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THE CHURCH AND ITS COLLEGES

Address before Ministerial Alliance of Little Rock, by Dr. J. H. Reynolds, President of Hen-

In extending the invitation for this address, Dr. Hunter gave me liberty in selecting a subject to which I might direct your attention. While I have never been before this group, I hold you in high esteem because of your calling and because of my personal appreciation of some of you whom I have known personally. Perhaps there is no calling more vital to the welfare of society than the ministry.

We all know more about what we are trying to do ourselves than anything else. What I may say largely grows out of my intimate contacts with ministers, though a layman, and my chief work in trying to build up a church college, one of whose functions is to train ministers and

Civilization Slipping. — Our civilization is slipping, has been for years, and unless the cause is checked it may reach catastrophic proportions. We are in a war and have been for decades over whether our culture shall be Christian or godless. It is now secular and materialistic. Strange philosophies assail our youth. Religion and spiritual truth have become dim in a fog of doubt. Perplexity and skepticism are antagonistic to the better life. Our cultural order is distintegrating and our education has no central guiding principle around which life may be organized. American education, elementary and higher, has no one basic philosophy of life. It is giving to the students nothing to which to anchor, no fundamental principle to guide, no star to illuminate. The dominant atmosphere in which youth grows up and in which churches do their work is secular and material-

The Christian Religion in Control.—Through e Middle Ages and much of modern times thelogy—religion—was the central stabilizing force all education. The educated were grounded it and they in turn led the people. Religion, erefore, was the one guiding principle in our cial and cultural order. The Church controlled ucation both elementary and higher. The ess, literature, architecture and art were perated with its ideals, though inadequately inpreted. The man of the street followed the

he Church Control of Education Lost.—But owing the Civil War, the State began in nest her role in education, and by the beging of the 20th Century was dominating eduon. As the State's hold grew, the Church's er was lost. She has surrendered entirely he State the field of public education and is strong in higher education.

Intil two generations ago, the Church stood as the best building and the most important est in the community. Now the public ol building takes first place. The Church ost its control of social life. She has largely ndered to the State and municipalities the nistration of charity and the care of the Until after the Civil War schools and colwere largely controlled by the Church upported by private funds. The Bible was ne heart of education. The elementary ls of the community opened with a halfof Bible reading, song and prayer.

ligion pervaded the textbooks even after tate took over the public school. For ex-, lessons in McGuffey's Fifth Eclectic r, dated 1879, began with such titles as Hour of Prayer," "Religion the Only Basis ciety," "The Bible the Best Classic," "My

AND PHARAOH SAID UNTO JOSEPH, FORASMUCH AS GOD HATH SHOWED THEE ALL THIS, THERE IS NONE SO DISCREET AND WISE AS THOU ART; THOU SHALT BE OVER MY HOUSE, AND ACCORDING UNTO THY WORD SHALL ALL MY PEOPLE BE RULED; ONLY IN THE THRONE WILL I BE GREATER THAN THOU.—Gen. 41:39-40.

Mother's Bible." This same principle of religioncentered education extended up through the college and universities. Since 1880 religion has played a diminishing role among the interests of life. The preacher is correspondingly less influential. The State has taken over many of the former functions of the Church.

Separation of Church and State.-Two or three contemporary facts powerfully influenced the trend towards secularism and materialism. In the first place, the separation of Church and State divorced religion from state education, a fact probably not seen fully at the time, because in the earlier stages of this transition period the religious influence was powerful over even state education. Even state schools were religious, and in places in the "Bible Belt" this is still true, because the administration of these schools was in the hands of men trained under the old order.

Big Development of Science and Its Application.—In the second place, this transition period was contemporary with the great advance of science and its application to business and industry. Accompanying this scientific advance was unprecedented material development. This material progress contributed to taking from religion its central place in education, and therefore in our cultural order. Along with this came the multiplication of knowledge, scientific, technical and social, the crowding into the courses of study of many new subjects and the development of the elective principle. The latter almost completely routed from the curriculum religion or any other guiding principle. According to the elective principle, all knowledge was equal in value, nothing was sacred, and there was left no guiding star, no central philosophy of life. The result is a disintegrating cultural order.

The Church and Its Colleges.—Even the Church and its colleges have been powerfully influenced by the dominance of State education and secularism. The pastor is not the prophet of old; he is compelled to compromise with materialism in his Church. His salary, all the material interests of the Church, even missions, and Christian education depend upon a secular order for support. On the Church college this influence has been strong. Its course of study, outlook, and policy are influenced by State education. The church colleges are weak. They are poor, while their neighbor, the State college, is rich and powerful and offers free education. Many preachers and laymen have been won over to the idea that the Church college is not needed. Hence, the Church gives its colleges but little financial and patronage support. How long will it be before America will abandon the Church college? Is it any wonder that our civilization is drifting, that our cultural order is disintegrating? Is it a fact that the dollar standard is in the Church as well as in business?

In the light of these facts, what can the Church and its colleges do? Can they regain any of their lost power?

What the Church May Do.-Religion still influences the secular order. In the first place, in attacking this problem the Church must recognize that Christian ideals are still influencing

the secular order. Witness what the State is doing for the children through public education; how through its universities it is extending the domain of knowledge; is extending to the farmer a knowledge of agriculture, is aiding him in bettering his condition, is providing hospitals and nurses, old age pensions, unemployment benefits, tearing away slums and improving housing and living conditions, is reforesting, is providing cheap power and flood control. Notwithstanding the profit motive many industrial and business leaders are becoming more and more humanitarian in their outlook and services. The Church must welcome and commend all of these

Appalling Religious Illiteracy.—In the second place, the State's assumption of complete responsibility for elementary education and the failure of the Church to provide for the religious instruction of youth have unintentionally resulted in almost universal religious illiteracy among young people. Protestant Sunday Schools are insufficient. With youth breathing an allpervasive atmosphere of secularism and materialism, and with homes abdicating authority and moral and religious instruction, the social and moral result of religious illiteracy is appalling. Upon Protestantism must fall the responsibility for this religious illiteracy and its consequent moral effects. Catholics are giving re-

The Challenge to Protestantism.—In the third place, Protestantism must be aroused to the stern facts in the situation, and to its responsibility for the religious education of youth. Awakened Protestantism must then attack the problem of building an adequate system of giving religious instruction to the children and youth of the nation. Thirty minutes on Sunday alone will never do the task. This will take wise planning, whole-hearted cooperation, and large outlayst of money and consecrated talents. The ministry will have the responsibility for leading in this crusade.

Cooperation of Church and State.-In the fourth place, Protestants should collaborate and cooperate with State agencies controlling public education into utilization of every feasible means of moral instruction through the public schools. We shall find thousands of public school people ready to cooperate.

The Place of the Church College.-Protestantism must re-study what attitude it should take towards its colleges. At present the Church is not much interested in its colleges and is not giving much support either in patronage or in money. An impartial vote of the members of our Protestant churches without agitation or denominational appeals might reveal a majority of members against continuing their colleges. Many pastors even feel that we must rely on State higher institutions. Churches are perhaps even more responsible for separation of colleges from churches than the colleges themselves. What is the effect of indifference and lack of interest by parents on the child?

Is this attitude safe for the church? Having lost all of elementary and secondary education and most of higher education, should the Church lose the balance? In the light of the do we not need the Church college more today than ever? If it is not meeting the needs of the Church and of society, should we not take steps to see that it does supply these needs? Should the Church not do some self-examination to ascertain whether it has been doing its full duty? If the college is not as spiritual as it was thirty years ago, whose fault is it? Is the Church itself as deeply religious today as thirty years ago? Does the dif-

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METHODIST EVENTS

North Arkansas Conference Y. P. Assembly, June 14-19. Community Singing, Mt. Sequoyah, June 19-20. Little Rock Conf. Y. P. Assembly, Conway, June 21-25. Camp Oquoyah, Mt. Sequoyah, June 22-July 6. Camp Sequoyah, Mt. Sequoyah, July 6-10. Temperance Conference, Mt. Sequoyah, July 10-11. Mozark League Inst. & Workers' Conf., Mt. Sequoyah,

July 12-18.
Missionary Conference, Mt. Sequoyah, July 19-26.
Leadership School, Mt. Sequoyah, July 27-Aug. 10.
Y. P. Leadership Conf., Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 12-24.
Camp Meeting, Mt. Sequoyah, Aug. 24-29.
Other events will be published as soon as given.

Personal and Other Items

TIRST CHURCH, Shreveport, Dr. Dana Dawson, Pastor, on Mother's Day, made an offering for the Methodist Orphanage at Ruston, of \$1.066.89.

PR. AND MRS. J. D. HAMMONS recently attended the commencements exercises of Union Theological Seminary, New York, where their son, Rev. John William Hammons, received his bachelor of divinity degree.

REV. E. P. J. GARROTT, pastor of the Conway Baptist Church, was selected by the Southern Baptist Convention, that recently met in New Orleans, to preach the sermon for the Convention at its next meeting, at Richmond, Va., next year.

PEV. JOHN A. WOMACK of Marked Tree, on Sunday, May 30, preached the sermon for the High School of that community. On Friday, June 4, his brother, President J. P. Womack, of Henderson State Teachers College, will deliver the class address.

PROFESSOR WILLIAM O. WILSON, professor of Mathematics at Hendrix College, after protracted illness, on May 28, passed away at his home in Conway. Born at Cabot, a graduate of the University of Arkansas and of the University of Chicago, teaching first in Fort Smith High School, a member of the faculty of State Teachers College for three years, professor of Mathematics in Hendrix College for 26 years, Professor Wilson was respected and loved by faculty, students, and friends for his high ideals and consistent Christian life. Always ready to

do his part in the work of the college and the church, he will be greatly missed in all the circles where he had been active and useful.

THE PLAN FOR METHODIST UNION has been published in pamphlet form by our Publishing House, and will be supplied at 5 cents for a single copy, 25 cents for a dozen, or \$2.00 a hundred. Order from Whitmore & Smith, Agents, Nashville, or Dallas.

MT. SEQUOYAH this week has about 300 young people of the Oklahoma Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. They are putting on a great program. Supt. Yancey is looking for capacity crowds at all the activities this summer. He reports a good rain and all things looking fine.

THE citizens of Vilonia, in Faulkner Co., petitioned Revenue Commissioner Ford against relicensing the sale of beer in their community, and, as a result, the beer dealer voluntarily withdrew his application. If this method were employed in certain communities, it is probable that similar results might follow. We suggest that good citizens try it.

THE following message comes from Duke University: "Each year five men are selected from the rising senior class of the School of Religion, for their outstanding scholarship and leadership, to become members of Theta Phi, a nationally honorary fraternity of theological schools. Among that group this year was Rev. Robert E. L. Bearden of North Arkansas Conference."

THE PUBLISHERS' AUXILIARY of May 17, the organ of the Western Newspaper Union, has a very interesting account of the work of Miss Virginia Garner, a graduate of Galloway College, and member of a prominent Arkansas family, who is now teacher of Journalism in the Wesleyan College for Women, Macon, Ga. Miss Garner has made a remarkable record as a teacher of Journalism and her work is recognized widely in newspaper circles.

PLANTATION OPERATIONS OF LAND-LORDS AND TENANTS IN ARKANSAS, by Professor H. W. Blalock, is Bulletin No. 339 of the Agricultural Experiment Station of the University of Arkansas. It is a careful study of present conditions and throws light on an unsatisfactory situation without undertaking to criticise either landlords or tenants. If you are interested in the problem, inclose stamps for postage and request a copy from the University of Arkansas College of Agriculture, Fayetteville.

