclusive.
Feb. 7-12, inclusive.
Feb. 14-19, inclusive, (At Stamps).
Feb. 23-March 5, inclusive.
April 7-12, inclusive.
April 14-19, inclusive.
April 25-30, inclusive.
May 2-7, inclusive.
May 16-21, inclusive.

Write me at Conway for dates and particulars.

These institutes are helpful to both parents and students. The high schools where I have been have been very appreciative of the talks brought to them and the results are worth while; pastors also find them of value, and commend them.—J. M. Williams.

OBITUARIES

LACKIE. — Mrs. Annie Lackie, daughter of David F. and Dorothy H. Hodge, and wife of the late W. T. Lackie, was born June 13, 1875, and died April 28, 1936. She leaves one son, Sherman Lackie of Naylor, three daughters, Miss Adna Lackie of Naylor, Mrs. J. T. Welch and Mrs. Henry Hendrix of North Little Rock, and one sister, Mrs. Frank Jenkins of Naylor. Her funeral was conducted by Rev. A. Wall, her former pastor, at the Naylor Methodist Church. She was buried in the Naylor cemetery. Mrs. Lackie was married at Caldwell, Texas, Nov. 13, 1891. After her marriage, she lived in Texas until her husband died, and then came to Naylor, Ark., in 1909. She was a member of the Naylor Methodist Church, and her life, with her children and friends, proved her to be a true Christian. She had many friends who, with her relatives, mourn because she is with them no more. While we mourn, we think this language is applicable to this good woman: "She looked well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."—Her Friend, Virgil Lunsford.

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Quarterly Conferences

BATESVILLE DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND

Newport, 1st Church, Nov. 8, 11 A. M. & 7:30 P. M.
Evening Shade, at E. S., Nov. 15, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Bethesda, Cushman, at C., Nov. 15, 7:30 P. M.
Yellville Ct., at Summitt, Nov. 22, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Cotter, Nov. 22, 7:30 P. M.
Mountain Home, Gassville, at M. H., Nov. 29, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Calico Rock, Norfolk, Gulon, at C. R., Nov. 29, 7:30 P. M.
Stranger's Home Ct., at S. H., Dec. 6, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Swifton, Allica, at S. Dec. 6, 7:30 P. M.
Charlotte Ct., at Oak Ridge, Dec. 13, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Moorefield, Sulphur Rock, at S. R., Dec. 13, 7:30 P. M.
Calico Rock Ct., at Iuka, Dec. 19, 10 A. M.
Melbourne Ct., at Wiseman, Dec. 20, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Newark, Oil Trough, at N., Dec. 20, 7:30 P. M.
Desha Ct., at Salado, Dec. 27, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Mountain View, Dec. 27, 7:30 P. M.
Umsted Memorial, Dowell Chapel, Hope, at H., Jan. 3, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Tuckerman, Jan. 3, 7:30 P. M.
Pleasant Plains Ct., at Oak Grove, Jan. 10, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Weldon, Tupelo, at T. Jan. 17, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Viola Ct., at Wesley Chapel, Jan. 24, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Salem, Jan. 24, 7:30 P. M.
Batesville, Central Ave., Jan. 31, 11 A. M. & 2 P. M.
Batesville, First Church, Jan. 31, 7:30 P. M.
The District Stewards will meet at Newport, Friday, Dec. 4, at 10 A. M.—C. W. LESTER, P. E.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT—FIRST ROUND