DHILANDER SMITH COLLEGE, the Negro college of the Methodist Episcopal Church for Arkansas, last week had its commencement. This editor was invited to attend and was present at the closing exercises on Thursday. The music, addresses, and program generally were of the highest type. All of the proceedings were dignified and carried out with precision. The address to the 21 graduates, by Dr. R. N. Brooks, editor of the Christian Advocate (Southwestern edition), was one of the best this editor has been permitted to hear. It was chaste, logical, literary, helpful in suggestion, and delivered with grace and power. It was notable for its brevity. The new President, Dr. M. L. Harris, has had a successful year and his administration is heartily approved by his board. This institution, one of the few of its grade in our section, has educated a large percent of the teachers of Negro schools in the county, and is worthy of hearty support.

CIRCULATION REPORT

POLLOWING last week's report, subscriptions below have been received: Waldron Ct., B. E. Robertson, 2; Dalark, J. C. Williams, 1; Central Church, Fayetteville, J. W. Workman, 100%, 210; Forest Park, A. J. Shirey, 100%, 37; Oden, O. C. Birdwell, 100%, 4; Atkins, F. A. Lark, 18; Rison, J. B. Hefley, 100%, 43; Mansfield, J. E. Lark, 4; Asbury, R. B. Moore, by Hardin Bale, 8; Prescott, A. J. Christie, 19; Russellville, R. E. Bearden, 17. That is certainly a fine report. Some of these 100% Clubs represent arduous effort by the pastors; but such work has its reward. Note the report from Fayetteville. That

is the result of Dr. Workman's personal efforts. He is sending papers to the Veterans' Hospital and all shut-ins.

THE CHURCH AND ITS COLLEGES

(Continued from Page One) ference in the college not largely lie in a difference in the religious character of students today and of thirty years ago?

If the Church decides to continue its college, what can the college do in helping the Church

in the big task ahead?

(a.) Scholarship.—The Church college should maintain the highest standards of scholarship among higher institutions of learning. To do this, the colleges must be supplied with the finest scholars and the ablest teachers. Unless the leaders of the Kingdom out-think the people of this world, can there be much hope for the Kingdom? Quality, not mass, output must be the idea of the Church college. Thinkers, not followers, will control the future.

(b.) The staff of the Church college must be devout Christians and must incarnate in their lives Christian ideals. Securing such teachers is becoming increasingly difficult because universities are more and more secular and materialistic. The power of the Church over graduate schools is already lost. Some of them are

almost hostile to religion.

(c.) Christian Ideals All-Pervasive.—The Church college should permeate all student activities and courses with Christian ideals. In the first two years of college work, all students should be required to take a course in Philosophy and Religion, so that in the beginning of their college course they should be impressed with the importance of religion in our civilization. The college must make a frontal attack on irreligion and worldliness. In the senior year, seniors should be given a stiff course in Religion and its place in our civilization that they may be well grounded in the basic philosophy of the Christian religion. If possible, the college should have a beautiful piece of church architecture for a chapel as a means of deepening in students the spirit of reverence and worship. Will the Church provide this chapel?

(d.) Paternalism.—Paternalism, the most deadly foe of democracy, is growing rapidly in our country. It has already destroyed freedom in Germany, Russia and Italy. It has established the totalitarian state, which is pagan. It is regimenting education and religion as well as industrial and political life. How long before it will establish the totalitarian state in America? The most stabilizing forces are the Church and the Church college. They develop leaders of character, self-reliance and independence. The only hope for freedom in Europe is religion-the Church. Education is a State agency and has already surrendered. If American freedom is saved, the Church and its colleges will do it. Our first battle is to win Jerusalem, the Church and its colleges, so that they may cooperate in the fight to win a controlling place for religion. Many doubting Thomas feel that Protestantism is already defeated and that the struggle for supremacy lies between Catholicism and materialism.

(e.) The Church college must produce great prophets, ministers of ripe scholarship, of profound creative thought. Ministers of poor quality cannot win against the tremendous odds of

secularism and materialism.

In conclusion, this problem of religious illiteracy cannot be solved by the denominations separately. It will require cooperative study and cooperative action. The approach must be broadly Christian, not sectarian. The American public is not interested in sectarianism. The Churches have an opportunity of winning the confidence and support of the people of the nation if they make a thorough-going, scientific study and a broad cooperative effort to solve a great national problem.

SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY, Georgetown, Texas, has received five scholarships from Judge and Mrs. C. R. Starnes of Gladewater. These scholarships are to be known as the Margaret McKennon scholarships in honor of their mother who is the university librarian. The scholarships (\$250 each), are to be given to five outstanding graduates of the Georgetown High School.

HENDRIX COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT

AST Monday was a great day in the calendar I of the College. Former Vice-President Chas. G. Dawes was the speaker, and he "ran true to form." He had no manuscript nor notes; and spoke on "Leadership" with his customary frankness and vigor to an audience of some 2,500 that packed the Gymnasium auditorium. Seated behind him, I could not always understand what he was saying; but I could see that he was terribly in earnest. He complimented our State by saying that it was, in his estimation, the most genuinely American of the States in the character of its population, and because of the large preponderance of Scotch-Irish blood had the human material for the making of leaders. He believes in the small college and the kind of students that are found in them. He has no faith in nor hope for the young man with the "hip-pocket flask." In the smaller group, at luncheon in the President's home, Governor Carl E. Bailey spoke gracious words and General Dawes again emphasized the kind of manhood that might be expected from a college like Hendrix, and verified his statistics on the "Scotch-Irish" by discovering that 85% of the group were of that ancestry.

The conferring of the LL.D. degree on Mr. H. C. Couch and Mrs. W. P. McDermott was appreciated as proper recognition of the fine service rendered by the State's greatest industrial leader and by the woman who has rendered singular and outstanding service in the juvenile court and public schools. One of the most gratifying features was the recognition of the large group of graduates of predecessor colleges. Dr. J. M. Workman, former President of Henderson Brown, presented the certificates to that group, and Dr. J. M .Williams, for many years President of Galloway Woman's College, presented the certificates to that group. Almost three hundred are included in these groups and applications for recognition are still coming in. The complete program, with the list of the different groups, is given on another page. As the Pastors' School was to open Monday night a large attendance of preachers was present. May 31 was indeed a "red-letter Day" at Hendrix College.—A. C. M.

TUCSON AND OLD MEXICO

EAVING ALAMORGORDO Friday night, $oldsymbol{L}$ again traveling in an air-conditioned Southern Pacific car, I arrived in Tucson early Saturday. After a short visit with Dr. W. J. Sims, the superintendent of our Hospital and Sanatorium, Rev. O. L. Walker, P. E. of the Tucson District, and Rev. R. C. Cantrell, pastor of our University Church, carried me through the campus of the University of Arizona, where there is a fine group of buildings. We looked in on the Museum, an unusually well arranged building, filled with objects from the ruins of cities of the prehistoric peoples who once lived in Arizona, as well as exhibits of minerals and articles manufactured by Indians now in that State. These exhibits, revealing much of the history of the ancient civilization, many of them only recently discovered, are so intriguing that one could profitably spend weeks studying them. Dr. Byron Cummings, Director of the Museum, says: "The treasures of the Museum may be divided into archaeological, ethnological, and natural history groups. In the archaeological section are manifold remains of the people, extensive collections of their clothing, their foods, their utensils, and their weapons. These comprise the most representative and the most extensive collections of the various periods of prehistoric cultures of the Southwest. The excellently preserved remains of Pithouse and Surface peoples, the great variety and extent of their arts, and the physical characteristics are subjects of intense study by the students of the special display in the Museum. Facts brought to light through excavations in Southern Arizona are demonstrating the greater antiquity of man in America than has generally been supposed, and the Arizona State Museum is taking an important part in the solution of this problem. The work that the Museum has fostered in Old Mexico has added important collections from that region."

I had originally intended to make a trip of several hundred miles into Old Mexico, but was not able to arrange for it. However, I took a train to Nogales, 66 miles south, where the Southern Pacific Railroad enters Old Mexico. Here are two towns on each side of the international boundary. Each is influenced by the manner and customs of the other; but one is American and the other Mexican. Talking with the inspector for the Department of Agriculture, who was at the gate and who proved to be a member of our church, I got considerable information; but, as there was only an hour between trains, I had no real opportunity to explore(?) old Mexico. However, I walked through the main business streets on which most of the activities seemed to be selling liquor, food, and curios. I had difficulty in finding an eating place outside of a saloon; but finally spied a modest cafe and had a fair lunch for 15 cents. As I walked the streets, I was so engrossed with looking at buildings and people that I failed to observe a slight step in the pavement, and stubbed my toe so hard that I was momentarily lamed, and, if I had not used liniment freely that night, I might have been temporarily disabled. There are two gates between the cities, and at each are representatives of the Departments of the Treasury, Labor, and Agriculture, the first to collect customs duties, the second to prevent the entry of undesirables, and the third to stop fruits and vegetables that might be diseased. There is a constant stream of people passing through. Here all trains must spend considerable time for assorting mails and examination of baggage and freight. The towns are in a pass in the mountains and the elevation above sea level is almost 4,000 feet. We have a church with 100 members; but as the pastor lived a mile away, I did not have time to visit with him. The country between Tucson and Nogales is a plain, imperceptibly rising about 1,500 feet. It is almost barren; but near Nogales there are several ranches and many fine cattle

Returning to Tucson, I was the guest, Saturday night of my old friends, the Walkers, in the District parsonage. Their health is much improved, and they are delighted with Arizona, especially the healthful climate. Brother Walker has become intensely interested in the archaeology and attractive scenes and places, and is publishing a monthly magazine, "Arizona Sunshine," which is used by the Southern Pacific R. R. and the city to inform inquirers about things Arizonian. He is finding many places where new churches could be established if money and men were to be had. He considers the State one of great future prospects when a united Methodism cultivates the field.

Sunday morning, Rev. R. C. Cantrell, pastor of the University Church, had arranged for me to preach, and a quartette had learned my song, "America, Our Fatherland," which I was permitted to hear sung in that way for the first time. My sermon and song were broadcast, as Brother Cantrell had an arrangement with a station for an hour each Sunday morning. A son of Rev. J. M. Cantrell of the Arkansas Conference and a student of mine, he showed me many courtesies. Having spent several years in California, where he was a presiding elder, Brother Cantrell is thoroughly westernized and appreciates Arizona and the people appreciate him. The University Church has nearly 800 members and is one of the leading churches of the city. We have two other small churches. While there, I met several Arkansas people, among them Mrs. L. E. Wyatt, formerly of Hot Springs, now President of the Conference Missionary Society, and her sister, and a brother of Rev. M. E. Scott of Little Rock Conference, who formerly lived near Hot Springs.

I found the property of our Hospital and Sanatorium in good condition; but on the point of foreclosure on account of debts unwisely contracted before Dr. Sims took charge four years ago. He had been able to operate without increasing the debt; but could not reduce it, and, as I learned later, it has been sold under the mortgage and Dr. Sims continued as superintendent. This is valuable property, in good condition due to his care, and with a large patronage. As it is the only institution of its kind operated by our Church, and our only connec-

tional institution west of the Mississippi River, it would seem that it should be redeemed. Some person who is able to invest a reasonable sum in it, could render the Church and humanity a great service if he would buy it in, and make it possible for our Church to maintain it. As is generally known, Tucson, 2,400 feet above sea level, with a dry climate and almost perpetual sunshine, is considered by all authorities the best location in America, if not in the world, for an institution for the cure of tuberculosis. The Federal Government, the Southern Pacific Railway, and many other organizations have their tuberculosis hospitals there. Dr. Sims has done heroic work, and the institution should be saved and kept under his efficient management.-A. C. M.

SUNDAY AT ASBURY CHURCH

AST Sunday morning Dr. H. B. Watts, pastor L of First Church, was preaching the commencement sermon at Hendrix College, and it was reported at Conway that it was highly appropriate and inspiring. Rev. R. B. Moore, pastor of Asbury Church, took the place of Dr. Watts at First Church and his congregation was delighted. Then this editor had the privilege of taking the place of Bro. Moore at Asbury, and enjoyed the opportunity of "Interpreting Southern Methodism" to a congregation in which were many old friends. Then the editor enjoyed hearing "America, Our Fatherland" sung by the excellent choir. It was very gratifying to know that the Asbury people love and appreciate Bro. Moore and speak warmly in his praise. Then it was interesting to hear Bro. Hardin Bale, one of the leading laymen, tell the congregation of their duty to the ARKANSAS METHODIST and how he was going to speak every Sunday until Asbury had a $\bar{100}\%$ Club. As may be seen in the circulation reports, he is bringing in a nice list every week. Such zeal and interest will have its reward in a better informed membership. It was also a pleasure to have Bro. Gray beside the preacher in the pulpit to co-operate in the opening services. The threefold shift seemed to work well.

BOOK REVIEWS

He Is Able; by W. E. Sangster, B. A., published by the Cokesbury Press, Nashville, Tenn.; price \$1.50.

In this series of discussions the author gives his readers a safe and practical guide to adequate Christian living. He shares with us his own radiant faith and Christian experience. He sets forth in clear and no uncertain terms, the great truth that Christ is able to meet every human need. The problems of body, mind and soul come in for a share of the author's consideration and he leaves his readers with a sense of security in the protecting care of Christ, the friend.

Civilization, as told to Florence Drake by Thomas Wildcat Alford; published by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, Okla.; price \$2.50.

Thomas Wildcat Alford's Civilization is the authentic story of how one man, in a fairly long lifetime—and that not yet ended—progressed from Indian tribal life to civilization as the white man in America knows it. From the days of his early youth he unrolls this dramatic progress. With rare skill and simplicity Florence Drake, a resident of Mr. Alford's home city of Tecumseh, Oklahoma, gives us an insight into Indian mentality. In the preface to this book she states: "The pleasure of preparing this manuscript for publication has been marred only inability to convey the ideas presented by Mr. Alford in exactly his own words, thus losing much of their beauty and significance. However, the patience with which he has labored all the years of his life for his own people, has been extended to me in this work, and I can only hope that the sympathetic understanding of the reader will give the interpretation which I have failed to convey." The book is richly illustrated with photographic plates. It is a volume of interest to all students of American history and deserves a place in your library.

TRUTH NEVER DIES

Truth never dies. The ages come and go. The mountains wear away, the stars re-

Destruction lays earth's mighty cities And empires, states and dynasties ex-

But caught and handed onward by the wise,
Truth never dies.

Though unreceived and scoffed at through the years; Though made the butt of ridicule and

Though held aloft for mockery and jeers, Denied by those of transient power possessed,
Insulted by the insolence of lies,

Truth never dies.

As rests the Sphinx amid Egyptian sands;

As looms on high the snowy peak and crest: As firm and patient as Gibralter stands,

So truth, unwearied, waits the era blest When men shall turn to it with great surprise.

Truth never dies.

-Author Unknown.

The Plan of Methodist Union—An Interpretation

By BISHOP JOHN M. MOORE Chairman of the Commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

The bishops in their Episcopal Address to the General Conference of 1934 said on the subject of Methodist Union, "We have been looking toward ultimate union for a long time. We need to move toward it, and in a way that will effectively promote the interests of all American Methodism. National life and creative church life call for unity and solidarity. Protestantism in this country greatly needs in this day the momentum of a great uniting movement in the mobilization of the ecclesiastical forces of the same origin, same policy, same belief, same spirit, and same purpose.'

That General Conference, moved by that sentiment and the recommendation of the Commission on Interdenominational Relations that had been in existence since 1930, appointed a commission of five bishops, ten other ministers and ten laymen to act with a similar commission of the Methodist Episcopal Church and a commission of nine ministers and six laymen of the Methodist Protestant Church, to work out a plan of union of these three Churches. The joint commission had as the controlling motive and directing principle the uniting of these three Churches and of these three only, the bringing together of what is in them and making a united Church out of the constituent elements already existing in them. This was to be a united Methodist Church, and not a reformed Methodist Church, and innovations or reformations were not to be written into the plan of union. The plan as produced has in it what exists now in one, or two, or all three of these Churches, and nothing else. It may be examined and studied with that understanding in mind.

The Joint Commission in its study of the three Churches found that the doctrines of each were common to all; that each Church has Church, quarterly, district, Annual and General Conferences of like powers and duties; that the Methodist Episcopal Church has Central Conferences in foreign lands; that the two larger Churches have an episcopacy of like plan, powers, privileges and duties; that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has a Judicial Council; that the Methodist Protestant Church has emphasized since its be-

ginning the equal standing of laymen and ministers in the government of the Church, and a representative of each pastoral charge in the Annual conference; that the Methodist Episcopal Church has no laymen in the Annual Conference, but it has a Lay Conference to meet with the Annual Conference; that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has lay representatives from the District Conferences in the Annual Conference. All these elements and distinctive principles have been duly considered and assimilated in the plan.

The General Conference

The General Conference in the plan of union is given just the place, the powers, and the restrictions which it now has in the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, with the one exception that the bishops are not to be elected by it but by the Jurisdictional Conferences. It is good to keep that in mind. Our General Conference—and so does that of the Methodist Episcopal Church-now defines and fixes the conditions, privileges and duties of Church membership; the powers and duties of Annual, district, quarterly and church conferences; the powers, duties and privileges of bishops, and provides for their support, their superannuation and discontinuance. It provides a system of judicial procedure, directs all connectional activities and enterprises, and provides for raising funds necessary to carry on the connectional work of the Church. The General Conference of the united Church will do that. It can do nothing, however, that our General Conference cannot do, and it can do as much. It is subject to the same limitations and restrictions that have existed in the Church since 1808. For instance, it can "define and fix the powers, duties and privileges of the Episcopacy," but it cannot "change or alter any part or rule of our government so as to do away Episcopacy or destroy the plan of our itinerant General Superintendency." That is, it can do the former only so far as it does not transgress the latter. There is no contradiction in that. Besides, this has been going on this way for over a century, and in our Church from its organization. The General Conference is, has been and will be, the great law making body of Methodism and the great constructive power of the Church.

The General Conference in the new Church will not be the interpreter of the constitutionality of its own acts. Our Church in all negotiations for union has always insisted that it should not be, and since 1870, it has had a body to arrest any legislation of the General Conference that was unconstitutional. The Judicial Council in the new Church, as now in ours, is charged with that responsibility, and the General Conference will not be supreme in the united Methodist Church any more than it is now in our Church.

The Constitution

Some persons have asked, "What is the constitution of the new Church? The plan alludes to the constitution but does not say what it is.

This is a proper question. what is the constitution of our Church? We know what it is, even if we have never set it forth in a documentary statement. The Methodist Episcopal Church has a documentary constitution, and it includes the Articles of Religion, the General Rules and articles on organization and government which

embrace pastoral charges, the conferences, the restrictive rules and procedure in making amendments. The Plan of Union in its four divisions covers just three things, and they become constitutional provisions and principles. It is being adopted by the constitutional process of the respective churches. Evidently, the constitution of the new Church is well defined in the Plan itself. In fact the Plan in its four divisions is the constitution until another is adopted by the constitutional process.

The Jurisdictional Conference

The Jurisdictional Conference is a new provision in Methodist government, but it is in reality not a new principle nor an innovation. Its underlying principles exist and are applied to a large degree in the Central Conferences in the Methodist Episcopal Church. The Central Conference was adopted in 1928 to meet the need of an administrative and promotional unit in foreign lands because of distances and the variety of peoples and conditions. It was created to meet a need, a very great need. That is exactly true of the Jurisdictional Conference. With this union the Methodist Church will in reality become a national Church, occupying as it will our entire national territory, and embracing eight million and more communicants with a wide variety of life, thought, culture, history, and civilization. The spread between the Annual Conference and the General Conference is too great for the most intelligent, practical and efficient administration. An intervening administrative and promotional unit is absolutely needed, and it is provided in the Jurisdictional Conference. It will elect the bishops because its members will know the men in its area who are qualified to be bishops, whereas the members of the General Conference from all over this country could not have this personal knowledge of the proper men. It will have promotional units or boards for carrying on the proposed activities of the general agencies of the Church. It will have such legislative powers as its promotional and regional administrative responsibilities may require. It is an essential unit in the work of a great Church such as the new Methodist Church will be. The Central Conference idea became the basis for the development of the Jurisdictional Conference.

The Judicial Council

The Judicial Council in our Church has the double responsibility of being a committee on appeals in the case of trials of ministers, and of being a committee on arrest of the legislation by the General Conference which violates the constitution, and also on arrest of any action of connectional boards that may go beyond their rights and powers. The Plan of Union puts the matter of appeals in the case of trials in the Jurisdictional Conferences for practical reasons. The matter of arrest of legislation by the General Conference or any act of the Jurisdictional or Central Conference that violate the constitution is assigned to the Judicial Council. It passes upon the decisions of law made by the bishops in Annual and District conferences. The Council has no veto power such as the Federal and State Executives have because of their opposition to a measure. Its powers are appellate and its function is strictly interpretative of law as relates to bishops' decisions, and of legislation as relates to the constitution of the Church. The Council will evidently

be carefully constituted of well informed, reasonable, and reasoning persons and can be very useful in guiding the regulative acts of the Church.

The Episcopacy

The Episcopacy in the Methodist Church is to be of like plan, powers, privileges, and duties as now exist in the Methodist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. The bishops are to be elected by the respective Jurisdictional and Central Conferences, and ordained or consecrated in the historic manner of Episcopal Methodism at such time and place as may be fixed by the General conference. All that is very plain. That is a very sensible way to elect bishops. The electors can know the men and their qualifications. With that condition the temptation to political combinations will be reduced to the minimum. Why say "ordained or consecrated"? Because some Methodists want the one word and some want the other, and there is no common agreement as to the meaning of the two words. The high-church Episcopalians use the word "consecrate"; the low church Baptists use the word "ordain." This sacred ceremony of induction into the Episcopacy of all who are elected by the Jurisdictional Conferences taking place at some central location would be impressive, not only to the community but to the entire denomination. Will the bishops be general superintendents under the restrictions of election by and for a Jurisdictional conference? We think so. They will be general superintendents as much as bishops are today under the area and district assignment system. "There shall be a Council of Bishops composed of all the bishops and this Council shall meet at least once a year and plan for the general oversight and promotion of the temporal and spiritual interests of the entire Church and for carrying into effect the rules, regulations prescribed and enjoined by the General conference." What more could General Superintendents in this day do? The Council of Bishops will be a highly important body in the leadership and administration of the entire Church. It will be a real General Superintendency giving constant oversight. The provision for emergency service insures prompt action such as an emergency will require, and that for the transfer of the bishops from one Jurisdictional Conference to another gives desirable flexibility under adequate protection. While the residenial and presidential supervision of bishops is to be in the Jurisdictional Conferences that elected them, yet a bishop may be transferred to some other Jurisdictional Conference for that service, but only upon the request of that Jurisdictional Conference. A Bishop may be assigned temporarily to another Jurisdiction other than his own but only upon the consent of the majority of the bishops in that Jurisdiction. These provisions give desirable flexibility under adequate protection.