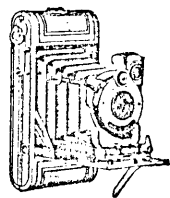
Hickory Plains Ct., at Bethlehem, Nov. 22, 11 A. M.
Forest Park, Nov. 22, 7:30.
Henderson, Nov. 25, 7:30.
Bryant Ct., at Salem, Nov. 29, 11 A. M.
28th Street, Nov. 29, 7:30.
England, Nov. 30, 7:30.
Lonoke, Dec. 2, 7:30.
Primrose, Dec. 3, 7:30.
Austin Ct., at Mt. Tabor, Dec. 6, 11 A. M.
Carlisle, Dec. 6, 3 P. M.
Hazen, Dec. 6, 7:30.
Asbury, Dec. 7, 7:30.
Roland, at Taylor's Chapel, Dec. 12, 11 A. M.
Des Arc-De Vall's Bluff, at Des Arc, Dec. 13, 11 A. M.
Highland, Dec. 13, 7:30.
Hunter, Dec. 14, 7:30.
Capital View, Dec. 15, 7:30.
First Church, Dec. 16, 7:30.
Carlisle Ct., at Rogers Chapel, Dec. 19, 11 A. M.
Keo-Tomberlin at Keo, Dec. 20, 11 A. M.
Bauxite-Sardis, at B., Dec. 20, 7:30.
Mabelvale-Geyer Sp., at M., Dec. 21, 7:30.
Winfield, Dec. 23, 7:30.
District Stewards are called to meet at First Church, Nov. 30, 10 A. M. In addition to district stewards, I am asking the pastors to bring their Sunday School Superintendents, presidents of the W. M. Society, Young People's Superintendents, and others interested in the program of the church. A twenty-five cent lunch will be served. Plan to remain until about 3 o'clock.—J. D. Hammons, P. E.

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At the Fourth Quarterly Conference, Mrs. Cannon, President of Women of Winfield, made a splendid report of the year's work. The women entertained the Little Rock Conference of the Women's Missionary Society at the church in April. They have done much work in their Christian Social Relations Department, helping our Methodist Orphanage, needy families, and charitable institutions. They raised \$1,000 for Missions and more than \$1,100 toward the parsonage debt. There are 237 active members.

ABOUT WINFIELD MEMBERS

Mr. Ben E. Boren Sr. is at St. Vincent's Hospital as a result of serious injuries received last Wednesday, November 11, when his car turned over near Woodson.

Mrs. C. B. Winburne, who is ill at her home, 1306 Arch, is reported improving.

Mrs. A. H. Ellington is at St. Vincent's Hospital where she underwent an operation on November 10.

Miss Helen Sangster is in the Baptist Hospital recovering from an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cannon and little son, Bobby, have gone to Pittsburgh, Penn., where Mr. Cannon will be connected with the Westinghouse Electric Company. They have been visiting Mr. Cannon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon.

Mr. Russell Henderson went to Murfreesboro last week to visit his mother who has been ill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Raines left last Friday for Atlanta, Georgia. Mrs. Raines will visit a sister there while Mr. Raines goes on to New York.

Mrs. R. D. Ginocchio left Saturday for Dallas to attend the Exposition and the National U. D. C. Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Coleman are now living in New Orleans.

Miss Janie Pettus has recently been elected President of the Minerva Chapter of the Delphians.

Mrs. W. W. Rankin is attending the National U. D. C. Convention at Dallas.

Mrs. R. W. McKay of Cabot, widow of a former Winfield pastor, has been visiting her daughter, Miss Catherine McKay.

Mrs. Lillian Crockett is ill at her home, 1705 Denison.

Mrs. W. R. Harrison from Fordyce is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Russell McKinney, and Mr. McKinney.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Jernigan will leave this week for Huntington, West Virginia, to visit Mr. Jernigan's mother and his brother's family. They will be away about two weeks.

Mrs. E. A. Dickinson, from Whitecliff, Arkansas, has come to make her home for the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Chas. Mehaffy at 5208 Edgewood.

Bro. Steel and Mrs. Steel left last Thursday for their new home in Dallas. The congregation will be glad to know that little Billy had improved sufficiently to be taken along, with a special nurse accompanying them. The younger child, Bobby is with Mrs. Steel's mother in Fordyce for the time being. Our best wishes follow the family to their new home.

Pulpit and Pew

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SUNDAY SERVICES

11 A. M.—Rev. Gaston Foote will preach.

Our New Pastor

Winfield extends a cordial welcome to our new pastor the Rev. E. Gaston Foote who comes to us from Epworth Church, Oklahoma City. He and Mrs. Foote will arrive this week and will occupy the parsonage at 2403 Louisiana. Bro. Foote will preach next Sunday morning, at which service Winfield members will have an opportunity to welcome him and Mrs. Foote in person.

Finance Committee Does Excellent Work

Winfield Church is deeply grateful to Mr. C. E. Hayes, Finance Chairman, and his splendid Committee for the fine work they did toward helping the church reach the financial goal for the year. Mr. Hayes' personal business was a secondary matter for several days when he gave his entire time to the church work.