The Negro Membership

In the united Methodist Church with 8,000,000 members the Negro membership will be 325,000. The Methodist Episcopal Church has 19 Negro Annual conferences, and the Methodist Protestant Church has two. There are three groups of persons who are sensitive over the status of the Negro membership in the united Church; the Southern people, the Northern people and the Negro people. Only a well balanced

provision for the Negro membership would be acceptable to all and give any plan of union any chance of adoption. The Joint Commission knew this, and they endeavored to make a provision that is normal, considerate, fair, and proper; normal as to existing relations, considerate of the feelings and attitudes of all three groups, fair as regards the general structure of the plan, and proper in the purpose of the commission to bring together just what now exists in the three Churches; and they believe they have done this. The Negro membership now have their own conferences, their own churches and their own ministers. The Negro bishops have always been elected on separate ballots from those on which white bishops were elected. This form of separation has existed in the Methodist Episcopal Church for almost 70 years. Negro annual Conferences have proportionate representation in the General Conference. The Plan of Union does not alter the existing status in any respect. With the creation of Jurisdictional Conferences it was normal and proper for the Negro Annual Conferences to be given one, of like plan and power with those for the white conferences. There is no discrimination here. The separation is just what now exists, and has long existed in their own denomination. They will now have a united body of their own, for the protection and promotion of their own interests, a thing they have never had before. They will elect their own bishops, without the assistance or interference of white people. They will set up their own agencies and choose their own leaders for their own administrative and promotional unit. They will have as before their proportionate representation in the quadrennial General conference, the law making body of the entire Church. They lose nothing that they ever had and gain much of very high value to them. They will be separated in their churches, their Annual Conference and their Jurisdictional Conference from the white churches and conferences of the South, where the vast majority of them live, but they will have the sympathy and good will of the white Methodists of the South. It does not seem that the Negro people, the Southern people or the Northern people could object to this arrangement for the Negro membership which seems normal, considerate, fair and proper. It is Christian in spirit, purpose and provision in the opinion of those who constructed the Plan of Union.

The Plan Is Winning

This proposed Plan of Methodist Union was unanimously approved and recommended for adoption by the joint commission. It has been approved and adopted by the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church by a vote of It has been already approved by the Annual conferences of that Church by a vote of 14 to 1, or about 93%. It has been approved and adopted by the General Conference and the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church by an overwhelming majority. It now awaits the action of our Annual Confrences and General Conferences. The plan has the support of all the active bishops in the two Churches. It should be studied carefully and well by all ministers and laymen. It will bear the closest scrutiny of any and all. The Plan carries unity in the common doctrines; in the law making

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body of the General Conference; in the Council of Bishops, the integrating body of its general superintendents; in its general boards that point, direct and project the Missionary, Educational, and Benevolent objectives of the denomination; and preeminently in its one name of great historical content, The Methodist Church. It provides for variety and freedom in all details of administration and promotion. It will take away separations that have long continued unhappy attitudes, substitute cooperation for

competition in all border territories, put all local churches in the same community into the same family, remove from mission fields the stigma of division in the Methodist household, establish solidarity in the Methodist form to American life, and create in Methodists new bonds of unity and fraternity for the American people. Such an achievement is worthy of the noblest body of Christian people.

The Uniting Conference

The Uniting Conference composed of 400 from each of the major

Churches and 100 from the Methodist Protestant Church, or 900 members in all, will meet within 12 months after the Plan of Union is finally and fully approved and adopted. That means it will come in May, 1939, since our Annual Conferences will vote this year and our General Conference will vote in 1938. Of course, all this is conditional upon the vote being affirmative. The expense will be paid by the three Churches in proportion to representation.

The articles in the Plan dealing

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with the Uniting Conference should be read and studied very carefully and thoroughly. It should be noted that legislative power of the Uniting Conference is confined to harmonizing and combining provisions now existing in the Discipline of the three Churches, or one or more of them, and beyond that it cannot go. It should be noted further that the continued Commissions on Union will make special preparation for the Uniting Conference by appointing "proper committees to deal with (a) membership, conferences, ministry, judicial administration and temporal economy; (b) rituals; (c) connectional boards and societies; (d) publishing interests; (e) permanent and pension funds, (f) and such other matters as imperatively call for advance considera-All this preparatory work is exceedingly important.

It should be noted that the boundaries of Annual Conferences will be adjusted at the Uniting Conference by the delegates from the Annual Conferences within the several Jurisdictions, sitting apart for

that purpose.

It should be remembered that no Jurisdictional Conference will meet until after the first General Conference, and the Uniting Conference will make provision for the first General Conference as to composition, time of meeting and expense.

The Uniting Conference will be a most important body, and will have a very great responsibility and task. The duration of its sitting will depend upon the efficiency of its membership and the fullness and value of the preparation which the pre-conference committees provide. The Jurisdictional Conference arrangements will be of very great advantage in working out the adjustments of boards and their activities, and adjustments of property interests and permanent and pension funds. Neither Church could have any other thought than that benevolent trusts will be continued for those for whom they were set up, and that debts will be paid where debts were made. All the colleges, and universities have state charters that set forth and protect their rights, powers and prerogatives. The same is true of other institutions. Property in both Churches has always been held by local boards, and schools, hospitals, orphanages, and homes for the aged, though possibly connectionally promoted have been locally or regionally held. It is not contemplated by any one that this established method of holding property will be disturbed. Local churches in the same community will not be forced together. They will become members of the same Methodist family, but their own members will determine in due time all questions of congregational mergers. Ministers on the border will evidently be satisfactorily assimilated before the local mergers are affected. There will be need for all the preachers now in the three Churches. Common sense and Christian consideration will control in making all adjustments whether local, conference or connectional.

The bishops said in 1934, "We have been looking toward ultimate union for a long time. We need to move toward it, and in a way that will effectively promote the interests of all American Methodism." By this plan of Methodist Union this exalted goal can be and will be attained.

If you are planning a summer vacation, consider Mt. Sequoyah.

General Board of Christian Education

The annual meeting of the General Board of Christian Education was held April 28, 29 at Nashville, Tenn., in the chapel of the Publishing House. The General Secretary, Dr. W. F. Quillian, and the secretaries of the several departments submitted reports, which have been published in the annual report. A copy of this report may be had on request through the General Secretary's office. We quote in part from the various reports.

Dr. W. F. Quillian referred to the passing of Bishop Edwin DuBose Mouzon, President of the Board, and to his successor, Bishop Paul B. Kern, Vice-President, who was elected President at this session of the Board. At eleven-thirty the opening day a memorial service was held in honor of Dr. E. B. Chappell, Dr. F. S. Parker and Bishop Edwin DuBose Mouzon. Bishop Hoyt M. Dobbs was elected Vice-President.

Methodist unification was considered, and it was noted that the vote on unification will be taken in the annual Conferences in the fall of 1937. Anticipating Methodist unification, students of the three Methodisms—Methodist Episcopal, Methodist Protestant, and Methodist Episcopal Church, South—have evolved a workable scheme of Christian cooperation in joint campus programs and have completed plans for the first National Methodist Student Conference, to be held December 28-31, 1937.

Expressions of appreciation were extended to Bishop Paul B. Kern, Dr. W. A. Lambeth and Dr. W. P. Few concerning the splendid work that has been done in connection with Lake Junaluska in the removing of the debt and the laying of larger plans for the new season.

A Church-wide Pastors' Conference was announced to be held at Lake Junaluska, July 13-18 at which time Doctors Halford E. Luccock, Yale; Albert E. Day, Baltimore; Hornell Hart, Hartford; Bishop U. V. W. Darlington, Dr. Harry Denman, Birmingham; and others will speak.

The denomination's summer assemblies at Lake Junaluska, N. C., and Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., face the best season they have had in many years, both plants having been freed of debt.

A telegram of sympathy in reference to the death of Bishop William F. McDowell was sent to Bishop Edwin Holt Hughes, Senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church. A telegram of gratification over the recovery of Bishop W. N. Ainsworth was sent to him.

The Board through its Secretaries pledged hearty support and co-operation in the second phase of the Bishops' Crusade. Bishop A. Frank Smith, Director of this section of the Bishops' Crusade, was introduced and spoke in regard to this important interest. It was pointed out that the Board of Missions and the Board of Christian Education are working in close co-operation in the promotion of Christian Education in the fields at home and abroad.

Dr. W. M. Alexander, Secretary of the Department of Schools and Colleges, reported an enrollment of 28,000 students in the fifty-four schools and colleges of the Church.

The student program is growing rapidly, Dr. Brown reported; and at present is reaching students

through 70 campus units located in 16 states. With a student population of 75,000 in the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, 25,000 are being reached in some measure by the student program. Fourteen state student conferences are reaching approximately 3,000 campus leaders annually. Eight chapters installed into the National Society of Wesley Players indicates the enthusiasm of students for religious drama.

Something like \$5,000,000 h as been raised during the year for college debt cancellation, for buildings and improvements, and for endowment. There are many evidences of encouragement. Total assets of Methodist colleges and universities are approximately \$110,000,000. On these institutions, there is an indebtedness of approximately \$5,000,000.

More than a dozen Methodist-related colleges and universities have received benefactions during the past year. Among them, Duke Universit, Durham, N. C., has recently received gifts aggregating \$2,000,000; Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex., has added to its assets \$750,000; Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., \$240,000; and Southwestern University, Georgetown, Tex., \$500,000.

With a church-wide enrollment of 1,822,348, the church schools of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, showed an increase in members for 1936 of 4,771 over the preceding year. Included in this total were 177,196 officers and teachers; 593,876 adults; 492,097 young people and 559,179 children. Of the Sunday school enrollment 71,752 joined the church during the year.

During the month of October 1936, as had been planned, temperance units were published in all lesson periodicals, serving pupils of junior age and older. It has been estimated that 800,000 members of our church schools were given an opportunity to study the evils of alcohol during that period. A large number of letters reported satisfactory use of the units.

Distinct progress has been made during the last three years in the development and promotion of a program of education regarding the evils of alcohol. We now have three training courses in this area and seventy persons who have made a careful study of this problem in preparing themselves to teach these courses which are being offered in training schools and classes. The evils of alcohol have been emphasized in adult assembles, young people's assembles, institutes and in other meetings.

Circulation increases in nearly all of the fourteen publications issued by the Board of Christian Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, were reported.

A total circulation of 1,466,233 copies per issue serves a Methodist constituency of more than two million persons enrolled in Sunday school classes and young people's divisions. The periodicals include monthly and weekly lesson papers and weekly story papers for young people and children.

At no time in the history of the General Board of Christian Education has the promotion of church school periodicals been more thorough and extensive than at present. During the fall of 1936 some 144,000 copies of an illustrated catalogue describing the publications of the Board were sent to pastors and church school officials. This excellent piece of material elicited warm praise from those who received it.

Advertisements in the various conference organs and in the general organ of the Church have carried announcements concerning the periodicals. Numerous smaller advertising items have been released to the field. The Department of the Local Church has been active in seeing that the periodicals were given attention in institutes, training schools and other meetings of church school workers. Suggestions have been sent to all instructors in schools for Christian workers showing how effective use of the periodicals can be made by officers, teachers, and parents. During the month of May, 1937, three special literature institutes for pastors are to be conducted in various parts of the Church. If this form of literature promotion proves valuable, other meetings of this kind will be enterprised.

The Publishing Agents have set up a strong Department of Literature Circulation Promotion which is to devote much of its energy to the circulation of church school periodicals. It is hoped that the names and addresses of each church school teacher and officer in the denomination can be secured in this way so that the Publishing House may be able to co-operate with the Conference Boards of Christian Education in dealing with the literature problems of local churches. All the literature orders received are to be studied carefully so as to locate defects in ways of securing material and to make helpful suggestions to those responsible for the important task of supplying the literature needs of local churches. In a farsighted and vigorous way the Publishing Agents are dealing with the matter of literature promotion.

The business affairs of the Board, Dr. W. E. Hogan, Treasurer and Business Manager, are in excellent

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Two thousand three hundred and fifty-three vacation schools, with an enrollment of 133,634 pupils and 19,434 workers, were reported for 1936. This was an increase of 406 schools over last year. Special attention has been given to the vacation school in the one-room church and to the possibilities of a vacation school in a church building where there are no regular sessions of the church school for children. In co-operation with conference and district officers, a series of districtwide vacation school institutes were held in seven conferences. Through correspondence, promotional leaflets, and articles in our periodicals we have sought to help local workers plan their own vacation schools. A better type of teaching in the vacation school has come about through continued emphasis on the vacation school as an integral part of the program of the church for children; need for early planning; using regular church school teachers; regular workers' meeting; and plans for conserving results.

A total of 356 persons now are regularly accredited to teach courses, long and short, in the field of young people's work. A number of these are accredited for more than one course. An additional total of 553 persons are now in process of accreditation. An indication of the acceleration of work in the Young People's Division in connection with the new training program is in the fact that this past year 241 accreditations were handled.

Epworth Training Conferences, which replace the Old Christian Culture Institute, are rapidly coming in to a place of major usefulness in the training field. This past year a total of 149 Epworth Training Conferences have been scheduled with 77 of these having been entered in our records since the first of January. The total number of persons enrolled in Epworth Training Conferences during 1936 was 2,788. The special promotion of the Epworth Training Conference in small summer camps for young people is now vigorously under way. The total number of persons in Young People's Summer Assemblies last summer was 8,997. This figure includes faculty, adult advisers, and other necessary adult personnel, but does not include a reported total of 1,980 visitors. A total of 7,471 young people between the ages of 16 and 23 were registered in Young People's Summer Assemblies last summer.

In the Young People's Leadership Conferences at Lake Junaluska the enrollment for 1936 was 294 as compared with 226 the year before. At Mount Sequoyah the enrollment was 317 for 1936 as compared with 294 the year before. These Young People's Leadership Conferences are definitely for the training of young persons with leadership responsibility.

During the year Christian Adventure Camps, Assembles or Institutes

A SERIAL STORY

Parsonage Family

By

SUSIE McKINNON MILLAR

CHAPTER XVI

Just as George snapped the receiver back in place, Betty ran out from the dining-room, calling, "Oh, George, you're just the boy I'm looking for. Run to the store and get a box of crackers and a bottle of salad dressing."

"Oh, my! Haven't I trouble enough without that? Why can't Bob go?"

"Bob can't go; he's making the salad. That's a lamb! Now run along."

"Pshaw, why don't you call Tom? He's in Daddy's study just making up poetry. I'm tired. I had to entertain Mrs. Jones and Miss Pickens all by myself when they called."

"I'll say you did," laughed Betty.
"I heard them, and I heard you laying them out. Good boy! You didn't need me, so I stayed out. But just wait until they tell Daddy what you said. Don't worry, Little Brother, I'll stand by you, and tell Daddy what they said. Now run along and hurry. I hear Dad coming. I wish Harriet would come."

"But Harriet phoned she wasn't coming at all tonight, because she had to stay with the Bradys. They are all sick," called George as he hastened away.

Soon he was back and the family sat down to supper. After the Scripture reading and prayer, Brother Howard and Betty and Bob did their best to cheer Tom and George, who seemed lost without Sister Howard and Harriet.

"Will it take Muth long to go all the way there and back?" asked George disconsolately.

"Not very long, Son. She'll come home next week."

"I wish Harriet was here," sighed Tom. "I want her to help me correct my poem."

"I'll help you with that, while George helps Betty with the dishes," volunteered Brother Howard. "I want Bob to run an errand for me. Bob, you go to Mr. Burton's and get that report. I have to take it to the District Conference. I have to leave early in the morning. Now, Tom, come on. We'll go to my study. Harriet will be home tomorrow to look after you and your poems while I'm gone. I'm sure they needed her tonight, or she wouldn't have stayed."

But Harriet did not come home

were held in all but two of the Annual Conferences, enrolling 5,986 intermediate boys and girls. Reports were received from 75 Summer Camps and Assemblies attended by boys and girls from approximately 1,300 churches, with 975 adults serving as staff members. A total of 8,449 Christian Adventure credits were issued during the calendar year.

More than 1,300 training schools of various types were held. The total number of awards was 67,641 divided as follows: Long courses 35,248; short courses 18,684; Curso Normal (Spanish) 585; Christian Culture 4,675; Christian Adventure 8,449.—Christian Advocate.

the next day, nor the next, nor the next. Brother Howard, not realizing the danger to which she was exposed, went on to his District Conference. George had failed to mention the scarlet fever and the quarantine.

Harriet nursed the Bradys night and day, with only the little help Dr. Crawford and the visiting nurse could give, until finally, completely worn out, she fell an easy victim to the fever. Dr. Crawford made every effort to reach her parents to arrange for moving her to the hospital. Finally he phoned the parsonage thinking perhaps Brother or Sister Howard had returned.

George answered the phone. "No, neither Mother nor Daddy's here. Why? What do you want? Harriet's sick and must go to the hospital? Well, why don't you take her there quick and make her get well? Have to have authority. You mean some of us to tell you. Well, I give you authority. A grown person? Well, I'll call Mr. Burton, he's grown, and he'll do just what I say. You'd better have everything ready to move Harriet to the hospital quick."

He hung up and called Mr. Burton, telling him all about it. Soon Harriet was settled in a clean, cool room in the hospital with a capable

nurse in charge. But it was many days before she could leave the hospital, and still many more before she was able to take up her work again.

Dr. Crawford became a frequent visitor at the parsonage and won the friendship of the parsonage family. He blamed himself for letting Harriet go to the Bradys when they had the scarlet fever, although she went before he knew about the illness in the family.

"Harriet," he said, "I could kick myself for letting you in for this. But you know I tried to get you to give up your work down on the river, at least for the summer."

"But I wouldn't, and I won't," laughed Harriet. "But please do stop blaming yourself. I never saw so many people blaming themselves. Dad blamed himself for not finding out about me before he went to District Conference. Mother blamed herself for going to Missionary Council. Dear little George blames himself for not telling Dad I had 'the quarantine,' as he insists on calling it. Thank goodness Betty and Bob don't take any of the blame. None of you treat me as if I were old enough to look after myself. Why, even Tom treats me (Continued on Page Ten)

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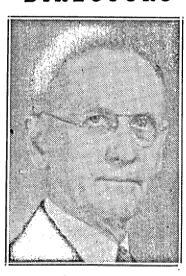
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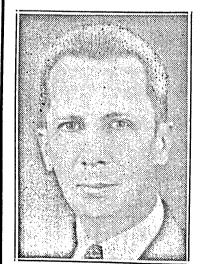
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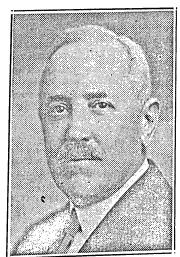
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(Continued from Page Seven) as if I were a baby and he had to take care of me."

"I wish you were my baby and would let me look after you," declared Dr. Crawford. "I'd see that you didn't work yourself to death and run into all kinds of danger like you've been doing. Please Harriet, won't you give me the right to?'

"Boss me?" interrupted Harriet. "I should say I'll not. I wouldn't give up my work with those poor people who need me so much. Dad and Mother tried to persuade me too, and now you begin it. But I tell you I won't, I won't, I won't. Don't stand there looking at me like that!"

"I can't help it," he sighed.

"And what are you fussing at me about it for, I'd like to konw?" she continued. "Don't you work there yourself night and day with mighty few hours off? When have you ever spent as much time away from your work as you've spent here since I came home from the hospital? Why can't you understand how I might love the work too? Let's just go on working together and helping each other in the work."

"But I can't half work for worrying about you and what might

happen to you."
"Stupid!" declared Harriet. "If you don't quit being so silly and talking that way, I'll not speak to you again except, maybe, to ask you how many pills to give the Pilduskies."

"Well, if that's to be my pill, I'll take it standing up. Good night, little comrade. I'll see you next month down on the water front."

He was gone.

Harriet caught her breath. "Oh," she exclaimed, "I hope he understands. I really couldn't work without his help. He's so patient and wonderful with those poor sick people. They love him, just love him. I don't believe I could work without him. I do care a lot for him. I hope he understands."

"I'm sure he does, or will some day understand," said Brother Howard, coming in from his study. "Now take this drink of hot milk and try to get a good night's sleep. Don't let yourself fret. The way will always open for you if you follow the Master's steps in a life of service to the poor and needy. Mother and I wanted you to go to college; but if you'd rather accept Judge Barker's offer to read law with him and look after the juvenile work and domestic relations under his directions, that's all right. It's a great work and just what you seem to have set your heart on.

"Thank you, Daddy. You are such a comfort. You always understand. I'm glad you and Mother approve. That will make my work easier."

"But don't ask Crawford to approve at once," advised Brother Howard drily as he left the room. "Just give him time. His heart's in the right place." (Continued)

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EDITOR'S SPECIAL REQUEST

Frequently reports come written in such a small and obscure hand that it is difficult to read them. Often names are illegible. Abbreviations should not be used. Reports should be on only one side of the sheet of paper. Reports of addresses, unless unusually important, should not be attempted; because they are generally inadequate. Then some of the speakers, if Conference officers, will wish to use them again. Do not crowd matter. Please follow these suggestions and your editor will be able to be more accurate.—Your

RETREAT FOR SPIRITUAL LIFE LEADERS OPENS JUNE 11-13

Galloway Hall, at Hendrix College, will again be the scene of a unique meeting when the Prayer Retreat for Spiritual Life Leaders and Superintendents of Social Relationships, gather Friday at noon for the second Prayer Retreat.

No greater testimony could be given than is given by those who attended this Retreat last year in changed lives and things they have been able to accomplish in the local church during the past year. The second Retreat bids fair to go much beyond the first retreat. Dr. Watkins, who will lead the Retreat, will bring vital messages on the Sermon on the Mount. The general theme, "THE NEW CHRISTIAN," as discussed by Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount, is of vital interest to every Christian. The Retreat will open at noon and close Sunday night. Each Auxiliary is entitled to send two delegates, and, if the limit has not been reached, more can come. We are expecting all the larger churches to send delegates. The small churches will also have their quotas.

The expense is \$1.00 registration fee and \$3.50 for board and room at Hendrix college, the College furnishes linens also. If a car can go from your place, write to nearby Societies and get up a car from your vicinity and lessen the traveling expenses.

Mrs. Alice Graham will be in charge of the Retreat. Send your registration fee to Mrs. Lester Weaver, care Galloway Hall, Hendrix College, Conway, where she will be from now on.-Mrs. Lester Weaver, Sec.

MAMMOTH SPRING AUXILIARY

As we examine the first half year's work at Mammoth Spring, we see some improvement in all phases. The church attendance is steadily increasing, our Conference Claims were paid in full on Easter Sunday; and the Bishops' Crusade was observed with \$14.20 contribution. A Young People's choir, recently organized, is rendering great service at the Sunday morning hour. Plans have been completed for the Vacation Bible School, The Missionary Society is active, and is carrying out a very complete program. A training School will be conducted in the near future with Rev. Harold Nance pastor at Thayer, Mo., in charge.

Our pastor, Rev. Martin Bierbaum, and his wife are deeply consecrated and genuinely alert, much loved by the entire community. We are looking forward to a reviving and re-consecrating of our church membership throughout the remainder of the year.—Publicity Supt.

WHITEHALL AUXILIARY

The members of Whitehall Society had a pleasant all-day meeting Wednesday at the home of Mrs. D. W. Coleman, at which time they pieced a quilt. A delicious covered dish luncheon was served with 12 members present. Mrs. Maye Coleman gave the invocation. Two visitors were present. In the afternoon an interesting program was given on Foreign Missionary work by Mrs. V. O. Owens, Mrs. A. M. Golden, Mrs. J. T. Young, Mrs. W. H. Evans. During the business session the Society voted to help buy curtains for the community house. We are looking forward to the revival to begin the first Friday in July, conducted by Rev. F. A. Buddin and Rev. F. N. Brewer, the pastor.—Reporter.