The four captains on the Finance Team were Messrs. Hugo Norvell, Dewey Thompson, George Overton, and James Verhoeff. Each of these captains had a team of eight men. This committee has worked throughout the entire year whenever it has been necessary to see members about pledges or about payments.

Had you been at the church office any of the few days or evenings immediately preceding Annual Conference you would have seen the fine spirit of these men. Every day and every evening they were in the office or on the telephone reporting to the secretary and getting information. Even after they had completed their particular job, they would come again to find how we stood, to ask if there was anything more they could do, or perhaps to write an additional check to help reach the goal. For in addition to giving freely of their time throughout the year, most of these men also gave generously of their money.

The budget this year was larger than last, including increased Conference claims and two interest payments amounting to \$4020.00. For the first time in several years the church has met three interest payments in succession. Members responded whole-heartedly to the need. Nearly 150 loyal members made extra gifts above their pledge over last year. When we are up against something very hard, Winfield membership can be counted upon to see it through. Nearly 150 members made extra gifts above their pledge, and this in spite of the fact that many had increased their pledge over last year.

Stewards Elected For Next Year

At the Quarterly Conference held last Wednesday night with Dr. J. D. Hammons presiding, the following Stewards were elected to serve for the coming year:

J. W. Anderson, C. C. Arnold, G. E. Banzhof, E. W. Beeson, J. H. Bowen, Ben D. Brickhouse, E. Q. Brothers, W. M. Brown, J. R. Bullington, J. P. Burton, John C. Buzbee, Thos. S. Buzbee, J. S. M. Cannon, J. H. Carmichael, Dr. Wayne Clark, L. P. Cryer, E. L. Darr, Dr. Paul Day, J. B. Dickinson, A. Dudek, Joseph Durham, E. L. Farmer, T. D. Ford, Dr. W. N. Freemyer, D. G. Glasscock, D. W. Glover, J. P. Goldschmid, D. W. Gordon, C. R. Hamilton, C. E. Hayes, Jas. B. Jackson, H. A. Kendall, G. H. Kimball, A. R. Larsen, R. M. McKinney, E. V. Markham, Hubert Mayes, Arthur Martin, H. W. Means, Thos. M. Mehaffy, J. C. Moore, D. A. Morton, M. P. Morton, H. A. Newman, H. W. Norvell, R. E. Overman, G. T. Overton, Fred Poe, Dewey Price, E. E. Raines, Thomas Ramsey, John W. Ricks, Dr. H. E. Ruff, Ray Scott, Dr. A. C. Shipp, Price Shofner, P. W. Snodgrass, I. J. Steed, Carroll Thomas, Dewey Thompson, J. L. Verhoeff, Wm. A. Weidemeyer, and George Wooldridge.

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASS NEWS

Past Events

The Forum Class, of which Mr. Bullington is teacher, held a party last week at the home of Miss Charlene Lyon.

Mr. Henderson's class of boys in the Senior Department had a weiner roast at Boyle Park last week.

Twenty members of Dean Brothers' Class for young married couples had a spaghetti dinner in the little dining room of the church last Thursday evening.

Announcements

The Lila Ashby Bible Class will hold a business and social meeting Saturday night at 8 o'clock at the home of Misses Minnie and Frances Turrentine, 1616 West 14th. The latter will tell of her trip to China last summer.

The Margaret Clifford Class will have a Thanksgiving party at the home of Mrs. G. H. Paschal, 5024 Lee Avenue, at 2 o'clock next Tuesday, November 24. Donations will be received for the Thanksgiving basket which the class is planning to give to a needy family.

OUR SYMPATHY

Mrs. Dewey Price was called to San Antonio last week because of the serious illness of her grandmother, Mrs. Ava Suggs, who died after her arrival. Mrs. Suggs was a member of Winfield many years ago.

Mrs. H. W. Mosely's father, the Rev. S. S. Key, passed away at Dardanelle on November 12.

2,005 MEMBERS

Our present membership as reported to Annual Conference is 2,005. Of this number, nearly 500 are non resident members. The remaining 1500 members are represented by about 800 families.

CHRISTMAS PLAY

Members of the Winfield Curtain Club have started rehearsing for "The Tinker" to be given during the Christmas season.