ARKADELPHIA AUXILIARY

The Missionary Society of Arkadelphia has just completed its mission study course. The subject, "Out of Africa," was held on four consecutive days. Mrs. Allen Gannaway, local superintendent of Study, was leader and gave the opening chapter. Mrs. H. A. Sloan discussed the Development of Africa from the Standpoint of the African, and Miss Amy Jean Greene showed how Africa has been a grab-bag for other nations and how it can be developed by the white world. The Education of the African was discussed by Mrs. C. A. Evans, on the third day, and on the final day Mrs. Cleo Echols told of the Work of Missions in Africa, and Mrs. Alvin Thomas closed the discussion with the Work of the Southern Methodist Church. A Missionary devotional was given on each day. The program was well-given and showed much preparation, was most instructive as well as interesting to those who attended.

HELENA DISTRICT MEETING AT BRINKLEY

Rev. F. M. Tolleson, pastor of the Brinkley church, made a short talk on the "Growing Goodness" of the women of the church, and closed with a warm welcome to the 125 visitors.

Miss Marie Holmstedt, District Secretary, called the meeting to order. Mrs. Dolph Smith, Jr., of Crawfordsville, was elected secretary for the day.

Committees were appointed: Rezoning—Mrs. Copeland, Marianna; Mrs. Wimmer, Holly Grove; Mrs. Gatten, Colt; Mrs. Claud, Hulbert.

Courtesy-Mrs. Sewell, Parkin; Mrs. Sylar, Holly Grove; Mrs. Butler, Madison.

After a short report Miss Holmstedt gave 10 goals, toward which we must strive: 1. New Societies. 2. Efficiency Aim: Start at beginning of year to work; do not wait till the end of the year to check up. 3. Baby Specials. 4. Scarritt Fund: Of the 30 societies, 24 contributed. 5. Pledge: Let the pledge made be the minimum, not the maximum, and increase the pledge. 6. Christian Social Relations. 7. Children's Work: Cooperate with Church School, and be sure to report. 8. Mission and Bible Study: Follow Council recommendations. 9.

Spiritual Life Groups: Make for a better, deeper church service. 10. Week of Prayer: Give more sacrificially. To reach these goals requires not only our best, but our best with God's help.

Auxiliary reports were called for and 24 of the 32 answered with

short report.

Mrs. Tolleson introduced the visiting pastors and presiding elder: Bro. A. W. Martin; Mrs. Pewett, president; Mrs. Snetzer, Conf. Sec.; Mrs. Wiggins, Miss. and Bible Study Supt.; Mrs. Critz, Supplies, and Mrs. Crichlow, Young Women's Supt.

Mrs. Pewett, in her gracious manner, spoke and gave two goals to strive for especially: (1) Increased pledges. (2) Attainment of Efficien-Especial attention on Aim. World Outlook this year and subscriptions were stressed.

Mrs. Snetzer gave an interesting and uplifting account of Council

Bro. Martin announced training schools at Mt. Sequoyah and Con-

Bro. Dodgen, Dist. Sec. of Young People, announced Assembly at Conway June 14-19.

At the afternoon session Mrs. Lester Weaver, West Helena, announced the Prayer Retreat to be held at Conway June 11-13. Mrs. Weaver conducted the Retreat hour.

Mrs. Cecil Fielder and Mrs. W. P. Pearson witnessed to the power of God in their lives.

Mrs. F. M. Tolleson gave an interesting presentation of the departments of C. S. R.

Mrs. J. Wilson Crichlow recommended that a Conference-wide enterprise be adopted for Young Women's Circles; also that each District adopt a special amounting to \$40.00 to be used in foreign fields.

Miss Holmstedt recommended a Scarritt program and obtaining Scarritt associate members, individuals and auxiliaries and a quota for each auxiliary for World Outlook subscriptions

Mrs. Peter Kittel, Forrest City, re-elected Dist. M. and B. Study Supt.; Mrs. F. M. Tolleson, Brinkley, elected Dist. C. S. R. Supt.; Mrs. Lester Weaver, West Helena, reelected Dist Spiritual and Message chairman.

Committee reports followed: Rezoning-Mrs. Claud reported there

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would be three zones as recommended, that zone meetings he held first and fourth quarters, District meeting second quarter and coaching day third quarter. Courtesy—Both these reports were adopted.

Dismissal and benediction by Bro. Claud of Hulbert-West Memphis.—Mrs. Dolph Smith, Jr., Sec.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT MEETING

The District Conference of Fort Smith District met May 19, at Midland Heights with Mrs. Fred Stone, our efficient secretary, presiding. Rev. S. B. Wilford conducted the devotional. We were fortunate to have six of our Conference officers to help us: Mrs. Henkel Pewett, President, Jonesboro; Mrs. Sam Wiggins, Missionary Study Supt., Conway; Mrs. E. T. Wayland, Conference Vice President, Fayetteville; Mrs. B. E. Snetzer, Conference Secretary, Newport; Mrs. W. E. Smith, Recording Secretary, Fort Smith; Mrs. W. T. Bacon, Treasurer, Booneville.

Each had a special message which helped make our Societies better informed and more determined to succeed.

The meeting was well attended and the local church proved an efficient hostess. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by our presiding elder, Rev. Warren Johnston.

—Mrs. Charles McDonald.

ZONE MEETING AT GRADY The Zone meeting opened on May

18 with Mrs. Bailey presiding. The devotional was given by members of the hostess church. Mrs. Timball read from Romans 12, bringing a fine appeal for unity and service. Mrs. McCarthy brought some fine extracts from the message of our Conference president, Mrs. Stinson, closing with some highlights of the Conference in rhyme. Mrs. Norton Robinson gave an informative talk on the Status of Women. Mrs. Hef-District Children's Worker, talked on our children's interest and our responsibilities in the Missionary Society. The reports from Societies were heard and proved helpful. Mrs. O'Daniel announced that Mrs. McClain, our Conference Study Supt. would meet with us on Coaching Day. The Humphrey Auxiliary invited the group to meet with them for next session. The invitation was accepted. Mrs. T. B. Fields was appointed Zone Chairman of Children's Work. Our host pastor expressed his pleasure at having us in his charge. Our Presiding Elder was invited to speak. His message was received with approciation. Bro. Henderson and wife were introduced. Also Bro and Mrs. Armstrong. Mrs. O'Daniel urged the work of the Spiritual Life groups in the Auxiliaries and the faithful paying of pledges. We were reminded that our supply work is to be done and reported by quarters. This quarter's work is for our rural worker, Miss Reid. Mrs. O'-Daniel asked that we use our page in our Conference paper for publicity, and study our literature, especially the World Outlook, and our Council and Conference committees. Also to take advantage of the opportunity offered our Study Supts. at the Pastors' School at Conway. We were urged to designate the amount of pledge for Scarritt Fund for each quarter. We were favored with a special vocal number, "Lord Teach Me to Pray," beautifully rendered.

-Reporter.

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Christian Education

SEVEN MORE PASTORS ON HONOR ROLL

The Church School Day Offerings came in splendidly last week. Seven more charges paid their Church School Day and Young People's Anniversary in full and thus placed their pastors' name on the Honor Roll. They are as follows: First Church, Hot Springs, J. L. Dedman; El Dorado Ct., L. C. Gatlin; Primrose, M. W. Miller; Sheridan Ct., C. R. Andrews; Hope, Fred R. Harrison; Nashville, O. E. Holmes; Lewisville-Bradley, A. W. Hamilton.

Again we are happy to note that all these charges have paid an amount equal to last year's Church School Day offering plus oneseventh for our Young People's work. No charge has yet failed to care for its young people. We call special attention to First Church, Hot Springs, which is \$20.00 more than last year. Congratulations to Brother Dedman. To Rev. L. C. Gatlin on the El Dorado Circuit, goes the honor of having paid the largest percent over and above his apportionment this year. Our baby station, Primrose Chapel, has put its pastor, Rev. M. W. Miller, on the Honor Roll and thus starts off mighty well for a baby. Rev. A. W. Hamilton has reported \$2.00 above his apportionment and has one or two churches to report. Fred Harrison and O. E. Holmes came across with an excess of their apportionment. Our hat is off to Rev. C. R. Andrews who has one of the poorest charges in the Conference and yet is one of the first circuit pastors to go over the top. We also thank all other schools and pastors who have sent in a payment on their apportionment.—Clem Baker.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE FIELD NOTES

By CLEM BAKER

Rev. H. B. Vaught reports that his fine preacher boy, Mark, is recovering from a critical illness which has kept him out of school for two months. Mark made a great record at Hendrix this year and we are happy to know that he will be ready to return next fall.

Rev. Leland Clegg recently taught a course on "The Methodist Church" in a class for his people at Magnolia with 35 earning credits. Bro. Clegg reports that it was one of the happiest weeks of his life. We congratulate the chairman of our Board.

Rev. J. D. Baker reports the revival fires already burning in the Prescott District with 35 additions in a meeting at Nashville and another fine meeting with Fred Harrison as the preacher at Washington.

Rev. M. W. Miller and Mrs. Miller led in a fine Vacation School at Primrose, which closed last Friday There were 45 children under twelve attending.

Mrs. Kenneth L. Spore has been invited by our General Board of Christian Education to participate in a seminar class of "Singing in the Small Church" to be held at the Mt. Sequoyah Leadership School this summer.

Rev. Albea Godbold announces that the Christian Workers' Training School will be held at First Church, El Dorado, the first week in October.

Dr. C. M. Reves and his Board of Christian Education met with the Executive Secretary last week and plans for a Training School to be held at Camden early in October were made.

GETTING READY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S SUMMER PROGRAM

When this is being read we will be in the midst of our Pastors' School at Hendrix College. The next events of our summer program are:

First, the Christian Adventure Assembly for the Pine Bluff and Monticello Districts to be held at Monticello A. & M. College immediately following the Pastors' School. Beginning with a banquet on Monday night, June 14, and closing at noon Friday, June 18. Rev. L. E. N. Hundley of Warren is the Dean of this School with as fine faculty as we have ever had for this Assembly. We trust that all charges throughout these two Districts will make their plans to send a good delegation of boys and girls, 12-15 years of age. Registration should be made through Rev. Everett Vinson of Pine Bluff District and Rev. L. E. N. Hundley of Monticello Dis-

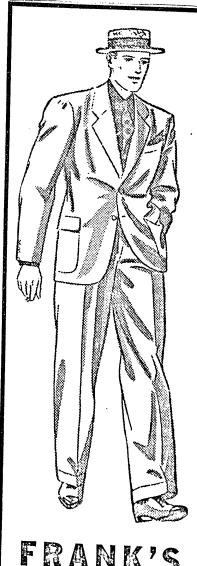
Our next event is our Annual Young People's Assembly which opens at Hendrix College Monday night, June 21, and closes Friday noon, June 25. From all indications this is going to be one of our yery best Assemblies. The very fact that Mr. Harbin will be there to teach a course and direct the Recreation insures a good time for all. The faculty is of the usual high standard. We are working hard to have representatives from each charge in the Conference. Last year one half the delegations were from rural churches. We trust that this number may be even greater this year, and

yet we do not want any of our larger churches to fall down on their delegation. All who come will be welcome.

The last events will be the Christian Adventure Assembly at Magnolia A. & M. College for the Camden, Prescott, and Texarkana Districts, and Camp Ferncliffe, near Little Rock, for the Arkadelphia and Little Rock Districts both of which come the week of July 12-16. We have always had a good time at Camp Ki-Y and we will have a better time at Ferncliffe and indications are that we will have a greatly increased enrollment. Reservations for all our Intermediate Camps and Assemblies should be made at once. Brother Hundley is Dean of the Monticello Assembly, Rev. Leland Clegg of Magnolia is Dean of the Magnolia Assembly, and Rev. Roy E. Fawcett of Arkadelphia is Director of Camp Ferncliffe.—Clem Baker.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY AHEAD OF THIS TIME LAST YEAR

In going through files of last year we find that on May 30 our Church School Day offerings totaled \$1,345.-67 compared to \$1,501.20 which we are reporting on May 29 this year. Of course, this did not include the Young People's Anniversary last year, but is at least equal to the total of the two offerings last year at this date. This is very encouraging in view of the fact that we did not get started on Church School Day Anniversary until after the Bishops' Crusade, which delayed us some two weeks this year. With this fine start we expect to raise our total goal this year of \$3,500.00 for Church School Day and Young People's Anniversary. In comparing the



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Districts, we note that last year Pine Bluff District was in the lead, followed by Little Rock, Arkadelphia, Camden, Monticello, Texarkana, and Prescott in the order named. It will be noted that this year Pine Bluff and Little Rock Districts still lead, but the Camden District is third instead of fourth place, Texarkana District in fourth instead of fifth place and the Prescott District in sixth instead of seventh place. The race for District honors is getting warm. Only a little over a dollar separates the Little Rock and Camden Districts. We do not believe any Elder will be on the bottom when the race is over-Clem Baker.

CHURCH SCHOOL DAY OFFER-INGS, LITTLE ROCK CONFER-ENCE, UP TO MAY 29 Arkadelphia District

Ebenezer\$	3.50
First Church, Hot Springs	70.00
Previously reported	105.10
Total	\$178.60
Camden District	
Parker's Chanel\$	6.00
Ebenezer	4.36
Marysville	4.00
Calion	1.35
Fredonia	10.29
Harmony Grove	1.50
Previously reported	219.50
Total\$	247.00
Little Rock District	
Tomberlin\$	4.00
Roland	2.50
Primrose	15.00
PrimrosePreviously reported	227.25
	248.75
Total\$ Monticello District	240,10
Monticello District	93.12
Previously reported\$	93.14
Pine Bluff District	4.00
Redfield\$	4.00
Tucker	5.00
Good Faith	6.00
White Hall	3.44
Camp Shed (add)	3.50
Previously reported	345.25
Total\$	367.19
Prescott District	
Hope\$	35.00
Nashville	34.30
Previously reported	83.87
Total\$	153.17
Texarkana District	
Lewisville\$	15.00
Highland	4.50
Dallas	2.25
Bradley	15.00
Previously reported	176.62
Total \$	213.37
Standing By Districts	
Pine Bluff District\$	367.19
Little Rock District	248.75
Camden District	247.00
Texarkana District	213.37
Arkadelphia District	178.60
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Prescott District	93.12
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CHURCH NEWS

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

This week, while a busy one, has given me time to think on lines that I have not given much thought to. I have wondered whether or not my brethren of the Church, ministry and laity, understand the responsibilities of the Board of Managers and what it means for them to serve.

A few days ago, Mrs. Steed had a letter from one of our children who is married and rearing a family in another state. It was a beautiful letter, and even if we had never done anything else but what we did for this child who grew into womanhood and is head of a family, it would be worth all of the money we have ever spent.

Of course, in the very nature of things, having accepted the position I have, the detail work and the necessity of helping to solve the problems that arise with a group as large as ours, is on me and it is likely to make the people forget the Board of Managers and think only of me. However, I think our prayers should be for the Board of Managers.

School is closing. One dear boy at the Home graduates and we are proud of him, and, as I understand it, he has already been offered a position for the summer. We hope he will be able to go through the Junior College and equip himself thoroughly for life work.

I remarked to a group of friends yesterday in Hot Springs that if they would take the time to investigate, they would find our. Church in Arkansas doing less for orphans than it is doing in any other State where our Church is active, of which I have any knowledge. It humiliates me because I believe our people are as good as anybody and have as good vision. There must be something the matter with us who are leading.

Pray for us as our children scatter during the summer, visiting with friends who invite them.

With love and good wishes, I am, Your brother, James Thomas, Executive Secretary.

ARK. METHODIST ORPHANAGE

During May, we received the following cash contributions for the Home:

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Circuit, Arkadelphia Dist......\$1.53 Marguerite Clifford Class, Winfield Church, City Streepey-McDonnell Class,

Pulaski Heights Church, City 2.50 Inez Smith Class, Pulaski

Heights Church, City...... 2.50 Susanna Wesley Bible Class, First Church, Texarkana...... 5.00

Mothers' Day Offering from Vanndale-Cherry Valley Chg. 5.00 -James Thomas, Supt.

RECEIVED IN HOME DURING MAY

Young Woman's Circle, Atkins, bloomers, socks and \$1.00 cash for Edith; Young Women's Circle, Asbury, box clothing and candy for Peggie; Pulaski County Commissary, 200 lbs. prunes; Mr. Quinea Douglass Dairy, 10 gallons sweet milk; Mrs. H. A. Emerson and brother in memory of their mother, Mrs. Emma Cameron Baldridge, three gallons ice cream for Mothers' Day; Woman's Missionary Society, Rison, \$5.75 for Beatrice Summer School; Woman's Missionary Society, Dardanelle, two quilts; Susannah Wesley Bible Class, Pulaski Heights, a big box of spring and summer clothing and \$10.00 used for Opal and L. D. summer school tultion; Harold Abbott, city, cut flowers plants and one dozen "Pocket Treasury"; Garrett Bros.,

florists, city one hundred plants and sixteen nice gereniums for porch boxes; Lottie Pierce, Paragould, one dollar for children's vacation; Mrs. Effic Stew art, city, \$1.00 for treats for the little girls; Mrs. Beulah Loyd, Bulkley, Kansas City, Mo., in memory of her mother, big box of nice dresses; Mrs. Elizabeth Carl, city, two dresses and slips for Frances; Mrs. Sidney Carnes, Camden, \$5.00, Helen's tuition for summer school; toys for Mrs. Frank Hightower, city, boys and gils; Mrs. Fred Watkins, city, one big boy's suit, games and play ground rings and chains; Anonymous, generous gift of groceries; Bob and Frank Scott families of Little Rock on Mothers' Day a beautiful silver vase in Mothers' Day a Beautiful Mrs. Richard memory of their aunt, Mrs. Richard for Paragould; Margaret Hess and Dorothy Hundley finished the ninth grade at West Side; Glennis Comer graduated from Senior High School. He appreciates all nice remmebrances from

We are planning for a pleasant and happy vacation and urge all of our friends to help us, by doing for our children as you would like for yours to be done by. etc. Our beloved Supt. Brother Thomas, made a special visit for the children and they are looking forward for another one soon. His pleasant and happy ways and kind and loving words are sincerely appreciated.—Mrs. Steed, Matron.

MANSFIELD

In the Vacation Bible Class, conducted by several of our Sunday School teachers, in the two weeks it was in session, in attendance were some 60 pupils under 12 years of age. Great interest was manifested by the children. The children's parents were well pleased with the work and instructions given.

This was followed by a Visitiation Revival program sponsored by our pastor, Rev. J. E. Lark, assisted by Rev. W. J. Spicer of Booneville, for three nights; meeting at the church. After a light lunch and instructions given by Bro. Spicer the visiting crews went out in twos to call on the prospects selected. All were to be taken into church fellowship. Results were 13 added to the church rolls, among which nine were baptized in a most beautiful and impressive service. We feel that much good will result.-Mrs. R. S. Wilson, Supt. Literature.

TEXARKANA DISTRICT CON-FERENCE

The 25th session of the Texarkana District Conference met at Ashdown, May 11, with Presiding Elder J. Wayne Mann in the chair. The devotional was conducted by Dr. Harry S. Devore, pastor of First Church, Texarkana. Fred Gantt was elected secretary.

Bro. Clem Baker spoke to the conference on the Pastors' School and Christian Education.

Miss Faye McRae, Conference Director of Children's Work, urged that more Vacation Schools be held.

Dr. James Thomas, Conference Missionary secretary, told of the big demand on the General Church Ex-

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tension Board and also of the work of the Orphanage.

Rev. Neill Hart represented the Golden Cross and urged that more consideration be given to this worthy cause.

Horatio was selected for the next meeting of the Conference.

Dr. Matt Ellis of Hendrix College brought the sermon of the morning, which was very much enjoyed.

The afternoon session was opened with devotional by Rev. W. J. Clark of Dierks.

The roll of the local preachers was called and their characters were passed and licenses renewed.

Dr. G. L. Morelock, Mr. J. S. M. Cannon and C. L. Cabe spoke on Laymen's work.

The following delegates were elected to Annual Conference: Dr. T. E. Fuller, C. L. Cabe, A. B. Clark, A. L. Propps, Mrs. H. M. Harper, Mrs. D. E. Moon, W. R. Bouey, J. L. DeLong, Fred Gantt, M. P. Olney, Lon T. Jones, and Roy Woolard. Alternates: A. P. Steel, Custer Steel, Mrs. A. R. McKinney and J. W. House.

Roll of pastors was called and each reported for his charge, all making very optimistic reports.

Mrs. McGuyre, District Secretary of the W. M. S., spoke on the work of the women in the District.

Mrs. Fred Gantt, District Director of Children's Work, told of the needs in the District and urged co-operation of pastors in this great work.

Miss Mildred Woolard, District Director of Young People, spoke briefly.

Reports of various committees were read and adopted.

Rev. J. F. Taylor introduced the following resolution, which was

adopted: "Whereas, the modern dance with its sex appeal proximity is being popularized by respectable people in their homes and in public celebrations; and as this social vice has along with intoxicating liquor and the sex appeal screen, wrought havoc in the disruption of homes and violations of the seventh commandment; and, whereas, the purity and piety of our homes are fundamental to the permanency of the Church and of civilization; therefore, resolved, by Texarkana District Conference, that we record our opposition to the licentious social vices and we appeal to our membership and others not to tolerate it in their homes and to oppose it in public celebrations on the streets and in our public schools and colleges; and this resolution shall serve as a memorial to our General Conference to convene in May, 1938, to re-emphasize Methodism's oposition to the social vices of the day, that tend to sap the spirituality of our membership; that a copy of this resolution be sent for publication in the Arkansas Methodist, the Arkansas Gazette, Texarkana Gazette, and to the county papers within the Texarkana District."

The meeting was adjourned with the benediction.—Fred Gantt, Sec.

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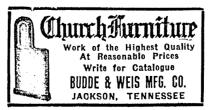
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DONALD'S ROBIN

Nothing had ever interested Donald so much as watching a pair of robins that built a nest in the old apple tree just outside his bedroom window. He followed them closely with his eyes as they brought weeds and grass and wove them into a nest and then lined it with mud that they carried in their beaks.

It wasn't a very tidy-looking nest, but when Donald had a glimpse of the four eggs the mother bird had laid, he was sure he had never seen a lovelier blue.

When the little birds were hatched, "My!" said Donald, "they must be all mouth." How those parent birds did work to get worms to feed the hungry youngsters! For every worm they would be gaping. But the parent birds fed them in turn, and it seemed no time till they were big enough to fly away.

They were then almost as big as their parents, but their breasts were speckled instead of reddish brown.

"I wonder if they'll come back next year and build in the apple tree," said Donald.

"I believe they will," said Mrs. Trent, Donald's mother, "We'll watch for them."

But Donald did not have a chance to watch for the robins. The next spring the people his father worked for sent him down South, where he and his family were to make a new home.

It was a nice place, but Donald was very homesick.

"I wonder if the robins are building in the old apple tree," said he one day as his father was talking to a neighbor, "Maybe some will come and build in our yard here."

come and build in our yard here."
"I'm afraid, sonny," said Mr.
Jones, the neighbor, "you won't see
many robins right here. They mostly go a little farther south for the
winter and then they go back north
in the spring. If you look right
sharp, I reckon you might see flocks
of them going through, but not
many of them stay with us."

Somehow, after that Donald felt still more lonesome. "If only the robins would come," he said, "I'd have something to watch."

"You'll have to get acquainted with the mockingbirds, Donald," said his father. "They sing better than even the robins, and they mock the other birds."

"Yes," said Donald, "but they don't live in our apple tree. What I want is home birds."

"You've a fine little cherry tree yonder, Mr. Trent," said Mr. Jones one day. "This year you ought to get some cherries."

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"Well," thought Donald, "since I haven't any robins, I guess I'll watch the cherry tree."

It was a sturdy little tree, and its top was almost on a level with Donald's bedroom window. When the tree put forth blossoms, he watched them till the petals fell like snow upon the grass. Then the little green cherries appeared, and after what seemed a long time, he saw a few ripe cherries high up in the tree.

Donald could hardly wait till Daddy came home to show him the cherries. "I think I'll have to get the stepladder to reach those on top," said Mr. Trent, "but here are two or three I think I can get from the ground." Standing on tiptoe, he picked three cherries and gave one to Donald, one to Mrs. Trent, and ate one himself.

"What a wonderful flavor," said

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"We'll get those in the top of the tree tomorrow," said Mr. Trent as they went in to supper.

While they were eating, suddenly Donald sat up straight, his eyes shining with excitement. "Hark!"

His parents both listened. "I know it's a robin!" cried Donald.

They tiptoed to the window and looked out. There in the top of the cherry tree, sure enough, sat a real robin. His breast looked burnished in the light of the setting sun. He caroled his evening lay as joyously as had the one in the old apple tree at home. Then he stopped, and my! what a big bite he took from the fattest, ripest-looking cherry in the treetop, and how he did enjoy it before he went on with his singing!

"Oh, Daddy!" cried Donald, "do you think he'll stay if we leave him all the cherries?"

"I believe he will, at least as long as the cherries last," said Mr. Trent. "Well, Donald," said Mr. Jones next morning, "guess what I saw in your cherry tree yesterday."

"Oh, I know, Mr. Jones," answered Donald. "You saw a robin."

"Yes. And if you don't pick your cherries, he'll eat them for you. Takes the birds to find the finest fruit."

"Oh, Mr. Jones," said Donald,
"We're not going to pick the cherries at all. We're going to leave
them all for the robin. I think maybe if he knows they're the best
cherries anywhere, he'll come back
next year and build his nest right in
our tree."

"And eat all the cherries so you'll not have any for yourself?" laughed Mr. Jones, pulling Donald's ear.

"Oh, but, Mr. Jones," said Donald earnestly, "by next year I'm sure there'll be plenty for us all. Besides, we'd much rather have the robin than the cherries. You see, a robin around aways makes you feel sort of at home."—Etta W. Schlichter in Michigan Christian Advocate.

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INTERNATIONAL Sunday School Lesson

Lesson for June 6

JOSEPH'S READINESS FOR SERVICE

LESSON TEXT—Genesis 41:33-44.
GOLDEN TEXT—Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings. Proverbs 22:29.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Joseph's Errand.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Joseph Goes Before the King.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—

Ready to Serve.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—
Preparation for Public Service.

Public service—that position of opportunity and responsibility—merits far better treatment than is commonly accorded to it, for we know only too well how often it is nothing but a political football carried hither and yon as the dictates of partisan purposes may indicate.

Scripture holds a very exalted view of the public servant. Paul tells us to "be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God" (Rom. 13:1). The Bible clearly teaches that every governmental agency and every public servant from the policeman on the beat to the President in the White House, is only permitted to exercise authority over his fellowmen because God has ordained that there should be such government. Clear it is that every right-thinking official of state and nation should be humble, teachable, discreet, and wise in the exercise of his power, and God-fearing in the discharge of his responsibility.

Joseph, the one in the procession of the patriarchs of Genesis who passes before us in the lesson today is interesting from many angles. His personal history is charmingly written and a model of appealing biography. He is a marvelous type of Christ, and one could devote hours to such a study of his life. But our lesson subject presents him as one ready for public service, and we may well profit by the lesson. He is an example of what men who serve their country should be.

I. Before God—Humble, and Teachable (vv. 33-36).

The background of our lesson is found in the four preceding chapters. Joseph, the boy with dreams and aspirations, has learned obedience, humility, purity, and many other useful lessons in the hard school of experience. It has well been said that the tuition of that school is high, but the lessons are well learned.

Now he stands before the king to interpret a double dream, sent as a warning to the nation. The wise men who knew not the true God had vainly sought to answer the king's questions. Joseph sets them and us an example—he receives instructions and guidance from God, and speaks wise words because taught of him. Would that all those who stand as counsellors before kings and presidents in our day would listen for the voice of God before they speak.

II. Before Men—Spiritual, Discreet, and Wise (vv. 37-39).

Pharaoh recognized that the Spirit of God was in Joseph. That is a great testimony for Joseph, and at the same time it reflects credit upon the king. Who can say what would be the result if our government officials were chosen for their spirituality?

Spirituality is not the only qualification, however, for such service. The Christian who expects men to favor him because he is a Christian, even though he be careless and incompetent, finds no comfort in the study of Joseph. He was discreet and wise. The follower of Christ should distinguish himself by diligent and intelligent application of all his powers to his work. Then men will honor both him and his God.

III. In Service—Responsible and Powerful (vv. 40-44).

He who had humbled himself under the mighty hand of God was exalted in due time. (See I Peter 5:6.) Joseph was willing to abide God's time, and did not run ahead of him as did his father, Jacob.

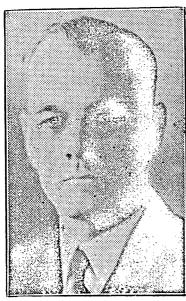
The record shows that he used his place of honor and privilege to perform a difficult and arduous task and to do it well. Right-spirited men do not glory in position or power, but use the opportunity to give themselves in sacrificial service to God and their fellow-men. Someone has aptly said that a politiciar is one who has his eye on the next election while a statesman has his eye on the next generation and its welfare. God give us more statesmen!

Joint Circle Meeting Next Monday

The Women of Winfield will hold the monthly Joint Circle Meeting at 10:30 next Monday in the Couples' Class Room. Mrs. J. S. M. Cannon, Chairman, will preside over the business session.

The program subject will be "A New Country." Participating will be Mrs. Dewey Price, Mrs. J. W. Rucker, Mrs. Paul E. James, Mrs. C. B. Wilson, and Mrs. James I. Lyon. Vivian Steed will give a violin number accompanied by her mother, Mrs. I. J. Steed. Luncheon will be served by Circle No. 4, Mrs. Russell Henderson, chairman.

OUR GUEST PREACHER



DR. W. A. SMART

We welcome to the pulpit of Winfield Church Sunday morning Dr. W. A. Smart of Emory University, one of the most forceful and eloquent preachers of Methodism. Seldom do Winfield members have such a treat as is in store for them Sunday.

NEW MEMBERS

Winfield congregation extends a cordial welcome to these young people who joined last Sunday, May 30: Stuart J. Barden, 2307 Louisiana, Miss Marguerite Reams, 2322 Wolfe.

PERSONAL ITEMS

Miss Olive Smith will leave next Monday for Nashville, Tennessee, to enter Scarritt College for her third summer term. She is specializing in Religious Education. Miss Smith is a teacher in the Junior Department of our Church School and is chairman of the Business Women's Circle.

Mr. Guy Dillahunty, 1406 Mc-Gowan, is still in Trinity Hospital.

Mrs. Oline Patton, 223½ Fountain, is at Baptist Hospital where she underwent an operation Saturday.

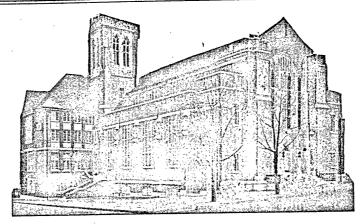
Our congratulations to M. D. McClain, son of Mrs. M. D. McClain, 1623 West 8th, who will graduate from the Arkansas Medical School next week. He will serve his internship at Robert B. Green Memorial Hospital, San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. Beatrice Short has returned to her home, 1406 Center, from the Baptist Hospital.

FRIENDLY FELLOWS CLASS

Dr. Foote will teach Sunday morning, his subject being "Fishing." Coffee will be served at 9:50.

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NEXT SUNDAY AT WINFIELD

10:00 A.M. Church School

11:00 A.M. Sermon by Dr. W. A. Smart,

Professor at Emory Univ., Atlanta, Ga.

6:30 P.M. Senior and Y.P. Leagues

8:00 P.M. Open Air Services

Sermon: "In the Garden of Eden"—Gaston Foote

THE PASTOR'S MESSAGE

By GASTON FOOTE

After Commencement

Hundreds of thousands of young men and women left high school and college last week never to return. Some of them graduated and others just won't be able to finish their education. There are 20 million people in America between the ages of 16 and 24. 4,500,000 of these are in school; 7,600,000 are employed; 2,800,000 are married unemployed women; and 4,800,000 are unemployed, seeking work. About 400,000 are unemployed and not seeking work.

Since the initiation of the American relief program it has been estimated that there are 2,875,000 young people between the ages of 16 and 24 who are or have been on relief, either directly or through their families. In the face of these conditions what is going to happen to last week's graduates? There is no line of endeavor in which there is not keen competition already. Gainful employment is at a premium everywhere. What are they going to do?

This much is certain concerning them. Some will find immediate employment. The more fortunate, more industrious, better trained, will find employment in the near future. Others will find part time employment until expanding industry finally absorbs them. Still others will be that discouraged group of continual job seekers. The least fortunate in the group will join that large band of men and women on relief.

The problem of unemployment is not a problem of the moment. It is not an "emergency" problem. It is with us to stay—at least for a long time. It cannot be solved with increased prosperity. We can go a long way to its solution as we train young manhood and womanhood in the desire for creative achievement—in the will to work. If a boy has nothing with which to work but a 10-acre patch, teach him to produce the best pigs or chickens it is possible to produce. Unemployment can best be solved by inculcating in the mind of youth the passion to labor.

Church School Attendance

A year agoLast Sunday		

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

	On		Stay
Pres.	Time	Contr.	Ch.
Jr. High 70	65	42	41
Senior 53	27	30	47
Y. P 37	28	20	18
Ashby 12	9	9	11
Brothers 10	9	9	6
Bowen 12	9	7	8
Carmichael 10	9		
Couples 39	••••		
Jenkins 18	18		10
Hinton 31	30	3 0	25
Fr. Fell 18	9	9	.10

Open Air Service

Winfield's Palm Garden (south of church)

Sunday Evening Sermons in June on "Gardens of the Bible"

NEXT SUNDAY, 8 P. M.

- I. Mr. Thigpen leads in the song service
- II. "In the Garden of Eden"—Sermon by the Pastor

SUMMER ASSEMBLIES AND CAMPS

Each summer men and women, young people, boys and girls of Winfield enjoy the privileges and advantages that are to be had from the assemblies and camps sponsored by the Methodist Church. The following interesting schedule has been planned for this year:

Young People's League Assembly; Conway, June 21-25. For young people 16-24 years of age.

Camp O-quoyah; at Mount Sequoyah in the Ozarks near Fayetteville, June 22-July 6. For boys and girls 12-15, and student counselors.

Ferncliffe Camp, near Little Rock, July 12-16, for boys and girls 12-15.

Leadership Training School, Mt. Sequoyah, July 27-August 10. For teachers, counselors and other leaders in Christian work.

Young People's Leadership Conference, Mount Sequoyah, August 12-24.

Those who have attended one of these assemblies will want to go again; a treat is in store for those who go for the first time.

OUTINGS

Members of the Adult Choir held their annual outing on Tuesday evening of this week at Lakeside, with a swimming party and steak fry.

The Co-ed Class of the Young People's Department, losers in last month's attendance contest, entertained the Koah Class, the winners, with a picnic and swimming party at Ferncliffe last Monday night.

Members of Miss Elza Lee Pratt's class of the Primary Department had a party last Saturday afternoon in the class rooms.

The girls in Mrs. Dewey Price's class in the Senior Department had an all-day picnic and swimming party at Jennings Lake on Tuesday of this week.